

Pursuant to NRS a joint meeting of the Nye County Board of Commissioners, Nye County Board of Highway Commissioners, Nye County Licensing and Liquor Board, the Nye County Board of Health, the Governing Body of the Unincorporated Town of Pahrump, the Governing Body of the Unincorporated Towns of Beatty, Gabbs, and Manhattan, and the Board of Trustees for the Pahrump Pool District, was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 101 Radar Road, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

Frank Carbone, Chair  
Leo Blundo, Vice Chair  
Donna Cox, Commissioner  
Debra Strickland, Commissioner  
Bruce Jabbour, Commissioner  
Sandra L. Merlino, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
Chris Arabia, District Attorney  
Sharon Wehrly, Sheriff  
Tim Sutton, County Manager

Also Present: Kelly Sidman, Deputy Clerk; Samantha Tackett, Administrative Manager; Savannah Rucker, Comptroller; Marla Zlotek, Chief Deputy District Attorney

### **1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited.

### **2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item (first).**

Commissioner Blundo read the portion of the agenda regarding public comment and asked everyone to respect their time as well as the other speakers.

Jerry Butler said he wanted his statement taken as food for thought. At the risk of being called a sovereign citizen, which he was not, he informed the Board that Title 18, Section 242 of the U.S. Code, made it a crime for a person acting under the color of law to willfully deprive a person of their rights and privileges protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States. He read Section 242 to the Commissioners and began reading Section 1 of the Declaration of Rights, but his time ran out. Mr. Butler said he was told that he could ask someone to give him their time, but Commissioner Carbone said that was untrue.

Sheriff Wehrly confirmed she would run for another term. She had two employees who had also begun their campaigns for Sheriff. In order to remain transparent and mitigate possible allegations of retaliation and unfair practices during the campaign, any and all disciplinary actions in the system currently or future disciplinary actions for those employees would be decided upon by Sheriff Kerry Lee of Lincoln County and Sheriff Wehrly would not participate. Additionally, she advised she had temporarily moved the

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traffic unit from one lieutenant who was campaigning to Lieutenant Klenczar because she felt there was a conflict having one Sheriff's candidate directly supervising another Sheriff's candidate. It was Sheriff Wehrly's intention to ensure all candidates had their fair opportunity without fear of reprisal.

Nichole Walters said she had a friend who moved to Pahrump in 1999 and always paid the bills early. In 2018 her husband died. She notified the VA and was told about a month ago she had one month to switch the name to a different account or it would be shut off. It was now in her name, but she lost all the credits she and her husband earned over the years. Ms. Walters wanted to know why the VA was allowed to steal money. She then said she was more concerned about the borders and pedophile rings being exposed right now than what happened in other countries. She told people to look at [www.josuetv](http://www.josuetv) and do research on candidates running for office. Ms. Walters would have a show posted later today about the Republican candidates that met over the weekend.

Darrell Lackey said on February 23, 2022, one of the RPC commissioners invited him to a meeting. He said the State was creating tiny houses, but they did not have a description of what a tiny house was, and he guessed they were leaving it to the counties to find someone with a good idea.

Mark Kampf said he went through the Treasurer's report presented at the February 22, 2022, meeting. He had concerns and looked at the requirements for the report. The County Treasurer shall keep a complete record of the source and amount of all receipts, apportionments, payments from and balances in all funds, and submit to the Board of County Commissioners each month at a regular or special meeting a statement containing the required information in subsection one for the previous month giving the balance in each County, state and special fund, together with a statement of all money on deposit, outstanding checks against that money, and cash on hand. Mr. Kampf said the Treasurer's report did not meet either of those requirements and should be a concern to all citizens in the County.

Tim Bohannon expressed his concerns with what was happening in Ukraine and encouraged everyone to do what they could locally to speak up and take action.

**3. Commissioners'/Manager's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topic/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)**

Commissioner Blundo referred to a Las Vegas Review Journal article which talked about Vladimir Putin's nukes being on high alert. Commissioner Blundo did not think there had been a threat like this in the past several decades. The Commander in Chief released statements about what to do in a nuclear event, including staying six feet

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apart. Given his work with nuclear waste and partners in the nuclear industry, Commissioner Blundo said if there was a nuclear detonation there were three things to keep safe – time, distance, and shielding. He then advised he was working on another letter to Bank of America to have them keep the location open.

Commissioner Carbone wanted to have a conversation about the 60 days on campaign signs as well as signs on private property. He agreed Ukraine was one item on the sore side of everyone's mind, and billions of dollars was being spent on illegals every day which could be cut off with a wall, but that was not done. He said the country was no longer as safe as everyone wanted it to be and people should keep an eye on home, family and friends.

Samantha Tackett advised the second Open Meeting Law training session was tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., and accessible at the Tonopah, Beatty and Pahrump chambers.

Chris Arabia thanked Marla Zlotek and Kirk Vitto for all their hard work. He provided updates on cases his office was handling and said God bless and watch over Ukraine.

Commissioner Blundo said the VFW was putting on a benefit for Tony DeMeo on March 11, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Carbone said the Veterans Extravaganza was on Friday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Bob Ruud Center.

**4. Approval of the Agenda for March 1, 2022 (Non-action item)**

Tim Sutton said items 5, 14-19, and 24 could be removed from the agenda.

**5. For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**SITTING AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TIMED ITEMS**

**6. 10:00 a.m. – Presentation by Tim Thompson and Wayne Chancellor to discuss the acquisition of Corvus Gold Inc. by AngloGold Ashanti.**

Wayne Chancellor from AngloGold Ashanti introduced the company and discussed its acquisition of Corvus Gold, Inc..

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Commissioner Jabbour asked how many employees there would be when it got off the ground and what the life expectancy was.

Mr. Chancellor said there would be between 300 and 500 employees. As to life expectancy, he said right now it was about 10 to 15 years, but the process always looked to extend the mine life.

**7. 10:00 a.m. – Presentation by Misha Allen, Extension Educator regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report for University of Reno (UNR) Extension in Nye County.**

Misha Allen gave her presentation regarding the fiscal year 2021-2022 second quarter report for the University of Reno Extension in Nye County.

Commissioner Strickland asked Ms. Allen about the housing summit.

Ms. Allen said it was pretty exciting to bring in stakeholders and Commissioner Jabbour was there also. There were about 60 people in attendance and the ultimate goal was to develop a five-year plan to address housing in the community.

Commissioner Strickland wanted to see a big push when it came to the childcare.

Commissioner Carbone said getting some homes in Tonopah for medical and teachers was important and the same problem was in the southern part of the County.

Commissioner Blundo said he supported the rates for the programs with a specific purpose, to support the afterschool programs and the 4-H programs, but he did not understand discussions of housing. He felt Ms. Allen's efforts should be the kids and those programs.

Commissioner Jabbour said the housing summit was not sponsored nor put together by Ms. Allen through this program. It was put together through UNR and she was an invitee as was he. Her focus was absolutely on the children.

Ms. Allen explained the Extension had six very broad categories of service and extension educators came in with different specialties. Her specialty was human development and community development. When she did a needs assessment it was not necessarily about what she could do. Ms. Allen operated from the belief that she needed to identify what the community needed and then find the rights folks to address those needs. When it came to medical services, there was a revolving door and part of it was the lack of a quality place to live as well as childcare, and those were things she could systematically work through and work with the kids to find pathways to become health providers. When it came to housing, one of the things identified was for her to

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help people get educated and trained to become licensed contractors, but that needed to happen in conjunction with the structured activities for youth.

Commissioner Cox thought Commissioner Blundo was on the right track. She supported this, especially when 4-H went away because everyone who was interested was interested in 4-H and what it could do for the kids. It was now back on track and Commissioner Cox did not want to get sidetracked with childcare, medical services and housing since there were other organizations to take care of those things.

**SHERIFF**

**20. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Approve, amend, and approve, or reject an Interlocal Contract between the Department of Public Safety, Nevada Highway Patrol and Nye County for the purpose of collecting samples of blood for testing in a not to exceed amount of \$36,000.00; 2) Execute the Agreement; and 3) Deposit funds into 10101 General.**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve, execute the agreement, and deposit funds into 10101 General; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour; 5 yeas.

**TIMED ITEMS**

**8. 10:00 a.m. – For Possible Action – Public Hearing, discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject Nye County Bill No. 2022-01: Comprehensive Land Use Planning and Zoning, Chapter 17.10 entitled Special Use Permits by adding “ where the combined systems are designed to collectively produce more than one (1) megawatt aggregate per day” to Chapter 17.10.020: Permit For Construction of an Aboveground Utility Project Located in a Master Plan Designated Utility Corridor, And Adding “ where the combined systems are designed to collectively produce more than one (1) megawatt aggregate per day,” to Chapter 17.06.030: Special Use Permit For Transmission Projects Outside of Master Plan Designated Corridors; and providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto.**

Commissioner Carbone opened the public hearing.

Planning Director Brett Waggoner said a couple of months ago this bill was brought forth to place an SUP requirement for renewable energy sites because of the activity seen recently with solar applications to the BLM. During that presentation there were concerns brought up during public comment as to what exactly this requirement was being placed on and if it applied to residential solar projects. Staff wanted to clarify its

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target, which was why the aggregate limit was being put in. Mr. Waggoner said this was purely meant to address large scale solar projects. Doing the aggregate also would allow something like a school with multiple buildings to have solar in all of them as long as it did not exceed the aggregate.

Helene Williams thought it was necessary to review the water use before any permit process proceeded in any of the projects. Nye County was facing anywhere from 12 to 20 applications for solar on BLM land as well as wind generation. The projects must identify the amount of acre feet of water that the project would use throughout a year and where that water would come from. Ms. Williams also believed any solar or wind project should be required to maintain a fund of 125% of the abandonment cost. Throughout the United States projects of these types had failed and laid on the ground damaging the groundwater basins. Companies must be responsible for abandonment costs and Ms. Williams asked the County to consider that in these types of projects.

Robert Adams said this issue was addressed at the February 22, 2022, PLAC meeting. Other uses really needed to be considered in approving the solar projects as they took huge areas in the desert assuming those were not used for anything else, but people had used them for generations. Mr. Adams felt the best use of the desert was multiple use by dispersed use.

Carolene Logue asked what the Commissioners were doing to reach out to their constituents to notify them of this or any other changes to County Code which may impact them was occurring. Many constituents did not follow the Commission actions and then found themselves being impacted.

Commissioner Carbone stated it was posted in the paper as well as on the Web site, but this was not really a bad thing for the homeowners.

Commissioner Carbone closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cox thought it was a bad thing for the homeowners to have to look at the mess solar energy created on the ground. She saw what they did in Railroad Pass. She could not believe how many solar panels there were and she felt they destroyed nature. Commissioner Cox did not want to see any of these projects go forward.

Commissioner Carbone thought there was a misunderstanding of this item. This would help a situation where the homeowners and smaller businesses that had solar rays would not be hit with other issues like the big solar rays.

Mr. Waggoner added this was an amendment to a Code adopted a couple of months ago. The Code was brought into place to address the concerns. Prior to that there was no requirement for any of these projects to come to the County and be public about their

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plans. It was all done through the BLM. This amendment was targeted at the large scale solar projects that could have an impact on off-road vehicle use or quality of life in general and forced them to come to the table.

Commissioner Blundo believed the Code was to protect the homeowners and small businesses and made the distinction between the big conglomerates and those with a few solar panels on their house.

Commissioner Strickland said the best thing about the new ordinance was that the County had it and she was proud of Mr. Waggoner and Natural Resources Director Lorinda Wichman for working on it.

Commissioner Jabbour also felt it was a good thing to protect the people of the County.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to adopt with an effective date of March 18, 2022; seconded by Commissioner Strickland; 5 yeas.

**9. 10:00 a.m. – For Possible Action – Public Hearing, discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject Nye County Bill No. 2022-02: A Bill proposing to amend Nye County Code Section 17.04.110 Definitions, by amending the definitions of Halfway House for Recovering Alcoholics and Drug Abusers, Home for Individual Residential Care, Residential Facility for Groups, and Single-Family Residence; and providing for the severability, constitutionality and effective date thereof; and other matters properly relating thereto.**

Commissioner Carbone opened the public hearing.

Brett Waggoner explained in the 2017 legislative session there was a bill approved to require local governments to include the language in the proposed amendment to redefine and include halfway houses with some parameters. The bill required that in any ordinance adopted by a city or county the definition of the term single-family residence must include 1) a residential facility for groups in which fewer than 11 persons with disabilities reside with house parents, 2) a home for individual residential care, and 3) a halfway house for recovering alcoholics and drug abusers in which fewer than 11 people reside. In reviewing the legislative changes it was found the County never took the action. The proposal was to come into compliance with the bill that was adopted.

Herman Lewis asked the Board to keep an eye on this with up to 11 people in residential single-family areas. There were a lot of people in the community concerned that the Board was taking single-family residences and potentially turning them into areas that would be undesirable for people. He believed people within a certain radius

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of these homes needed to be sent notice and preferred to see it in an area zoned for multi-family.

John Bosta asked if it was a Senate or Assembly bill, to which Commissioner Carbone responded it was a Senate bill.

Carolene Logue asked the Commissioners if they were reaching out to the community and making people aware of this Code change.

Helene Williams had an issue with the terminology of single-family residence being manipulated to fit within this document. She did not understand how single-family residence could be changed to allow ten people.

Commissioner Strickland asked if the State Engineer had looked at this as she felt it was getting to the point of commercial.

Mr. Waggoner said he could not answer on behalf of the State Engineer, but the ordinance said no limitations could be put. It would still have to abide by building codes and codes for septic systems, but the law specifically stated the County could not exclude these types of uses. To do that the single-family definition had to be amended to include those types of uses.

Commissioner Cox said she had concerns as well, but they did not relate directly to the item. She had been reading and was getting comments about the federal government trying to force the County to take in illegal immigrant families. If these laws were in place they could force a person to take in whatever amounted to 11 people and the Commission could not do anything about it. She had mixed feelings on this because people had the right to do what they wanted to in their own home, but she did not like the comments circulating, especially with the housing shortage.

Commissioner Strickland asked if the Senate bill had any restrictions like a special use permit.

Mr. Waggoner advised the exact language was no limitations. However, the Code today allowed up to ten people for a group home, it just did not get into detail of what constituted a group home and what residents could be in that home.

Commissioner Blundo asked if the NRS stated 11.

Mr. Waggoner said the text in blue further defined what the County was required to do and it was straight out of the NRS verbatim.

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Commissioner Jabbour said if it was in somebody else's neighborhood the Board might be okay with it, but it was absolutely NIMBY for a good reason. These people were hopefully going to be rehabilitated, but he was not okay that these people may or may not get rehabilitated. This was a commercial business that they would have to go through permitting and licensing for. Otherwise, those people would have a playground if a professional was not there to oversee them.

Mr. Waggoner said before this was brought to his attention if a proposal came in it would have been treated as a commercial establishment not fitting under the home-based business provisions of the Code. This was a Senate bill that passed with this requirement and changed the definition in the NRS. To stay in compliance with the NRS definitions this amendment to the definition in the Code was being proposed.

Commissioner Blundo commented there were already these types of situations in Pahrump and he thought the Code had been working.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to reject Bill No. 2022-02; seconded by Commissioner Cox.

Commissioner Cox thought the errors in the current Code needed to be corrected and this should be commercial rather than residential.

Commissioner Carbone said he did not like this at all. He did not like the original, and he did not know what created the original ordinance. He would like to go back to Carson City and have a discussion with them about this. He would also like legal to look at it. To Commissioner Carbone it was a law that did not make any sense.

The motion to reject Bill No. 2022-02 passed with 5 yeas.

**SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF PAHRUMP**

**10. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding a request to waive fees for Petrack Park for (4) four days, for the non-profit Wild West Extravaganza in the amount of \$500.00.**

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Blundo; 5 yeas.

## SITTING AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – These are items that Staff recommends for approval. The Board reserves the right to move any consent agenda item to the regular segment of the agenda should issues arise that need to be addressed. Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.**

**12. For Possible Action – Approval of Assessor’s Office Change Requests to allow the Nye County Assessor/Treasurer to process and issue an amended tax bill in the amount of \$3,308.43 to Barley Creek Ranch, owner of 3863 Barley Creek Rd., Tonopah, NV, Assessor’s Parcel Number 007-111-01.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve items 12-13; seconded by Commissioner Strickland; 5 yeas.

**13. For Possible Action – Approval to set the date and location for the second Board of Commissioners meeting in May for Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in Pahrump, NV.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve items 12-13; seconded by Commissioner Strickland; 5 yeas.

## SITTING AS THE NYE COUNTY BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blundo assumed the Chair of the Board of Highway Commissioners.

**11. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding General Road Report by Public Works Director on General Road Maintenance, Gravel Road Maintenance, Asphalt Patching, Weed Mowing, and direction regarding public work projects.**

Assistant Public Works Director Tom Bolling said at this time last year they had 49 on-line requests for action. This year they were at 34. He then provided updates on the activities of the crews in the County as well as updates on the various projects.

Commissioner Carbone mentioned the intersection of Mesquite and Linda had three holes.

Commissioner Strickland said Judge Wanker was supposed to assign a project manager for Ishani Ridge. She asked Mr. Bolling if he had heard who that was going to be.

Mr. Bolling said there had been no responses.

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Commissioner Jabbour asked if the equipment was being cleaned and properly maintained, which was why the equipment was not going down.

Mr. Bolling stated proper maintenance was being done as specified per the manufacturer.

Commissioner Cox asked if the old or new durapatcher was being repaired.

Mr. Bolling was not 100% sure which was the new one and which was the old one. He thought the one in Pahrump was the new one and if that was the case it was the new one that kept going down.

Commissioner Cox thought the manufacturer should be responsible for finding out why that was happening on a fairly new durapatcher. It should also be under warranty. Commissioner Cox then referred to the light on Gamebird and Highway 160. Since Mr. Bolling was only in negotiations for new solar lighting there she said she would appreciate having another bulb put in as that intersection could not be seen at night. It also needed to have a brighter bulb. As to the guardrail, she asked Mr. Bolling to send her an e-mail with specifics as to what he was doing with the contractor who put in the bid. Lastly, Commissioner Cox said there was still an issue at the gas station on Linda and Highway 372 because of the bad dip.

John Bosta complimented the Road Department on cutting the juniper trees just past School. However, this morning when he came down Mecca to the turn off on Highway 373, across the street from the academy were juniper trees and the roots had grown under the road to the point the road was getting big bumps. Mr. Bosta stated that section of the road needed to be repaired immediately because of the traffic on it.

Commissioner Blundo said there was clear direction on where the County was headed with its roads. The most important facet was the creation of tools like the on-line notification form. It did not fix the fact that there was not enough money to fix every mile of road today, but with a strategic plan he thought significant inroads were made.

Commissioner Carbone assumed the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

## COUNTY MANAGER

**21. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Review the Lands Bill public outreach, and proposals for the Lands Bill and Nye County Conservation; and 2) Adopt, amend, and adopt or reject Nye County Resolution No. 2022-06: A Resolution in Support of United States Congressional Actions on Public Lands in Nye County, Nevada.**

Lorinda Wichman provided an overview of the proposed Nye County Economic Development and Conservation Act.

Commissioner Carbone said the County needed to make sure it could get its counterparts on the east coast to move forward and get things done, but he wondered if they could be trusted to make it happen.

Mrs. Wichman said when the idea was presented to them the County's lobbyist in Washington, D.C., talked to them at length. When she was a Commissioner she spoke directly to Representative Steven Horsford and they were all given the same message. Unless the conservation groups were on board they were not going anywhere. Mrs. Wichman had been meeting with the Friends of the Nevada Wilderness every month with certain areas of the County to try to arrive at an agreement. For the first time since 1999 there was an agreement.

Commissioner Jabbour said he was on the Intergovernmental Executive Committee as a Commissioner and had designated Mrs. Wichman as the alternate. He said 85,000 acres should be in the resolution, but they were not on the list. Nye County had wants from the U.S. Navy for them to withdraw the acreage from Nye County and he thought it was important they were on the list.

Commissioner Carbone thought the County put out something that said it did not want them to have all that acreage.

Mrs. Wichman said she had been working with NASA for five years and like NASA they were going to take what they needed. She said the way the Defense Authorization Bill was written right now there was a paragraph for Churchill, Lander, Eureka, Mineral and Douglas Counties, and there was one very short little line for Nye County which said no significant impacts. However, that 85,000 acres was coming out of Nye and no other county was giving up land. That was why she brought this to the Commissioners today because by April 1, 2022, she wanted it in the hands of the lobbyist who would present it to put in the Defense Authorization Bill.

Erika Gerling asked if this had anything to do with the contract with NTTR.

Mrs. Wichman said yes. All military installations in the County were putting in for their needs so this was perfect timing for them as well. The last time they went before the

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committee to get this approval they were told to continue working at it until the next budget approval period.

Helene Williams referred to the address in Round Mountain on the last page of the document. She understood the Nye County Natural Resource Office was located on Calvada. She asked if there was a new office in Round Mountain and if not the address should be changed to the County office location.

Mrs. Wichman explained that was her office and had been a County building for quite some time. It was the evacuated ambulance barn when they built the new fire station in Hadley.

Robert Adams said at the February 22, 2022, PLAC meeting the intent was protecting public access to public land and that should be part of the lands bill.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to adopt Nye County Resolution No. 2022-06; seconded by Commissioner Cox.

Commissioner Strickland asked Mrs. Wichman to put indications on the map in the back-up for the land requests so the Board could visualize it.

Mrs. Wichman said it was in the works but they were on a very tight schedule.

The motion to adopt Nye County Resolution No. 2022-06 passed with 5 yeas.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**22. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Accept the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Preparedness Working Group grant award # DE-NA0003294 through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$93,662.41 for the purchase of 1 Gemini S1, English, Grey boot handheld analyzer, for the total cost of \$94,639.80. Nye County Department of Emergency Management will pay remaining amount of \$977.39; 2) Grant a one-time authorization to the County Comptroller to accept the grant in ZoomGrants online; and 3) Fund \$93,662.41 from Grants 10340, and Fund \$977.39 from General fund 10101.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to accept, grant one-time authorization to the County Comptroller to accept the grant in ZoomGrants on-line, and fund \$93,662.41

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from 10340 Grants and fund \$977.39 from General Fund 10101; seconded by Commissioner Strickland;

Fire Chief Scott Lewis commented this was a great tool to have.

The motion to accept, grant one-time authorization to the County Comptroller to accept the grant in ZoomGrants on-line, and fund \$93,662.41 from 10340 Grants and fund \$977.39 from General Fund 10101, passed with 5 years.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**23. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Discuss the bid proposal received for Bid No. 2021-13 Solar Light Equipment Materials Only; 2) Award Bid No. 2021-13 to ATEK Distribution in the amount of \$201,500.00, Codale Electric in the amount of \$224,223.00 (first bid response submission), Codale Electric in the amount of \$249,209.00 (second bid response submission), Graybar Electric in the amount of \$216,628.00, Smart Era Lighting Systems USA, LLC. in the amount of \$166,005.00; Smart Era Lighting Systems USA, LLC. in the amount of 209,560.00; 3) Approve, amend, and approve or reject the contract with selected bidder; 4) Fund from 10205 Roads; or 5) Reject bids and provide direction to staff on how to proceed with the project.**

Tom Bolling advised staff recommended Codale in the amount of \$224,223.00 as they were the most responsive bidder.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to award the bid to Codale Electric in the amount of \$224,223.00, execute the contract, and fund from 10205 Roads; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour; 5 years.

**24. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Approve, amend, and approve, or reject Amendment No. 2 for Task No. 10 (E) between Atkins North America, Inc., and Nye County to provide additional engineering services for the rehabilitate un-paved runways project at the Gabbs Airport in an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00; 2) Execute the Agreement; and 3) Fund \$16,875.00 from 10340 Grants and \$1,125.00 from 10209 Airport.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

**25. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to: 1) Discuss the responses received from the solicitation of quotes for the Amargosa Town Complex Water System Upgrade; 2) Award the project to Budget Drilling, LLC. in the amount of \$70,482.40; Great Basin Drilling in the amount of \$98,050.00; or Ream Drilling, LLC. in the amount of \$80,597.80; 3) Fund from 10101 General Fund; or 4) Reject bids and direct Public Works to secure additional quotes.**

Commissioner Strickland disclosed she was a licensed well drilling contractor, but she had no pecuniary interest in this item.

Superintendent Darin Tuck said the water system in Amargosa at the County yard was in dire need of an upgrade and he had secured quotes for that. The water system was 40 years old and Mr. Tuck had been looking at upgrading it for years, but the State did an inspection last year and was mandating that it be upgraded.

Savannah Rucker advised the initial funding source was identified as General 10101, but that needed to be changed to Capital 10401 if the Board moved forward.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to award to Budget Drilling in the amount of \$70,482.40 and to fund this project from 10401 Capital; seconded by Commissioner Blundo.

John Bosta, speaking as the Vice Chairman of the Town of Amargosa Valley, believed the town board had already approved \$45,000.00 or \$47,000.00 for this project and a bid of \$70,000.00 was being accepted. He asked if money would be refunded to the town.

Commissioner Carbone said the Comptroller would say the money was not taken as it was being paid for by the County.

Mr. Bosta asked if \$70,000.00 would complete the project or if more would be needed.

Commissioner Strickland said her review indicated it would be enough.

The motion to award to Budget Drilling in the amount of \$70,482.40 and to fund this project from 10401 Capital passed with 5 yeas.

**26. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to three-minute time limit per person.)**  
**Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until**  
**specifically included on an agenda as an action item (SECOND).**

Regarding a question that came up during the first public comment period, John Koenig advised that Section 17.3.6 of the Board's Rules of Procedure stated no person may yield speaking time to any other person.

Darrell Lackey pointed out the many conversations about housing issues. The problem was a lot of people could not afford the cost of a house with the mark-ups and middle men involved. He thought the process should be streamlined. He said Do It Best Center offered him bunks of lumber with her making no profit to help eliminate the homeless issue.

Helene Williams said she and her husband made a trip by accident the other day and ended up behind the Nugget Casino. It was terrifying and she told the Commissioners they needed to take a trip as it was filthy with motor homes and dismantled vehicles.

**27. Commissioners'/Manager's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topic/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)**

Commissioner Blundo asked that the County Code be put on the County Web site under Planning as well.

Commissioner Cox noted there was a lady today who talked twice about advertising and letting people know what was going on in the meetings. She said staff did that and it was not the Commissioners' job. If the citizens wanted to know what was going on, they needed to take the responsibility to go to the internet and see what they could come up with. The County's Web site was nyecounty.net. Also, ordinances were published in the newspapers, Channel 25 news filmed every meeting, and the meetings could be watched on the internet.

Commissioner Jabbour reminded everyone to spay and neuter their pets.

**28. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Carbone adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day ATTEST:

Of April, 2022.

Frank C. Long  
Chair

Keely S. Selman  
Nye County Clerk / Deputy