

Pursuant to NRS, the Nye County Debt Management Commission met in teleconference session on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Nye County Commissioner Chambers, 101 Radar Road, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

Cindy Kaminski, Nye County Representative
Mark Owens, Nye County School District Representative
Robin Rivero, Public-at-Large Representative
Stacey Parmenter, Public-at-Large Representative
Vacant, General Improvement District Representative
Savannah Rucker, Nye County Administrative Technical Advisor
Sandra L. Merlino, Nye County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

Also Present: Kelly Sidman, Deputy Clerk; Shalise Lamb, Deputy Clerk

A roll call was taken.

1. Approval of the Agenda for August 19, 2021.

Mrs. Rivero made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Owens; 4 yeas.

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).

There was none.

3. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding meeting minutes from the August 19, 2020, February 23, 2021, and April 23, 2021, meetings of the Nye County Debt Management Commission.

Mrs. Rivero made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 19, 2020, February 23, 2021, and April 23, 2021; seconded by Mr. Owens; 4 yeas.

4. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to set the date, time, and location of the Debt Management Commission meeting for February, 2022, per NRS 350.012.

Mrs. Rivero made a motion to schedule the next meeting on February 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.; seconded by Mr. Owens; 4 yeas.

5. Review of the Debt Management Policies and Capital Improvement Plans for 2021-2022 of Nye County municipalities.

Regarding the clinic renovations shown on the Hospital District's plan, Mrs. Kaminski said she thought those were finished once CNRC got in there and started operations.

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Savannah Rucker explained this was a carryover project between fiscal years and no one knew if there would be additional costs. CARES and Nye County COVID Relief funds were also used and some of those expenses were offset in both fiscal years. This was the expectation in May, 2021, before everything had been solidified.

Mrs. Kaminski asked if the Hospital District knew about doing their plan each year.

Mrs. Rucker said they knew it was a requirement, but she generated it on their behalf. The district did not have any interest in taking any debt out that she was aware of. If they did then they would need to approve a debt management policy instead of just the indebtedness report and capital improvement plan her office generated.

Mrs. Rivero asked Mrs. Rucker if she ever had the chance to go over the Hospital District's fiscal responsibilities.

Mrs. Rucker said a financial presentation was made monthly to the district by one of her staff members who also worked with the Hospital District to help them understand what the different components were of that financial summary. Mrs. Rucker thought things were going well and the Hospital District was aware of how their funding came in and how their expenditure budget worked.

Mrs. Kaminski said she did not know Pahrump had a TV building and asked what that was.

Mrs. Rucker explained it had been a TV tower and a building for years that ended up having an insurance claim. She did not know the circumstances of what happened to the facility, but the Town of Pahrump received a large payment to rehab the building as well as for future capital improvements.

Mrs. Kaminski said she noticed information was added on the CIP, but it was kind of broad with the out of cycle capital improvements description. She asked if that could be refined a little more.

Mrs. Rucker said there were things that fell outside of the regular capital improvement replacement schedule and she tried to capture that with the vague comment. She knew that the Town of Pahrump Buildings and Ground manager planned out multiple capital needs as shown on the CIP, but he could not know everything and try to plan for it. For example, with the flood in Pahrump a couple weeks ago capital resources were being utilized. An insurance claim would be filed, but they may not cover all losses incurred by that flood. That would be one of those unanticipated capital needs.

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Mrs. Kaminski said she was concerned because of the large amounts shown. She then asked if Kellogg Park was a golden park in Pahrump. In looking at different funding for it she wondered if it was that old, if it was being built, or what it was exactly.

Mrs. Rucker advised Kellogg Park was being built, but it was a large park that would require a lot of resources so it was funded from multiple pots. The dog park was up and construction was wrapping up on the restroom facility. A grant was also secured through the Land Grant Conservation Fund for a portion of it. Mrs. Rucker said they were trying to tap into resources outside of the Town of Pahrump to complete it.

Mrs. Kaminski asked if the fairgrounds was open or if it was still under construction.

Mrs. Rucker said the necessary infrastructure had been wrapped up. There was a small well for testing and work was being done to convert that to a full-sized well, but that was an issue for the utility company there as they did not want the town and County to put in a well for watering the eight or ten soccer fields planned. The County had also secured a grant for drainage and a drainage study as well as a grant to build a UTV track.

Mrs. Kaminski asked about the cemetery fund. It said veterans' memorial restrooms for \$475,000.00. She asked how many and what kind as she knew they had the SSTs and if they were kept clean they worked well. It seemed like a large expense especially if water had to be run to the area.

Mrs. Rucker agreed it was and explained in the State of Nevada prevailing wage kicked in at \$100,000.00. If a private contractor built this on their property it would be half of the cost.

Mrs. Rivero said she noticed in a lot of five-year plans for the towns there was a line item for PSST and it listed specific items for things that were for the Sheriff's Office. She asked why that was in the town budgets.

Mrs. Rucker explained PSST was a law written in 2010 and approved by the taxpayers. It was an increase in the sales tax rate for public safety, specifically fire and sheriff. The law identified that each town would receive their funding and those individual town boards would be presented with a spending plan each year by the department that managed the public safety for that town. The Sheriff was on there in every single location because they had a fund for PSST generated in that area that they present to the town board.

Mrs. Kaminski pointed out the School District was building a new elementary school in Tonopah. She was concerned because Silver Rim was still there and she could see

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additions made to that. Also, the School District put at least \$1.25 million into redoing the gym at the elementary school. She asked Mr. Owens if he had any information.

Mr. Owens said they talked about putting everything in one location as it would be efficient, more practicable, and better for Tonopah in the long run. Only a portion of the middle school was being used because it had old technology. It would be a bond, but he did not know how far down the road it was and thought it was a bit of a wish list.

Mrs. Rivero said she had asked for an update on the CIP plan. She saw where they had hired an architect to do the update, but due to COVID it had to be put on hold, which seemed to be such a common excuse. She asked who made the decision because of COVID, the School District or the architect, as she did not understand why COVID would have impacted it.

Mr. Owens said he could get an answer to that. There was an emergency meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

6. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to specify a percentage of limitation on the total ad valorem tax levy which must not be less than 75 percent and to also establish priorities among essential and non-essential facilities and services and that public safety, education and health must be considered essential facilities and services, and all other facilities and services must be considered non-essential facilities and services, per NRS 350.0155.

Mrs. Rivero made a motion to specify the limitation at 98% and not less than 75% and to go with standard procedure on past priority for essential and non-essential facilities and services; seconded by Mr. Owens; 4 yeas.

7. 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).

There was none.

8. Adjourn

Mrs. Kaminski adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 18th day

Of October, 2021

Robin Rivera for
DMC Chair

ATTEST:

Keely L. Sidman
Nye County Clerk / Deputy