

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 145
Fallon, Nevada
17 September 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Churchill County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 p.m. on the above date by Chairperson Washburn.

PRESENT: Gwen Washburn, Chairperson
Lynn Pearce, Commissioner
Norm Frey, Commissioner
Rusty Jardine, Civil Deputy District Attorney
Brad Goetsch, County Manager
Alan Kalt, Comptroller
Pamela D. Moore, Commission Secretary
ABSENT: Kelly G. Helton, Clerk of the Board

Pledge of Allegiance

It was verified that the agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241.

ACTION ITEMS

AGENDA

Chairperson Washburn reported that New Business Item #D will be moved to above New Business Item #A and on New Business Item #A, the second parcel for Marie Sherman has been withdrawn and under Consent, Departmental Reports, Items #B and #D have been withdrawn.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised.

Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

MINUTES

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2008 and September 4, 2008 as submitted. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Washburn inquired if there were any public comments on issues that were not listed on the agenda but there were none.

APPOINTMENTS

THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE THE PROVISION OF AN OATH OR AFFIRMATION BY ANY PERSON PROVIDING ORAL TESTIMONY AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

1:15 p.m. Consideration and possible action re: Application for a Sending Site and Transfer of Development Rights calculation for Janet L. Smith & Barbara Hodges for property located at 2000 South Crook Road, APN: 006-671-19, Eleanor Lockwood, Planning Director.

Planning Director Lockwood provided copies of the application and draft minutes from the Planning Commission meeting. With the vicinity of the property to NAS Fallon, the recommendation is to conserve this in agriculture in perpetuity with limited, if any, more development on it. There are water rights that will be appurtenant to the property in perpetuity and both the Planning Commission and Sending Site Review Committee voted unanimously in

favor of recommending approval of both the sending site and 41 TDR's. Planning Commissioner Richardson asked the applicant if she understood that she must place a conservation easement on the property and then the County would issue to her the TDR certificates. Her response was, "I didn't understand that". You will notice from the record that we tried to re-emphasize again that there is a process to follow and just because the Board of County Commissioners chooses to approve this as a sending site, nobody will give her a check tomorrow.

Chairperson Washburn said this looks like a very good application. Commissioner Frey said the process is maturing and we are getting better at it. Planning Director Lockwood agreed and said that Ed Rybold has done an excellent job of explaining the process to the people, although they do not always hear everything so she tries to re-emphasize it. The Sending Site Review Committee is definitely maturing in this exercise. Commissioner Frey said it is nice to see people coming along and participating in the program. Planning Director Lockwood said she will send a letter of intent that explains the process once the matter is approved by the board.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the application for a sending site for Janet L. Smith & Barbara Hodges, Assessor's Parcel Number 006-671-19, and to approve 41 TDR's upon recordation of a conservation easement deed on the property. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

LETTERS RECEIVED: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Conservation Easements and Purchase Agreement Proposals for Jaye R. and Loretta Melius (APN: 007-891-30) and Marie O. Sherman (APN: 006-791-04 and 006-791-11). Sherman Withdrawn.

County Manager Goetsch said they just initiated a second round of cooperation with the Navy to seek actual contracts that follow approval of sending sites to get folks to participate in the conservation easement program and in the restrictive easement program around the base and to preserve agriculture and farming in the area. Jaye and Loretta Melius already have an approved site and this property was on the Navy's priority list. Ed Rybold has been working on this and some others but this was the first to be completed. This preserves agriculture and preserves the Navy's air station and ability to stop encroachment for that land around the base. The fiscal impact is \$145,000 total cost divided as follows: 75% Navy and 25% County. This is a tentative agreement staff works out but is contingent upon board approval. If the board approves this tentative agreement, then documents are finalized, both a conservation easement and a Navy's restrictive use easement are drawn up and a closing is set, just like any other property transfer at Western Nevada Title. That closing date will be set and then the easements will be imposed and the TDRS are transferred to the County and Navy at closing, which should be sometime in October.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the purchase of easements and developments for APN: 007-891-30 and to approve the purchase of a conservation easement and 36 TDRs from the approved sending site, having a total of 29.88 acres with 24.0 water righted acres. Commissioner Washburn seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote of the 2 commissioners as Commissioner Pearce had to leave the meeting just before this point.

Consideration and possible action re: Request for an extension of time on Theodore and Derryl Zeller Cluster Development Parcel Maps 1 & 2 (TCID #07-066 & #07-067, Sheckler Road).

Planning Director Lockwood said that the Zeller parcel maps were approved with conditions on October 1, 2007. The landowners are creating 5 building lots along a new paved road, Annamay Lane, in the A-10 land use district off Sheckler Road and are putting 60 acres into two conservation easements. The housing market is in a slump. Therefore, staff recommends the two parcel maps be extended for one year from the date of approval (all conditions attached to the original approval apply).

Commissioner Frey asked if these just go away if the one year extension expires and the work has not been completed. Planning Director Lockwood said they just go away, although there is a similar situation on a cluster development on Harmon Road. She has had discussions with Rusty that because these have been filed as a tentative map, by state law that would be a subdivision map. There are provisions in NRS to allow for future extensions. Certainly, the developer on Harmon has certain situations coming up, not just the housing market, where he wants to keep it in a ranch and not go forward with development, so the extension would allow him time to decide. If indeed we are in a similar situation with the Zellers, she would make that same recommendation to them if they do not want to extinguish the development because they put in a considerable amount of money.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the request for extension of the Theodore and Derryl Zeller Cluster Development Parcel Maps 1 & 2 (TCID#07-066 & 07-067, Sheckler Road) for one year. Commissioner Washburn seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the 2009-2010 Federal Fiscal Year Cooperative Match Between the USGS and Churchill County for the Aquifer Study in the Newlands Area.

County Manager Goetsch said that through prior agreements, U.S. Fish and Wildlife pays approximately 47% of study costs, leaving 55% to be paid by USGS and Churchill County. USGS determined that a 45/55% cooperative match needed to be implemented with all of their historic partners to enable them to meet the requirements of the many agencies that rely on the USGS and the Nevada Water Science Center (NWSC) for critical water resource data and information. This results in the proposed share for Churchill County being approximately 27% of the total study cost. The purpose of the groundwater monitoring program is to determine the effects of reductions in surface irrigation on groundwater levels and water quality. The additional work element, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, includes water-quality sampling from the base of the basalt aquifer to determine if pumping may be causing inflow of poor-quality water into the base of the basalt aquifer.

In the federal fiscal year 2009, the water-level network will include measurements at 58 wells, including 4 wells screened in the intermediate aquifer and 3 additional wells in the Swingle Bench area; 27 wells are measured monthly, 22 wells are measured quarterly, and 9 wells are measured annually. Water-quality sampling will take place only one time per year, during the irrigation season, and samples will be analyzed for major ions only. Additional samples will be collected and analyzed for a more complete suite of constituents if significant changes are detected.

The cost for the continuation of the program in the federal fiscal year 2010 will be similarly split, with a total program cost of \$45,600. Churchill County's 45/55% cooperative

match with USGS, after USF&W contributes 47% of total study costs, would be approximately \$12,300. They have asked to approve a contract for two years, rather than the one year as we have done in the past, due to financial and administrative costs.

Commissioner Frey noted that on page 3 it lists Wilma Mansfield as the contact and her email address as well, which should be corrected. He asked when the last update occurred from them or last presentation on this program. He said it would be nice to have them come to give a presentation. County Manager Goetsch said they have asked to do that either once or twice a year and asked if the board would prefer that it occur in the fall or spring. Commissioner Frey said he would prefer this fall.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the 45/55% cooperative match between the USGS and Churchill County for the continuation of the groundwater monitoring program to study aquifers in the Newlands area for the federal fiscal years 2009-2010 (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2010), and to authorize the County Manager to sign the Joint Funding Agreement. Commissioner Washburn seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Resolution 30-08 authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to the Ground Lease amending the August 1, 1994 Ground Lease (“Banner Ground Lease”) between Churchill County and Banner Health to amend the lease premises, together with related memorandums of lease to reflect the amended lease premises.

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE AMENDING THE AUGUST 1, 1994 GROUND LEASE (“BANNER GROUND LEASE”) BETWEEN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA (“COUNTY”) AND BANNER HEALTH, AN ARIZONA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION (“BANNER”), AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WESTERN HEALTH NETWORK, INC., AN ARIZONA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO AMEND THE LEASE PREMISES, TOGETHER WITH RELATED MEMORANDUMS OF LEASE TO REFLECT THE AMENDED LEASE PREMISES.

SUMMARY: COUNTY ENTERED INTO THE BANNER GROUND LEASE AND A GROUND LEASE WITH CHURCHILL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INC., A NEVADA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION (“CCH”) DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 (“CCH GROUND LEASE”) REGARDING ADJACENT PARCELS OF PROPERTY. THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CCH GROUND LEASE AMENDED THE LEASE PREMISES OF THE CCH GROUND LEASE TO CONFORM WITH A PARCEL MAP RECORDED BY COUNTY. BANNER AND COUNTY NOW DESIRE TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BANNER GROUND LEASE WHICH WILL CONFORM THE LEASE PREMISES UNDER THE BANNER LEASE TO THE NEW PARCEL MAP. COUNTY, CCH AND BANNER ALSO DESIRE TO RECORD AMENDED MEMORANDUMS OF THE CCH GROUND LEASE AND BANNER GROUND LEASE TO REFLECT THE AMENDED LEASE PREMISES.

Comptroller Kalt reported that Churchill County had a parcel map prepared to provide for additional parcels on the County land located next the Banner Churchill Community Hospital. The Board of Commissioners previously approved and executed a First Amendment to the Banner Ground Lease to conform the lease premises under the Banner Ground Lease to Parcel B as shown on the Parcel Map but the First Amendment was never executed by Banner. Banner has now executed the First Amendment to Ground Lease attached hereto, dated August 29, 2008, together with the related Amended and Restated Memorandum of Lease reflecting the amended lease premises as Parcel B of the Parcel Map. County believes that it is in the best interest of County to conform the lease premises under the Banner Ground Lease to Parcel B of the Parcel Map, to execute the First Amendment to Ground Lease, and to execute and record the related Amended and Restated Memorandums of Lease. The Chair needs to sign and execute the documents to be recorded in the Official records of the Churchill County Recorder's Office of the Amended and Restated Memorandums of Lease to reflect the amended lease premises under the CCH Ground Lease and the Banner Ground Lease.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve Resolution 30-08 authorizing the execution of a First Amendment to Ground Lease amending the August 1, 1994 Ground Lease ("Banner Ground Lease") between Churchill County and Banner to amend the lease premises, together with related memorandums of lease to reflect the amended lease premises.

Furthermore, authorizing the Chair to sign the necessary related documents.

Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Resolution 29-08 authorizing and declaring the intent to sell certain property to Churchill Community Hospital, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for purposes of economic development, to purchase certain property owned by Churchill Community Hospital, Inc., and to obtain appraisals of the properties.

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DECLARING THE INTENT OF CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA ("COUNTY") TO (A) SELL CERTAIN COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY TO CHURCHILL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ("CCH") FOR PURPOSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO NRS 244.2815, (B) PURCHASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY CCH PURSUANT TO NRS 244.275, AND (C) OBTAIN APPRAISALS OF THE PROPERTIES TO BE PURCHASED AND SOLD PURSUANT TO NRS 244.2815, NRS 244.2795, AND NRS 244.275.

SUMMARY: COUNTY ENTERED INTO A GROUND LEASE WITH CCH DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 ("CCH GROUND LEASE") WHICH PROVIDED FOR A 50-YEAR LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY TO CCH FOR PURPOSES OF PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCHILL COUNTY PURSUANT TO NRS 244.284. COUNTY AND CCH HAVE DETERMINED IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, TO SERVE THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF ITS RESIDENTS, THAT THE SALE OF THE LEASED PROPERTY TO CCH BE MADE. THE SALE WILL ALLOW FOR THE SUPPORT, RETENTION AND EXPANSION OF THE HOSPITAL AND WILL ALSO

PROVIDE FOR AN ENHANCED HEALTH CARE NETWORK TO COUNTY RESIDENTS AND SERVE TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE HOSPITAL AS A MEDICAL BUSINESS PARK. COUNTY HAS FURTHER DETERMINED IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY CCH WITH A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF THE LEASED PROPERTY. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO PROVIDES FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Comptroller Kalt reported that on September 1, 2003, Churchill County entered into a ground lease with Churchill Community Hospital Inc., a local non-profit corporation, for the property surrounding the existing hospital. The intent of the ground lease was to provide land to CCH to promote health care development in close proximity to the existing medical facilities. CCH was unsuccessful in brokering any deals as the physicians and developers wanted to own the property to which the improvement would be made. As a result, the New River Business Park became the preferred location for the development of additional medical office buildings.

This resolution seeks authorization to sell the land to CCH for the purposes of economic development pursuant to NRS 244.2815 as this is highest and best use of the land for the development of a medical business park. Furthermore, the County would like to acquire the land and appurtenant water rights located at 1245 Austin Highway and any and all remaining interest in the County Annex located at 485 West B Street held by CCH. Finally, the resolution seeks to obtain the necessary appraisals to complete the sales transaction. A sales agreement would be entered into in furtherance of the resolution, which shall require CCH to use all proceeds received by CCH from the subsequent sale or lease of the leased premises or any portion thereof to support and enhance health care for the residents of Churchill County. The intent is to sell and buy the parcels at Fair Market Value. The difference in values would be made up by a cash payment to the appropriate party based on the appraised values. The final sales agreement and related restrictions is anticipated to be placed on the October 15th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Pearce said this originally sprang from former Commissioner Jim Regan who said that the property around the hospital would be best served for development of some sort of medical office spaces. He tasked him with that responsibility, so it is nice to see this come to fruition. It has taken us a while to get here but, strangely enough, recent changes in state law actually made the process simpler.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve Resolution 29-08 authorizing and declaring the intent to sell certain property to Churchill Community Hospital Inc, a non-profit corporation, for purposes of economic development, to purchase certain property owned by CCH and to obtain the necessary appraisals of the properties. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Review and consideration of the Information Systems Contract Agreement.

Comptroller Kalt reported that Churchill County has been allowing offsite, view-only access to the Churchill County Public Information Menu to various title companies on a subscription basis for several years. Currently, there are three title companies with access: Cow County Title, Stewart Title and Western Nevada Title. The revenues collected will continue to

support the enhancement of public access to the County's public information. This service allows the title companies access to the "Green Screens" and better connections than that currently offered at our website: www.churchillcounty.org. Based on feedback from the title companies and the various County offices, this access has been very beneficial and improved efficiencies for all parties. The fee structure of \$500 initial set-up and \$75 per month per user will allow the title companies to determine the number of users that they would like to have on-line access in their office. It is proposed that no changes in the fees be made at this time. It is anticipated that the same number of users will continue to use this service. The revenues will be placed in the County's General Fund to support Technology.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the Information Systems Contract Agreement for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 that allows on-line access to the Churchill County Public Information Menu to a Lessee that allows offsite, view only access to Assessor, Clerk/Treasurer, Recorder and Planning Department data for an initial set-up fee of \$750 and a \$75.00 monthly per user fee payable quarterly. Furthermore, authorizing the County Manager or designee to sign the individual contracts, subject to the approval of the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Washburn seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

CONSENT ITEMS (Action items generally not requiring discussion or explanation)

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners with one action and without an extensive hearing.

Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the Consent Agenda, discussed and acted upon separately during this meeting.

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS –

- A. Letter of Appreciation from the Churchill County Library Board of Trustees for allocation of \$30,000 to the Library Building Fund.
- B. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will be hosting workshops concerning their proposed groundwater regulations.
- C. The Oasis Stampede and Country Fair provide a card of thanks for the financial contribution to support the event.
- D. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notification of its review of the Second Quarter 2008 Status Report for the former Bootlegger Texaco Station.
- E. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notification of its review of the Second Quarter 2008 Status Report for the former Lightning Lube.
- F. Notification from the Combined Farm Service Agency Newsletter for Churchill, Nye, Pershing, Storey and Washoe Counties of County Committee Elections.
- G. Notification from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the decision to docket the Department of Energy's license application for authority to construct a repository at Yucca Mountain and adoption of the Environmental Impact Statement.
- H. Notification from the Lahontan Valley News & Fallon Eagle Standard that Publication Days will be Reduced Effective October 1, 2008.

2. REVIEW – None.

3. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST, 2008 –**

- A. Treasurer's Office.
- ~~B. Building Department. withdrawn~~
- C. Recorder's Fees Monthly Apportion.
- ~~D. Planning Department. withdrawn~~
- E. Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Commissioner Washburn seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – County Manager Goetsch said that he will have more TDR matters on future agendas.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CHAIRPERSON WASHBURN: Chairperson Washburn said she attended the Carson Truckee Water Subconservancy District meeting where there was a celebration of the Washoe County members of that board who had attended the TROA signing and they were elated that that had occurred but those of us from this end were not so excited. CTWSD is now an official signatory under their advisory capacity. The Washoe County members were very happy about that. The only other meeting of significance that she had since our last meeting was the Newlands Water Protective Association where they developed their business plan for the year. Jaime talked about the proposed "son" of 380 that is coming up and how they may handle that. Hopefully, that will bring in the last few acres that we need to meet the magic 6,500 acres.

COMMISSIONER PEARCE: Commissioner Pearce was not present at this point.

COMMISSIONER FREY: Commissioner Frey said it will be a great day when we can get out from underneath that but he wants to see it happen. Six thousand five hundred acres is very achievable. He would like to see that litigation end and he just doesn't believe that it is in the nature of the attorneys. He boycotted the TROA event, although he received an invitation because he doesn't think his opinions would be very welcome. He attended the Navy rock band concert in Oats Park, which was another beautiful event at that outdoor amphitheater. That is such a fine asset for the community and the Mayor and City Council should be commended for the foresight of taking care of such things and the needs of our community. He attended the TCID meeting and sat in on some of the discussion of the formation by resolution of the Truckee-Carson Safety Commission, which Churchill County will be a participant on, whose duty will be to spend the funds collected from the District's General Assessment Fee. Also, they did some work on a Truckee Canal Policy regarding construction along the Truckee Canal. He attended the 9/11 ceremony behind City Hall. It was very moving to remember what happened on that day and it is awesome that the Mayor chooses to memorialize that day. He was able to attend the Sarah Palin event in Carson City and was fortunate enough to be seated with other parents who have children in the military. She spent quite a bit of time with them and he may have shaken the hand of the future Vice-President. She appears to be wonderful person. On the 16th he attended the Stillwater Conservation District's meeting. The main thing at that meeting was the approval of the Annual Report and the finances. Equipment rentals are sluggish right now and they are having to deal with some of the reductions in funding like everyone else in government. He also attended the Newlands Water Protective Association annual meeting where they approved the budget and work plan for NWPA. It is continuing on and we celebrated some of the successes in the petition cases. The NWPA took a major role in those cases when they were filed and notified people of their rights under the petitions of what attorneys would guide

them to acknowledge receipt of the petition or not. Some of them chose not to and have been released from that litigation. It is very satisfying to have participated in that so many years ago.

COUNTY MANAGER GOETSCH: County Manager Goetsch echoed Commissioner Frey's comments. He attended Tail Hook when it was in town about a week ago and it was done very well. It is nice to see military personnel come to Fallon and Churchill County before moving to Sparks. It was a great event and well attended. It was interesting to listen to the Admiral and it was especially interesting because he is a friend of his and he still thinks of him as a knuckle-headed kid, like he still thinks of himself, so it is strange to see the more than 3 and 4 stars and him running the world today. He reported that the Navy has more people on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan than they have on ships today. That was a startling figure to hear. He quoted between 10-12,000 Navy personnel on the ground basically doing liaison and Army jobs because the Army and Marine Corps are short of ground people. We are making progress on the TDR issue both with Navy and local residents. They looked for blanket approval from the Navy and Ed is still trying to get that to maintain the 75/25% split without having to send documents back and forth each time. We have asked for the first 4 appraisals and will need to come back before the board. The cost of each appraisal is \$1,500 and we authorized only 4 until we are able to come back to board for authorization to move forward on others. Some of the farmers and property owners are very happy but others want to fight and negotiate and want to challenge the appraisals. It is the same as when people are selling their house and different people feel differently. The Moody Lane project was to be completed on Monday but we found electrical and Zenon issues. It will probably be completed next week. Misha is back and he is on top of that with Shaw and Zenon. That is not impacting our users but is just a matter of when the warranties start. **At the next economic and fire safe meetings in Reno for regional and green energy meetings for federal and state services and fire estimates for Churchill County. He attended veteran's good event with good information put out and 20 providers.** Nevada is very well postured and is handling local state's and veteran's issues. We don't get the brunt of it like the port states do where most of the vets are discharged. There was no negative question and they were able to steer vets in right direction. He has been working on a lot of water issues. TROA was signed as mentioned. TCID has some TROA protests and negotiations are going on and the State Engineer will provide additional _____. The AB380 follow on program is positive about Jaime and Tribe's on that. Approached close to final form challenged water purchase program will be. Plant letter from state reduced in frequency of having water quality tested so high so now quarterly monitoring and thereafter semi annual if stays high. Enel and DRI met with him, Planning Department staff and Misha and there is good progress on monitoring....regard to Stillwater Geothermal Plant. After initial monitoring numbers that model put together better. Have ...take on to numerical model so progress is being made. That will go back before the Planning Commission for approval. We have experienced an increase in calls on Bango odor issues. It was quiet for awhile. The County has completed its monitoring plan and we will continue to take samples. Today's paper says that Bango Oil has been approved, through NDEP, to expand and handle more materials. That will have to come back before the Planning Commission in the future. He and Commissioner Frey will attend the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting next week. State board for Financing AB380 follow on and few staff members with solar and green energy providers and financiers for proposals on how Churchill County can continue to move forward on energy...policy for the board to give staff direction on where we want to be in 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. Dixie Study plan nearing final form and when it is ready will share with state, region and CWSD.

COMPTROLLER KALT: Comptroller Kalt gave an update on the Wells Fargo investments held by Churchill County as it relates to overnight investments. Through an agreement with Wells Fargo, they sweep out money, buy overnight investments and then replace it in the morning with interest. These overnight deposits are not collateralized directly in Churchill County's name. The Comptroller's Office is working with the Clerk/Treasurer to consider moving to an interest bearing account and do away with the overnight sweeps. At balance sheet date of June 30th, 2008, Wells Fargo hasn't gone belly up so we have not lost any funds. Those interest bearing account funds will be collateralized under a state program. That value is specifically collateralized in our name and is run through the State of Nevada Treasurer's Office. Financial issues related to AIG do not appear to have a direct impact on the Nevada POOL and PACT as they are not the program carrier. He attended the Willis Pooling Symposium talking about synergies of pools and may have a pool of pools in the future because of the success of pooled programs. He attended the strategic planning retreat in Eureka for POOL/PACT where they talked about outsourcing and the future of the POOLS. They reviewed financial statements of pools and they are fiscally sound. The conversion with the Power 6 computer system is completed, the problems we experienced are over and we are out of the woods and not experiencing problems with our system. The Comptroller's staff did an outstanding job during the conversion process. His office is preparing for the audit regarding the County's financial position as of June 30, 2008. Our budget mitigation plan has worked and we hit our target numbers. He is very pleased with the cooperation received from all of the departments with the budget mitigation. He met with Clerk/Treasurer Helton to discuss how we can make the TCID general tax collection a more smoother process for her office. We do not receive any administrative assessments and it did place an increased burden on her department the way it was done this year. They are having discussions with TCID to find ways to improve the process for all parties involved. He has been in discussions with Bob Adams regarding health insurance issues subsidy and true-up issues and he hopes to put that item on the October 2nd board agenda. Aarik Wilson day will be September 21st with a mini-Olympics. He encourages participation and commented that it is very special to have a man of his athletic ability and character in our community.

CIVIL DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JARDINE: Civil Deputy District Attorney Jardine had nothing to report.

CLERK/TREASURER HELTON: Clerk/Treasurer Helton was not present.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL TRANSMITTALS

The claims and payroll transmittals submitted for this meeting were reviewed and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Gwen Washburn, Chair

ATTEST:

Kelly G. Helton, Clerk of the Board