

**MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

155 No. Taylor Street, Fallon, NV
Fallon, Nevada
02 October 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Churchill County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on the above date by Chairperson Washburn.

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

ABSENT:

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Chairperson Washburn reported that approval of the Minutes has been withdrawn because the Minutes had not been completed.

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

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

MINUTES

Withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Washburn inquired if there were any public comments on issues that were not listed on the agenda.

Barbara Mathews with the Churchill County Library had gifts to bestow in conjunction with the "Big Read", a free copy of *The Maltese Falcon*. They were awarded a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts in the sum of \$7,500. They hosted a kick off event on Saturday where 350-400 people were in attendance. They also have other events scheduled, including movies being shown at the Barkley Theatre. She thanked KVLV and KHOG for playing the radio version of *The Maltese Falcon*. This Friday they are bringing in a children's author, Bruce Hale, who did a parody called *The Malted Falcon*. He will be doing 2 assemblies at the elementary schools and also a night time version at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum. It was an enjoyable read and they will be selling copies at the Library for only \$4.99.

She asked to go on record for personally appreciating the Employee Management Committee for the fabulous dinner for the employees and for thanking Joyce Betts for her 30 years of service to the County.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Consideration and possible action re: Request to Bid for Design Build for Solar Photovoltaic Net Metered system at Churchill County Pool and notification of subsequent applications for solar rebates, Gary Gulden, Facilities and Grounds Supervisor.

Supervisor Gulden reported that inclusion of green energy design and retrofit by Churchill County is two fold. It supports reduction of green house gases and lessens the use of fossil fuels as well as providing long term energy savings by reducing energy costs. Over the life of the solar array, the County can expect well over a two hundred percent payback. Initial cost is made more affordable due to Sierra Pacific's Solar Generation rebate as approved for this project in the amount of \$52,585.00. An estimated project cost is \$110,000.00, less the rebate, for a total of approximately \$57,414.00. The solar arrays shall be warranted a minimum of 25 years and the inverters a minimum of 10 years. The system is very low maintenance and extremely reliable and will provide approximately 10.51 kilowatts AC (12.6kW DC) of power. Also, offered as informational only, the County has applied for three additional, non-binding rebates for the upcoming program year, one each for the Elisabeth Parkway Water System, another larger system for the County Pool, and the Moody Lane Sewer Plant.

County Manager Goetsch said Gary has been working solar issues for 10-15 years. He brought the first solar project to the pool. We've been talking to different consultants and companies that are advising us on all of the advantages to going solar soon. Some of the rebates are slowly tapering off and the technology has jumped in the past 2 or 3 years in photovoltaic cells and efficiencies. Costs and a lot of other issues associated with it just made this a very good time for this project. Gary mentioned that this project has been approved for the rebate and that we have other applications in. That does not obligate the County to those projects but it gets us qualified so that if the board approves those projects in the future, we maximize the rebates at their current levels instead of having to take whatever it's gone down to at that point. This is the first foray of this group of phases that staff will recommend to the board and it will consist of different discussions that we have had with these number of companies. We are lucky to have pretty good experts with Gary and Misha being well versed in energy efficiency and conservation. Gary has led the County in a long term program of replacing the lights, ballasts and windows to increase our efficiencies. Now the County is prepared for the next step of actively producing energy for ourselves. They are working on some policies that will come before the board over the next few months that will direct the staff on where to go and what achievements to make in renewables or solar energy over the next 5-15 years. Through that effort, staff will sculpt phases to mirror that and bring the board more and more information on where we might go. This is a great project that looks to return about 10% on the initial investment and after about 10-12 years, the pay off is done and it is all free energy that will return at 200%. There is a 25 year warranty but the new systems are thought to be able to last out as long as 40 years, so this is a great step.

Gary has done the homework and most of the direct negotiations and comparisons for this first step.

Chairperson Washburn said in all of the discussions that we have had, this is the direction we had decided to go and is the way of the future. If the County can be an example, it will be good for the whole community because they will see the advantages and that we are working at saving the taxpayer's dollars and also testing this out so people on their own private property can see that that it works for the County and that it will work for them. She is all for this project.

Commissioner Pearce agreed that this is a good idea. He asked if it would be wise to set aside a small portion of the savings in an account because his understanding of photovoltaic cells is that they still use heavy metals in them and at the end of their life span you have to get rid of that material. He asked if we need to have a small account built up to dispose of that at the end of the life span. Gary replied that we may have to look into that. He knows that they are made up of silica sand, glass and some other items. We are contracted with a Fernley outfit for recycling of batteries and lights, so he is sure they could handle something like that. He could check with them on the cost. He is sure that all of us here will be retired before that situation arises but we don't want to leave the burden for somebody else, so we can address that.

Commissioner Frey said he is afraid Congress will be retired before they see the bail out bill passed. He is a little more skeptical on this but it is good for government entities to invest in this kind of technology to see if it does work and to be a show case. He asked if Gary has talked to the Tribe that has done a similar project or is it a different technology? Gary replied that they are using the same technology as far as he knows based on the one awarded to them 2-3 years ago. To his knowledge, it has proven to be very effective. They have reaped the rewards of free energy and it has been a good payback to his knowledge. He has not heard anything derogatory. He's done a lot of research and read a lot about maintenance, upkeep and equipment failure on this particular type of energy. This is proven to be more reliable and less troublesome but it works only when the sun shines. Commissioner Frey said he doesn't want to set something up to be another shade structure for pigeons. He would like to see some numbers on what we have done at the Pool. Some of the Commissioners are coming close to the end of their terms so he would like to see if the work that we have done has been beneficial, marginal or hasn't panned out. Gary said he thinks it has been very beneficial from talking to Jorge. There was never a meter put on that to actually determine the payback but they could go back and look at gas usage for comparison. Commissioner Frey said if it hasn't been a maintenance issue and it is still producing that 140 degree water on a semi-cloudy day like today, then there is benefit. He brought up the pigeons, which can be dealt with. They have had to replace a pump and they had a leak but you have to expect those things. Commissioner Frey said with any device there is some additional maintenance to go with it. Gary said he thinks the solar rays are 100% better than the heating water type of deal.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve Facilities and Ground's request to let bid the installation of energy producing photovoltaic equipment at the County Indoor Pool. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Award of bid for a new roof at the Churchill County Public Library, Gary Gulden, Facilities and Grounds Supervisor.

Supervisor Gulden reported that the Facilities and Grounds Department has, for a minimum of five years, on an annual and as-needed basis, repaired and replaced portions of the Library roof due to wind damage and leakage. The necessity to replace the roof was known but postponed to allow review of potential changes to the facility. Four roofing companies were contacted to provide bids to tear off and replace the existing roof as required by the IBC. Those companies, Kodiak Roofing, D&D Roofing, Alpine Roofing, and Scott Roofing were solicited with equal requirements and may have facilitated alternatives. He recommended that Alpine Roofing be awarded the contract. They had the low bid for both the 30 year and 40 year bids with a difference of \$2,300 for the two projects. He recommended that we award the bid for the 40 year roof in the amount of \$29,593. The bids were as follows:

1. Kodiak roofing: as attached: base bid, 30 year- \$28,364.00 alternate 40 year- \$30,781.00
2. D&D roofing: as attached: base bid 30 year \$42,485.00 -----

3. Alpine roofing: as attached: base bid 30 year- \$27,148.00 alternate 40 year- \$29,593.00
4. Scott roofing: as attached: base bid 30 year- \$39,917.00 alternate 40 year- \$42, 247.00

Commissioner Frey said that something does need to be done there. We have an investment and facility that we have to protect. Gary said he was looking for the cheap alternative. Under the Uniform Building Code, we could have put another roof over that for short term fix but the IBC, which was adopted some years back, requires that we tear off the roof, so you might as well do it right.

Chairperson Washburn said there is too large of an investment there to let the roof go. We definitely have to fix it. Commissioner Frey said that is why we have these funds in place to do these things.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve Gary Gulden's request to award the bid for installation of a new roof at the Churchill County Public Library to Alpine Roofing Co. in the Amount of \$29,593.00 dollars. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Request for termination of the Landscape Contract and to hire of one full time employee in lieu of those services, Gary Gulden, Facilities and Grounds Supervisor.

Supervisor Gulden reported that the Facilities and Grounds Department has performed a review of the landscaping services provided to the County by an independent contractor. As you will recall in March of 2006, the County contracted landscape services for most of the County facilities at an annual cost of \$60,835.00. In addition to the base cost, additional charges are incurred for work performed outside the base contract. In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008, the additional charges were \$7,580.18, totaling \$68,415.18. As part of the Budget Mitigation Plan, departments were asked to thoroughly analyze their operations for areas of efficiency and effectiveness. As such, Facilities and Grounds determined that the landscaping contract may be an area

where savings may exist. Based on the attached cost analysis report using Nilsson Associates green industry standards, it appears that substantial savings will be realized through the hiring of one full time employee to perform those duties, as well as other services during the off season, in lieu of those contracted services. The full time employee wage and benefits report as provided by the Comptroller's Office indicates the annual amount using the current rates would be \$45,885. Additional expenditures would be needed to provide the necessary tools and equipment to perform the landscaping duties. There would likely be a gap in the time from the termination of the contract to the hiring of the Parks Maintenance Worker that would provide additional one time savings to offset the equipment purchases. Additional supporting documentation was provided for more details on the cost analysis report, fiscal year 2008 actual cost and copy termination clause of current Landscape Maintenance contract page 7, section 5, paragraph 5.02. It is suggested that if the board allows these services to be performed in-house, a period of at least two years to evaluate the cost effectiveness of this operation would be needed. It is anticipated that there will be a cost savings associated with this proposal. In addition to the savings, the County would realize the additional hours of work performed by the worker. If you consider the hours per year put in by an employee versus the 200-300 hours per year through a contractor, that is significantly more for less money. That individual would be able to do a lot to help the department in maintaining the grounds and to bring the grounds back up to a better standard.

County Manager Goetsch said we have talked about this with Gary for about 2 years and more significantly for the past 8 months. Some of the other issues that impacted his decision to support this were the fact that we have a number of new facilities now with the water and sewer facilities that require fairly constant attention, some of the run off ponds that came with the acquisition of those utilities, the opportunity to do some sharing of equipment and additional work with Parks and Recreation, and then the winter months productivity that those contracts didn't afford us. In the months when the lawn mowing, weeding and irrigation does not have to be performed, with this employee being on staff, we have an opportunity for 2-3 months of productivity in other areas that could benefit the County. As Gary said, we will look at this for a 2-3 year period and evaluate whether it has benefitted us and, if it hasn't, the opportunity is there to fall back to contracting and readjust. He reluctantly came along to where he recognizes that this is probably going to benefit the County and probably save us quite a few dollars over the next few years.

Chairperson Washburn asked if the contract total for additional charges was \$68,000 and the new equipment was outlined that we'd have to buy, were the charges for fertilizers and sprays included. Gary said that the \$68,000 includes fertilizing twice a year and they provided all of the equipment. When we take over, we will be doing that service. It is pretty insignificant since we are already spraying weeds, killing the weeds and burning them. We have had to pick up in areas where the landscapers have been lax. He priced a mower. We have quite a bit of landscape equipment already but we need a riding mower. The cost is about \$5,500 for a Huscavarna and a grass catcher for that, which would only be used twice a year as we usually mulch, which is about \$2,000. That brings the total of the two to \$7,000. There would be some maintenance and repair costs. If we were to break even where it cost us \$68,000, we would still have that individual available for other work for the entire year. Comptroller Kalt said there are 2,080 hours

in a year but we consider a work year to be 1,850 hours. Gary said then you would have 1,500 additional labor hours that is not available at this time for the same cost or less. That is where the big savings comes from.

Commissioner Pearce said there was no signature from Comptroller Kalt. Commissioner Kalt said he had signed a previous version. He reviewed it and it makes financial sense. One of the things he liked is that we will continue to evaluate it on a periodic basis. We've done janitorial services in house after contracting and we have analyzed that and it continues to show that it pays to have those services in house. We've contracted for landscaping and we are now bringing those services in house. He supports and recommends this. Commissioner Pearce asked if we have a trailer to move the equipment. Gary replied that we have 2 trailers.

Commissioner Frey said he is with Alan on this. Much like the repairs and maintenance on vehicles which we have done in house and then decided to contract for those services. It is one of those things that might provide some savings in house. It is whether you manage a contract or another employee. There are benefits involved with contracting the work out. He thinks the target number that we are looking for is \$60,000 and that we do that for the same or less. There will still be costs for things such as tree trimming that will have to be contracted out because it takes specialized equipment to do some things. We still have those things that we will need. He asked Rusty if he has looked over the current landscape contract to determine that we have the right to cancel. Civil Deputy District Attorney Jardine replied that the contract has a clause that allows termination with 30 days notice.

County Manager Goetsch mentioned that during discussions, one of the reasons for the timing of this item was to have the smallest impact on our grounds with our turn over and on the contractor. We are coming to the end of the really busy summer season where they lay off summer help and Gary can work the actual end date within the next 30-60 days that coincides with what would have the least impact to the contractor.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve Gary Gulden's request to terminate the remainder of the Landscape Contract and allow the hiring of one full time Parks Maintenance Worker for the Facilities and Grounds Department. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Update on the Moody Lane Sewer Treatment Plant, Milorad "Misha" Stojicevic, Engineering and Capital Projects Manager.

Engineering and Capital Projects Manager Stojicevic said he has good news concerning the project at Moody Lane. Construction is close to being final and is expected in 2 days. They tried all of the equipment at the facility to see if it works properly. Within the next several weeks we have to finish the contractor estimates to pay the rest of the project that we have held since July 24th. He believes that this project will be really successful based on the results of the testing of the plant. He thinks this project overall was a good one because we didn't pass 2-3% of change orders. We will have the project done within budget. He thanked everyone who helped him to manage this project, including Facilities and Grounds, the Building Department, Rusty, Alan and Brad. In the last year, these departments have given him full support and there was no disagreement on any issue. That helped him to establish the project on the right track and we will have one of the best projects in Nevada for that amount of money.

County Manager Goetsch said the Moody project has been amazing as they were ahead of schedule and under costs until just near the end with issues with the electrical, which drove us slightly over the time line but still under cost. We haven't done the final financial settlements but he thinks we will come out well. This plant is state of the art and is the best plant in Nevada and one of the best in the west. There is one in San Diego that compares to it. The water being produced after just the processes that this plant does is nearly potable. It would take a very small final step to turn the effluent into drinking water. Shaw and KG Walters performed very well on this project, with some challenges in electrical subcontracting. From his experience on the prior project, without the County having an Engineer of Misha's capability involved, he believes that we saved \$500,000 to \$1 million with him on board to oversee and push contractors. This County has great capability for future projects to give us state of the art projects. He thanked Misha and said he hopes the board recognizes that. He has been pretty quiet and he is out in the field all the time but he is doing a great job.

Chairperson Washburn recognized and thanked Misha for that great job, for saving that money and for getting the project completed in time and under budget. That keeps us progressive.

Commissioner Frey thanked Misha for doing a great job on this project. With some of our other contracts, it was very difficult to maintain those contracts. Our other staff did a fine job with the water treatment plant but it is hard to do those things at the same time while performing your other job. Consequently, there were some things that didn't go quite as well as it could have. This project seems to have gone a lot smoother, right up to the point of finding out that the electrical subcontractor was not doing what we were expecting of him. He is glad to see that it is about ready to go.

Commissioner Pearce echoed their comments and told Misha he did a great job. He asked when the plant will come on line to operate as it was designed to. Misha replied that the plant will start treating sewage next Thursday. We have an online pipeline connecting the existing Golf Course Sewage Treatment Plant to Rice Road and after that we have the ability to run sewage to the plant next Thursday. Commissioner Pearce said he would like to see it when it is up and running and suggested squeezing it into the first meeting in November. Misha said that Shaw Engineering wants to do some kind of presentation because this is the first plant to use membrane technology in this area. They are also looking for recognition through the media.

County Manager Goetsch said the State Board for Financing Water Projects that participated in our water projects but not in our sewer has asked to visit and see the facilities in October. As Misha stated, this is well worth bringing Shaw out and taking the board out to discuss the highly technical aspect of the MBR technology and the quality of the water that this plant produces. As he has said a couple of times in public to some of the upstream entities, it is interesting that Churchill County is at the bottom of the Carson and Truckee Rivers but has built a plant that produces the highest quality and closest to drinking water effluent that could be put back into the rivers and actually improve the quality of the rivers. Our effluent is a higher quality than anybody upstream, which is backwards. They should take an example from us and improve their facilities. Commissioner Frey suggested that we work it into our departmental tours.

Consideration and possible action re: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Lahontan Conservation District and Churchill County, Jessi Eckert, LCD Secretary.

Jessi Eckert showed a Power Point presentation of the accomplishments and goals of the Lahontan Conservation District. Lahontan Conservation District provides soils, wetland and irrigation information to the Planning Department regarding maps that are submitted for approval. They also provide surveying and conservation practice expertise on county-owned property. The District charges the County \$25 per hour and has averaged \$600 per year. This funding is separate from grant matching Carson River cleanup or other projects. Larger projects, such as revegetation projects, are done on an individual contract basis.

One project was the ditch lining on County property, which they worked with the Road Department to complete. This project solved the problem of seepage into a neighbor's property. They have four monitoring wells upstream of the liner to monitor ground water to see if the problem is a high water table or ditch seepage through irrigation. They are also helping 2 property owners to revegetate approximately 10 acres on the Swingle Bench. At this time, they have secured enough native seed from the NRCS Plant Materials Center for the property owners to plant this fall before the end of the irrigation season. They conducted 14 subdivision reviews with the Planning Department. She gave an update on previous projects. In 2004, Churchill County, Lahontan Conservation District, Stillwater Conservation District and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service implemented a trial project on the Wildlife property in Stillwater to alleviate wind erosion and dust control. They installed levies to irrigate the property and planted grass and shrubs, which was primarily greasewood and it is now 4-6 feet tall. They also did another trial project in 2004 in cooperation with the County on the Swingle Bench to learn about soil erosion and dust control on property where water rights were sold off of. It was a moderately successful project but the property is better than it was.

Commissioner Frey said those were very good results. Our objective was to cut down on wind erosion and dust control. Both of those properties look like it would be hard to make the dirt blow, so this is a great partnership. He thanked Jessi and also Tom for the expertise that he brings to the table.

Commissioner Pearce said these properties looked great. Chairperson Washburn said this is one of the best deals that Churchill County gets and she has no problem in renewing the contract.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the interlocal cooperative agreement for one year between Lahontan Conservation District and Churchill County for services provided by Lahontan Conservation District effective October 1, 2008. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: ACDC Properties Parcel Maps (TCID#07-113, Bass Road).

Planning Director Lockwood reported that the landowner would like to divide 12.92 acres into two parcels: one 5-acre parcel along Bass Road and one 7.92-acre parcel that has an existing home on it. There is an existing bridge at the southwest corner of the property allowing access to the east parcel along a road on the south side from Bass Road; the Fire Marshal requested that the bridge must be certified so he knows his trucks can get across it. The Planning Commission did grant a variance minimum average width of a parcel for the narrow strip of land going to Bass Road which was depicted in an olive green color on the overhead map. There is already an existing easement in that

portion of the property and it allows adequate access to the back property. In the event that there was a fire on the small home that is on the olive colored piece of property, Alan Kalt has granted access through his property for fire fighting services. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this parcel map, subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

Commissioner Frey asked, in regard to the roadway from Bass Road to the olive colored parcel on the right, what is the deciding factor in having it owned in fee title such as this one is proposing versus an easement. Eleanor replied that the ultimate result of that is that there are very few lenders who will lend on property with only an easement, which is why we have negotiated this for 9 months. One of first suggestions was to divide the property and create an easement from Bass Road to the property a minimum 30' wide in a driveway. The developer could not get financing for that. The problem is that an easement, although it is recorded, can be renegotiated in a court to unrecord it.

Commissioner Pearce asked if we are looking at this as a really long driveway. Eleanor agreed but it is a driveway owned by the property at the back, so they have a little bit more control than if it was just an easement on the front piece of property. Commissioner Pearce said he noticed the Fire Marshal's request that the bridge be certified to make sure that the trucks can get back there.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve the ACDC Properties Parcel Map (TCID#07-113, Bass Road) subject to:

- **Compliance with all provisions of Churchill County code (except minimum parcel width, since a variance was granted for this) including water right dedication,**
- **Recommendations of TCID regarding irrigation facilities, and**
- **Certification of existing bridge by Fallon/Churchill Fire Marshal.**

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

Consideration and possible action re: Parcel Map for Mark & Linda Hammond (TCID#06-150, Northview Drive).

Planning Director Lockwood reported that the landowner would like to divide 4.3 non-water righted acres into four parcels in the E-1 land use district on Northview Drive, which is off the Lovelock Highway. Northview Drive is currently not a County maintained road but is a dirt road at this time. Therefore, a requirement of recordation would be the construction of a paved road with appropriate turn-arounds built to County standards and the other conditions outlined in the report. The Fire Marshal may require an additional semi-turn-around between the Lovelock Highway and the first parcel being created. The Planning Commission voted unanimously in favor of recommending approval of this map.

Commissioner Pearce said there are a limited number of parcels being created, so the paving of Northview becomes a significant cost.

Commissioner Frey said this is a no brainer for the County because the County comes out with a real win if this does come to fruition because the County gets its road paved and brought up to County standards. It will be another County maintained road when it is done but it is a win-win for the County and neighborhood. Planning Director

Lockwood said if the developer does decide to go through with it, he doesn't own the parcel depicted in white on the overhead map between the blue parcel and the Lovelock Highway and, therefore, he could enter into a reimbursable contract with the County so that if those parcels develop in the future, there could be some reimbursement to the developer.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the Mark & Linda Hammond Parcel Map (TCID#06-150, Northview Drive) subject to:

- **Compliance with all provisions of Churchill County code including water right dedication,**
- **Construction of a paved road (Northview Drive) and paved cul-de-sac to County standards from Highway 95 through the last parcel being created,**
- **Further recommendations of the County Building Department regarding septic systems, and**
- **Further recommendations from the Fire Marshal.**

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

Consideration and possible action re: Tentative Parcel Map, Franklin & Joyce Wadsworth (TCID#08-027, Crook Road).

Planning Director Lockwood reported that the subject property is located on South Crook Road between Highway 50 and Stark Lane in the AICUZ. The lots will be partially water righted. As per state and County policy, we forwarded this map to several entities, including the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and they do have concerns. There was a letter from the Nevada Department of Transportation dated September 8, 2008 requesting further recommendations or requirements from NDOT (Exhibit "B" to the Agenda Report). There was a letter from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation dated September 10, 2008 (Exhibit "C" to the Agenda Report). Mr. Bell was asked if the intent was to keep these parcels irrigated because a ditch system was not seen to feed the lower group of lots along Stark Lane. Mr. Bell explained that the whole row of lots are irrigated from the south to north and there is an existing ditch. The whole project was laid out to utilize the existing ditches, to minimize the construction in that regard. Almost all of the lots have existing ditches lying next to them. NDOT may require traffic analysis and there may be some stringent requirements made if this development moves forward because of the safety issues with the Highway. The property owners have been talking to NAS Fallon about a conservation easement deed on the property but she thinks that they are looking at all of their options as to what is the best thing to be done with this property. There are a large number of 5 acre parcels that will be developed. This is, obviously, a concern to the Navy and a letter was submitted from NAS Fallon basically stating that they uphold property owner rights and if this development was to go forward, they obviously have concerns but understand that they can't prevent it. The Planning Commission took all of these concerns into consideration and voted unanimously in favor of recommending approval of this map, subject to the conditions outlined in the Agenda Report.

Chairperson Washburn said she sees that the NAS and NDOT letters were addressed but asked what was in BOR's letter. Planning Director Lockwood said that BOR normally sends about a 3 page letter which essentially asks that we remember that if

there are BOR and TCID facilities and we are requiring crossings of their facilities, there is a process to go through and it takes a long time. Commissioner Frey asked if the developers have been advised of that process. Planning Director Lockwood replied yes and no. The engineers and surveyors that work with these developers are aware of it but whether that gets to the developer, who is a farmer, is unknown. Whether he wants to focus on those requirements is unknown because it is not his intent to develop the property himself but to sell the property as a development. She said that we do our best to get that across and we now have the property owners sign a letter on a tentative map indicating that they understand that it might have an effect on their taxes, that it will have an effect on dedication of water rights, and that if houses are built that there are impact fees associated with that. We try to get the developers to make a conscious decision that they want to move forward with development.

Commissioner Frey said this development with so many parcels is way out of line with what we want to do. This kind of throws it back in our faces as to our intent with things like the cluster development concept. He asked if there is any guarantee that in the future they couldn't go in and split all of these 5 acres parcels down to one acre parcels and take the water rights completely off of them. Planning Director Lockwood said there is currently no guarantee in our Codes at this time. Our Codes state that we have a buffer around NAS Fallon, our Master Plan states that we support NAS Fallon and that we don't support zoning down to a higher density. We know what happens when administration changes.

Chairperson Washburn said this seems to be so counter to what we spent so much time and energy on over the last several years. There are conservation easements on properties all around this one to the north, west and east. It just seems so counter to think this would be allowed to go in with 40+ lots. It has to be a hardship on the irrigation system and the community as a whole. Just the points that were brought up in the Navy and NDOT letters are red flags to her that we shouldn't allow this. The extra requirements that would be put on homes to be built in that area, the noise and the crash zone just do not fit in our plan that we have worked so hard on. She really has a problem with this map.

Planning Director Lockwood replied that, as she said in her introduction, she believes that the property owner is looking at the best options that are available to him, whether that be in tax assessment or best value for his property. She is sure that he is taking all of that into consideration. She knows that the Navy has been talking to him. Perhaps we could continue this and request the County Manager meet with the Navy and with the property owner to discuss the reluctance of the County to move forward with this because of all of the concerns that we have raised. We could see if we can convince the property owner that the best way to move forward with this land, because of its location to NAS Fallon and the crash zone and all of the stringent requirements on any development in that area, is a conservation easement. Chairperson Washburn said another concern of hers, if we allow it, is that someone in the neighboring area could look at this and say that we allowed them to do it so now it is their turn. It just doesn't fit our plan. We've talked about setting a precedence and variances before and really drew a line on those elements and she thinks this would open the door to looking for more development out in that area rather than less.

Commissioner Pearce said this runs counter to everything we have worked on. Given the close proximity to NAS Fallon, all of the other options out there for this property that are more desirable for the County and the Navy, including the TDR programs, conservation easements and others should be considered rather than what is here before us. He thinks it is a good idea to continue this and give the County Manager and Planning an opportunity to meet with the Navy and property owner to see if we can get a better solution.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to continue this matter and direct the County Manager and Planning Department to meet with the Navy and the property owner to see if we can come up with a better solution for this property. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Request for an extension of time on the Vista del Verde Planned Unit Development Tentative Subdivision Map (TCID#06-035, Country Club Drive and Rice Road).

Planning Director Lockwood reported that the Vista Del Verde Planned Unit Development, off of Country Club Drive and Rice Road, is a 19 single-family residential lot development with approximately ±1.73 acres of open space in the E-1 land use district. The tentative map was approved with conditions on October 18, 2006. The combination of poor real estate sales and the construction of the County sewer treatment facility have basically taken up the initial two-year time period. Justin Schneider has piped and began filling the TCID drain through this project. Staff recommends the tentative subdivision map be extended for one year from date of approval (all conditions attached to the original approval apply).

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the request for extension of the Vista del Verde Planned Unit Development Tentative Subdivision Map (TCID#06-035, Country Club Drive and Rice Road) for one year. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

Consideration and possible action re: The Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance thanks the board for the annual contribution of \$30,000 and requests the first and second quarter disbursements in the sum of \$15,000.

The Lahontan Valley Environmental Alliance thanks the board for the annual contribution of \$30,000 and requests the first and second quarter disbursements in the sum of \$15,000. The LVEA provides a letter outlining its accomplishments and future goals.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion directing the Comptroller to disburse the first and second quarter payments in the sum of \$15,000 to LVEA. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Notification of Regional Recognition of Public Health Nurse for her Eighteen Year Career as the Public Health Nurse in Fallon, Churchill County, Nevada.

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, provided notification that Rose Lorentzen, R.N., Public Health Nurse in Churchill County, has been recognized in a

regional publication for nurses for the services she has provided. It is extraordinary to be recognized as a service provider on a regional level. This recognition is a positive note for the community and deserves our notice.

Commissioner Pearce said this is pretty impressive recognition and he feels we should have some form of recognition for Rose but he is not sure what. This is an impressive achievement.

Chairperson Washburn said Rose has certainly kept us together through the ups and downs with that office because she stuck with it. She agrees we should do something.

Commissioner Frey said something would be very appropriate because she has been the stabilizing and consistent influence in that office. It is such a vital service to our community. Sometimes that is the only health care people get and they rely upon that.

County Manager Goetsch said he will get that prepared for signature by the board and then deliver it.

Consideration and possible action re: Request from Don Mello to send a letter from the County to NDEP re: Bango Oil's application for a revised Air Quality Operating Permit.

Planning Director Lockwood reported that representatives from Bango Oil have met with the Planning Department to discuss submittal of a revised Special Use Permit. To date the application has not been received. The second round of odor sampling was completed by mid-August and a completed report will be submitted by Rick Whimple at the October 15th meeting. The Planning Department has continued to receive complaints about odors from residents in the area although the number of complaints is significantly less than last year. Residents have indicated that, at times, the odor is very strong.

Chairperson Washburn indicated for the record that we have also received a letter from Doug Hill requesting that a letter be sent to NDEP on the same subject matter. She then read the draft letter into the record and for the knowledge of the residents attending the meeting.

Planning Director Lockwood said she has talked to many residents in the area but she wanted to update the board and public on her discussions with Bango Oil. She has spoken to Phil Solaro and sent 2 letters to Bango Oil informing them that they cannot increase from their current permit without applying and receiving an amended Special Use Permit. The County has also amended our Codes whereby the Planning Commission or staff are authorized to seek a panel of experts in the field of the particular industry and experts in the field of the emissions that the industry may emit into the atmosphere. Rusty and she have worked with Glenn Miller, who is no longer with UNR but who put us in touch with the head of Environmental Affairs, who is an expert in several areas, including atmospheric chemistry. She has already had a discussion with him and he is in the process of speaking with other persons suggested by Glenn Miller as experts in this area. Bango has not yet submitted an application for a revised SUP. When it does, Mr. Mello will be the first one to know but she has also advised Mr. Mello that the review process will take much longer than the normal process. What she and Rusty are trying to do between now and when the SUP application is filed, is to meet with the panel of experts to make sure that we all understand the history of Bango Oil and she is sure that will involve at least one visit out to Bango Oil to fully understand what is the production that is going on there and what constitutes and is involved with all of the processes. Her

hope is that with the panel of experts we can actually get to the bottom of why there are odors in the vicinity, why are they being produced and why they bounce around as they do. She hopes that we are on top of it and she hopes that the panel of experts can help us understand what is going on out there and provide us with more and better information when the application for an amended SUP is submitted.

Chairperson Washburn asked Rusty if there is some way to strengthen the letter to the state so they understand the importance of the matter. Civil Deputy District Attorney Jardine said that the board has the discretion to incorporate some terminologies a little more pointed. That is clearly within the board's prerogative. The limitation is that we are dealing with an entity of state government that occupies this field of regulation. It is frustrating because we do not have the ability to supersede their realm of authority but, on behalf of our residents, we can put terminology phrases that will make clear the point.

Commissioner Pearce said in addition to our letter, he thinks it would be wise to make sure that Senator McGinness is up to speed and ask him to write a letter to NDEP to encourage them to take into consideration the County process and concerns we have. He knows from speaking to Senator McGinness that state agencies tend to pay more attention to legislators coming into or during a session, so we may have a window of opportunity here that supports our position and our letter. He is sure we can count on him for that if we bring him up to speed on this. Chairperson Washburn suggested that we expand that to Assemblyman Grady.

Commissioner Frey said this has been one of the most difficult things for this board. He would hope that NDEP would come into the SUP process to make a presentation so that we know where NDEP is going to go and where their authority is. We've learned so much with air quality and water and waste water aspects over the last 8 years that he has been on the board. He has been highly disappointed every time by NDEP's ability to have any teeth in any of their areas of expertise of water pollution control or air pollution control. He doesn't want to go into an SUP process without having Planning and the County Commission fully aware of where NDEP can work and where they can't and definitely want the public involved that has to deal with this. If he had his way, it would be tied to the owners of Bango Oil having to go out and live in Esther Moore's residence for two months during the summer time and things like that. He is very disappointed in the promises that they have made also. It has been a very, very frustrating process for everybody, especially the residents that are living there.

Planning Director Lockwood said she feels the same frustration but she is also frustrated with issues dealing with personalities. Perhaps the letter could also request that the NDEP staff cooperatively work with the County and make themselves available to explain to the Planning Commission and the public the role that they will and can lead and that they will work with us. When she is told in public meetings that we are interfering where we shouldn't interfere, it is very frustrating.

Don Mello said that the residents have talked to Senator McGinness and Assemblyman Tom Grady. Tom said he has smelled it. He said they are scared to death of what could happen in the near future. When you talk about going from 19,000 gallons a day to 57,000 gallons a day that is very scary because they are suffering as it is! The only thing scarier is telling the farmers that there is no water in Lahontan Dam. He has talked to Brad Goetsch, who thought things were pretty well squared away as he hadn't received any complaints or heard any reports lately. As long as they are cooking,

somebody is getting the odor. The residents had a meeting the other day and picked up at least 10-12 more people who are dealing with the smell and will send letters to the state. The smell is not as sickening as it has been but it is just as frequent. They are now building a railroad spur that they got a building permit for that he doesn't know how many hundreds of thousands of dollars it is costing them. He knows the argument will be that they are spending all this money on a railroad spur and you are only going to allow us to do 19,000 gallons a day. That should not be a reason to approve the expansion. It would be like building a home without a permit and then telling the County must approve it now that it is built. They are doing exactly the same thing. Phase 2 is one of those things where he has a letter from the County that says they are going to run one or the other and he has a letter from the state that says they can run concurrently, and he has a news article from the owner that says that they are going to double the plant. It is either double or triple, however you want to multiply it out. There is still no one that can tell us for sure what is in each of those loads. He knows that it is not pure oil; he knows that these guys that have these holding tanks put whatever they can't get rid of into them, whether it is antifreeze, solvent or whatever and then it is not their problem anymore once they pump it out. He wouldn't believe those guys if they were standing on a stack of Bibles and gave him a sample and told him that it came out of that truck, even if he watched them. The residents are frustrated. There is probably close to 50 families dealing with this smell regularly and it will only get worse. God save us all if they start pumping 50-60,000 gallons a day through their system because it will only get worse.

Commissioner Frey said he agreed with Don on a lot of what he said but he disagreed with him regarding the only thing worse would be an empty reservoir. With an empty reservoir, we have disaster programs but there is no disaster program there for this. We were promised by the owners, as he understands it, that there would not be problems for the neighbors. There are problems for the neighbors. They have had some relief this year this past summer but there is no guarantee that doubling, tripling or quadrupling capacity is going to provide complete safety and relief for the neighbors out there. It is their property values, health, and safety that is at stake. He is frustrated but he knows that he can't be as frustrated as the people who live there.

Chairperson Washburn said all of us are frustrated but this is our community and we need to do what we can to maintain it the way that we want it maintained.

Sherry Wideman said she lives at 13993 Cadet Road. She did some research on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and there is another secondary one that they are not referring to called their Welfare Based Policy, which has to do with nitrous oxides. According to Bango's permit, it doesn't look like they even addressed that. What she found was a lot of lawsuits against the environmental agencies who didn't do this before things went into affect. She thought that is something that we could address in the letter. What we need to do is stop the permit because once they get that permit, it will be next to impossible to stop the expansion. According to the Nevada Revised Statutes, shouldn't they have conducted some sort of investigation of 30% of the population to be effected by the smells? Have they done any of this due diligence? That is their responsibility. How can they get a permit and not follow the NRS?

Commissioner Frey suggested that she give this research to Rusty so that he has them to look up and make a determination if we can work from that. He also wants to have a very full understanding of what our rights are in the process and where our District

Attorney is willing to defend us in approving or not approving a Special Use Permit nailed down very, very tightly. He feels he's been snookered on this and he doesn't like that. Ms. Wideman said they are talking about putting 32 tons of nitrous oxides per year and 72 tons of sulfur dioxides per year. Those are all known carcinogens that cause respiratory problems and childhood asthma. They are also putting 12 tons of carbon monoxide into the air and she knows that when she is outside gardening and that smell moves in, she gets an instant headache and she thinks that is from carbon monoxide poisoning. Commissioner Frey said we have to be careful because we can't lay blame for something that we don't know for a fact, however, at the same time, what compounds do we test for? There could be any manner of things we don't have a clue about. If they don't know exactly what is in there when they mix, when they apply them to fire, when they blend them with other chemicals that were in the prior batch, there is so much chemistry happening here in a very short period of time. He doesn't see how they can know what they are doing other than getting rid of it. It is a bad deal if they are getting rid of it in our air and our air is going over our community. Ms. Wideman said she doesn't understand how we have generations that have lived out in this valley for generation after generation and they are saddled with the burden of proof instead of the company, which is wrong.

County Manager Goetsch said the practical suggestion he would have is to pull those sections and questions and include in the letter from the County that the residents and the County are asking these questions and that we could demand that as part of the Special Use Permit that these be answered prior to consideration of approval of the SUP. Ms. Wideman said she knows that every time she smells that smell she documents it and calls it into them so there is a record of it. It is inconceivable that they would consider approving this.

Chairperson Washburn said that Brad's comment is what she meant when talking about strengthening the letter. Let's get some particulars in the letter. This draft is very meek and mild as presented. We need more that we can back up and say this is our reasoning for this letter and she wants those points in the letter.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to send a letter from the Board to NDEP, a strong letter strengthened in the ways discussed today, advising them that a revised Special Use Permit will be required of Bango Oil to increase production and that residents in the area are continuing to be impacted by the odors and requesting that NDEP take this into consideration when reviewing the subject application. Commissioner Pearce wanted to include Eleanor's demand that NDEP work with us during the SUP process and that we get the support of appropriate legislative representatives to suggest the same. Commissioner Frey said he is in concurrence with those recommendations being included in his motion. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the formation of a Churchill County Criminal Justice Committee.

County Manager Brad Goetsch reported that, in order to bring together public safety and legal professionals and to align long term efforts to improve facilities, processes and services in our community, a series of meetings have been held, consultants have been engaged and members of the County staff recently attended the planning of new infrastructure class, put on by the Department of Justice. The results were introduction to a network of committees and professionals involved in similar process improvement and recommendation to initiate formation of a Criminal Justice Committee or working group to lead our community effort and advise elected officials on all aspects of community criminal justice needs and plans. The proposed committee make-up is as follows: County Commission Representative, County Manager, District Attorney, Sheriff, Jail Administrator, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Fallon Police Department Chief, District Court Judge, Justice of the Peace, Municipal Court Judge, City Attorney, City Representative, Parole and Probation Sergeant, Public Defender and one or two interested lay citizens.

Clerk/Treasurer Helton said she wants to be included on the committee. There were several recommendations made during that presentation that directly reflect changes to the courts. She knows that the District Court Judge is included but he is not over the Courts, so she requests that either herself or a member of her staff at the court be included as a member on the committee.

Commissioner Pearce said this is a fairly large group of 15-17 and eventually we want long-term solutions and infrastructure. Infrastructure means garnering public support for a way to do that. He thinks that rather than limiting it to 1-2 lay people that we get 2 county and 2 city lay representatives. It is already a fairly large group so that will not make that much of a difference but it is important to have the general public feel like they have had a voice in the process. Chairperson Washburn agreed and said that part of the reasoning behind forming the committee was to get the lay people involved. She has no problem with adding 2 from the county and 2 from the City. It is a large committee and very seldom would you get everyone to every meeting but we need the input from the public.

Commissioner Frey said, in keeping with his brother's theory that meetings are no substitute for progress and the railroad's policy that in order to get one railroad crossing one must give up two, he wishes that we could give up 2 committees somewhere. However, this is necessary and a very important group of decisions to be made, so to get the input from the community is very important.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to approve the formation of the Churchill County Criminal Justice Committee as outlined in the Agenda Report, with the addition of 2 more lay people, for a total of 4, with 2 representing the City and 2 representing the County at large and the Clerk/Treasurer or her designee. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Request to transfer funds from the Public Transit Funds to the Churchill County Road Department for the Pasture Road Asphalt Overlay Project and for the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Road Supervisor Lingenfelter reported that, at the regular Regional Transportation meeting held on September 17, 2008, the board approved the following transfers, subject to available funding:

1. Transfer of funds to the Churchill County Road Department in the amount of \$445,090.41 from Public Transit Funds for payment on the Pasture Road Asphalt Overlay Project.
2. Transfer of funds to the Churchill County Road Department in the amount of \$26,227.40 from Public Transit Funds for the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to approve the transfers as approved by the Regional Transportation Commission, subject to available funding as recommended by the County Comptroller. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Bill 2008-H, Ordinance 105, an Ordinance providing for enabling regulation of applications made in Churchill County, Nevada, for licensing and permitting purposes which involves the submission of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other related matters.

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ENABLING REGULATION OF APPLICATIONS MADE IN CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA, FOR LICENSING AND PERMITTING PURPOSES, AND WHICH INVOLVES THE SUBMISSION OF FINGERPRINTS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

SUMMARY: FEDERAL LAW (Pub. L. 92-544, 86 Stat. 1115 (1972)), PROVIDES THAT IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER PURPOSES AUTHORIZED FOR THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI), THE EXCHANGE OF IDENTIFICATION RECORDS BY THE FBI WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE PREDICATED UPON STATE STATUTE, FOR USES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERMITTING AND LICENSING OF APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS. THIS ORDINANCE, THEN, PROVIDES ENABLING REGULATIONS FOR APPLICATIONS MADE IN CHURCHILL COUNTY BY PERSONS SEEKING PERMITTING AND LICENSING FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS WHERE ANY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IS TO BE MADE WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. THIS ORDINANCE IS INTENDED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ENABLING "STATE STATUTE" CONTEMPLATED BY PUBLIC LAW. THIS ORDINANCE ALSO PROVIDES FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Civil Deputy District Attorney Rusty Jardine reported that this Ordinance provides enabling regulations for applications made in Churchill County by persons seeking permitting and licensing for certain occupations where any exchange of information is to be made with the FBI. This Ordinance is intended to satisfy the requirement of an enabling "State Statute" contemplated by Public Law.

Commissioner Frey said that in going through the definitions it gives the definitions for applicant, the board, employees, employers and volunteers or whatever but

in the body of the text on page 5, under section .040 it talks about the subject's fingerprints and in section .060 it talks about the record subject. He is assuming that these refer to the applicant, the volunteer, or the employee but not the board. He asked if that is what we are referring to. Civil Deputy District Attorney Jardine replied affirmatively. Commissioner Frey asked if it should be spelled out or if it is spelled out somewhere in general law that those are the subject. Rusty replied that he is not sure that it is required that any further interpretive material be given in that connection. He thinks this applies to those persons that will be the object of this kind of inquiry. The definitions lend information there as to who we are and what our interest in obtaining that information regarding those applicants and subjects would be. It certainly could be tightened up and he is happy to do that in anticipation of a public hearing being conducted in the matter. This proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigations for content. Commissioner Frey said it seems like we go through all of the definitions but then we don't refer to them again. We don't refer to applicant or employee again.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to set Bill No. 2008-H, Ordinance 105, for a public hearing on November 6, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Consideration and possible action re: Request to convert the County's Central Depository Account into an interest bearing account that is fully collateralized through the Nevada Pool Collateral Program.

Comptroller Kalt reported that a review of the County bank accounts has been conducted. It was noted that the County's Central Depository Account has a peg balance that covers the banking fees and the remaining balances are swept out and invested in overnight securities by Wells Fargo. The money and the corresponding earnings are swept back into the County's account the next morning. Given the recent economic conditions and concerns in the financial marketplace, it would appear to be more fiscally prudent to convert this account into an interest bearing account with Wells Fargo directly rather than buying overnight securities that may have additional risks to the County. Furthermore, the balances in the interest bearing account will be fully collateralized as part of Nevada Pool Collateral Program through the Nevada State Treasurer's Office at a minimum of 102% as required by Chapter 356 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Collateral Program requires the bank to have an independent third party (currently Bank of New York) hold securities that have Churchill County as the investment holder up to 102% of the amount on deposit by Churchill County. This would insure that all of these deposits/investments are collateralized. If the interest bearing account is established, the County would want to open a subsidiary account that will have a sufficient balance to offset the banking cost incurred by the County.

Wells Fargo has proposed to convert our Central Depository Account into an interest bearing account at a rate tied to the Federal Funds Rate (currently at 2%), less 30 basis points, for an overnight rate of 1.70%. This proposed rate is approximately 65 basis points higher than the current sweep account rate. Churchill County would need to establish a subsidiary account with a peg compensated balance to cover banking fees. The account would be reviewed quarterly to ensure it is at the proper balance to

maximize the interest earned for the County, while providing sufficient balances to cover the cost of the accounts.

Churchill County will continue to enjoy the favorable pricing changes that were approved by the Board of County Commissioners in May and these proposed changes will not be affected by this account structure adjustment. Churchill County should see an immediate increase in the interest earned on the account.

Since the current overnight rate on funds sweep is lower than the proposed interest bearing rate (Fed Funds, less 30 basis point) of 1.7%, it is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on our interest earnings. The funds will be secured and collateralized as required by statutes, thus protecting the security of these funds.

Chairperson Washburn said it seems, in today's world, that this is a very prudent thing to do, even if the interest rate was slightly lower. We need to protect the County's interests and not let Wells Fargo end up with our money.

Commissioner Pearce asked if this is what he has heard referred to as a "Sweep" account. Comptroller Kalt said you have a peg balance, which is what stays, and then you sweep out every dollar that is above that balance overnight and is invested and then it comes back the next day.

Commissioner Pearce made a motion to authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to adjust the County's Central Depository Account at Wells Fargo into an interest bearing account at a rate that is tied to the Federal Funds Rate, less 30 basis points. Noting that these funds would be fully collateralized as part of the Nevada Pool Collateral Program through the Nevada State Treasurer's Office at a minimum of 102% as required by Chapter 356 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Furthermore, authorizing the Clerk/Treasurer to establish a subsidiary account with a peg balance that would offset the banking cost. Balances would be reviewed quarterly in order to maximize the interest earnings for the County. Commissioner Frey seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Adjustment to Delays in Merit Increases for Churchill County employees.

Human Resources Director Stark reported that, as the Commissioners are aware, Churchill County employees receive performance evaluations every year on their anniversary dates. If an employee's performance is rated satisfactory or above, the employee is eligible to receive a merit increase on said anniversary date. In an effort to address potential budget shortfalls and to reduce the likelihood of needing to further reduce the County's workforce, the budget for fiscal year 2009 (FY 09) included six-month delays in merit increases.

A recent review of the current budget numbers indicates the County's budget is now able to support a reduction in that merit increase delay. Rather than a six-month delay, staff recommends the delay in merit increases be reduced to three months. For example, employees whose anniversary dates were July 1, 2008 were told their merit increases would be delayed until January 1, 2009. If this change is made, their merit increases would only be delayed until October 1, 2008.

It is clear that a good number of the County's employees were supportive of the County's efforts to reduce budgets for this fiscal year. In fact, many employees

expressed a willingness to delay merit increases rather than risk a reduction in force. Staff believes that reducing the delay in merit increases to three months will be an encouragement to County employees.

County Manager Goetsch stated that he was extremely proud of our employees when we went through the budget process. When employees recognized the projections and conditions that are going on nationwide and in Nevada especially and how this housing slump and the economic downturn has impacted everybody, it was over 80% of employees in a poll were supportive of delaying their own merit increases if it would help the County budget and if it would help to keep people working in the County rather than laying people off. It was a real team-oriented culture rather than an entitlement culture where everybody would have just been worried about themselves and not cared about those around them and just wanting to get what they could for themselves. It was encouraging and we need to compliment all departments on how they managed their budgets, how they have held up on purchases and how they have made efficiencies and managed a very austere budget extremely well, both in the City and the County. If we have the ability to find we are doing a little better than we thought we would be doing, he would like to share that with our employees who offered to help in the first place.

Chairperson Washburn agreed and stated that this is an example of the “Churchill County Team” spirit, which we don’t hear from other counties. They should be able to reap the profits of our financial situation being better. We need to take care of our employees first.

Commissioner Frey said merit increases are because they have earned those raises based on performance. Around the state, the other counties do not appreciate the same team spirit that we experience.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to reduce the delay in merit increases to Churchill County employees in FY 09 to three months, effective October 1, 2008. Commissioner Pearce seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Allocation of Health and Accident Insurance Premiums based on proportionate share of claims by the General County and CC Communications.

County Manager Goetsch reported that Churchill County has a pooled health insurance plan that includes the general county and CC Communications employees and retirees. The combined plan has over 250 insured lives. Currently, the premiums are blended and no consideration is given to the claims paid by the individual entities. Simply stated, Churchill County and CC Communications pays the same monthly premiums regardless of the paid loss ratio experience.

In 2004, the plan was bifurcated and rated separate, with the County paying \$484.92 per employee, per month, and CC Communications paying \$571.23 per employee, per month. CC Communications paid \$86.31 or nearly 18% more per month than the County. During the FY 2005 renewal, it was proposed and approved to blend the entities together with the rates being set at \$459.63 per employee, per month. This resulted in significant savings to CC Communications, as well as an overall reduction to the County rates. Since the initial blending in FY 2005, no changes have been made to the cost allocation of the premium. When the health insurance consortium included the City of Fallon, Churchill County School District, TCID, CC Communications and the

General County, the rates were based on the claims paid loss ratios of the individual entities.

For the past several years, the Insurance Advisory Committee has noticed the differences in the paid loss ratios between the General County and CC Communications. The Committee went as far as asking for separate rates in this past renewal for each of the entities. Based on pricing provided by the carrier, it was determined to be in the best financial interest of both entities to use the blended rates as the individual rates quoted were significantly greater than the blended rates in the renewal proposal. The Commissioners approved the blended rates and directed the management of the County and CC Communications to work out an agreement to address the current subsidy.

The intent of the change in premium allocation is consistent with the matching principle wherein the cost should be incurred by those who benefit from the cost. By definition, Enterprise Funds should operate in a manner to cover all the actual cost to provide their goods and/or services. The allocation of premiums based on a proportionate share of claims is consistent with industry standards and is a fair and reasonable basis over a long period of time.

The broker of record, ABD, has provided actual premium and claims data for the past five fiscal years. During that period of time, it appears that the County paid \$745,698 more than required under the claims paid basis. It is industry standards to rate plans based on claims incurred. It is the general consensus not to go back retroactive to collect the difference rather to go prospectively to address premium allocation based on a claims paid ratio.

There were many methods considered to true-up the premium allocation for the current year and on an on-going basis. These included considering various look-back periods, recognition of past imbalances and going to market for mid-year renewals. The advantage of a five year average would provide stability in the rates and payback. A shorter time frame could create greater volatility in the rates and not provide a reflection of the claims paid basis over a longer period of time.

The Insurance Advisory Committee continues to monitor and will be making renewal recommendations to our broker to consider for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. There is no guarantee that the consortium will continue in its current form with the same carrier and schedule of benefits. As with past practice, the Insurance Advisory Committee will make their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and approval prior to the renewal date.

Comptroller Kalt said that Brad gave an overview of what has taken place and, simply stated, if you will recall in the renewal process when we adopted the new plan, we adopted those rates and then there was the direction in the motion for management staff of CC Communications and the County to work out an agreement. Unfortunately, we have come to a point where we agree to disagree and we could not reach an agreement that both parties felt comfortable with. At that point, the question is what method do you want to use? Do you want us to set up a workshop session to discuss the issue in great detail and kind of go through the nuts and bolts or do you want to go with a policy development? He said he and Bob are here to answer any questions but, obviously, they each have their own theories and thought processes and each one have merit on both sides. He would just leave it at that.

Robert Adams said he would like to address the board. If you will notice from the Agenda item, he did not endorse it because he did not agree with it. When there was consideration earlier this year about getting stand alone rates for the County and CC Communications, he talked to Mr. Kalt and said, "Hey, Alan, in order for us to save some money, here is what CC Communications proposes is that if you get stand alone rates and the stand alone rates are less than the combined rate for CC Communications and the County, CC Communications will pay the difference between the stand alone rate and the combined rate." Then it was presented to the board in June to consider the rates and they were presented as a combined rate. Since that time, he and Alan have had discussions, which have not all been pleasant because they are both strong-willed individuals but, again, he had presented a draft Memorandum of Agreement to contain insurance costs. He presented that basically stating what he had stated in the conversation for that. CC Communications does not wish to be a drain on the County's finances. CC Communications has experienced negative claims experience during the last 5 years and many of the large claims come from dependents and retirees. CC Communications presented a proposal to pay the difference between the County's stand alone rates quoted and the combined rate to keep the County from paying for CC Communications' adverse claims experience. This proposal also included a calculation to credit the County should the adverse claims experience reverse itself in the future and the County facing a requirement to making a payment to CC Communications. In June, the Board of County Commissioners directed CC Communications and the County to work out an equitable solution to the issue. However, they have been unable to do so. Based on the County proposals, CC Communications would pay the County \$184,352.49 for fiscal year 2008-2009. However, in reviewing the stand alone rate they were quoted to CC Communications for fiscal year 08-09 for the HC033 plan, which they now have, it would cost CC Communications \$113,743.08 more on a stand alone basis than what they are paying for the combined basis. The difference between the County's request of \$184,000 and the \$113,000 is \$70,608.69. It is not financially prudent for CC Communications to do that. If he had known that the proposal that he presented to the County would be rejected, they would have decided to go on a stand alone basis. As an option to allow the County to enjoy the rates associated with their excellent claims experience, CC Communications has looked at alternative providers. One that appears attractive is the plan offered by NTCA. For slightly better coverage than what they have now, the savings to CC Communications for using the NTCA plan is approximately \$160,274.88 per year. This is approximately a 33% savings from what the company pays now. He would request at a later time to be allowed to investigate this plan further and present it to the board at a later date for approval if it proves to be beneficial. So, again, they had proceeded with the combined rate and it was his understanding that they would end up paying less for the combined rate than they would for a stand alone rate, even with the payment to the County. That apparently hasn't happened and, frankly, it would be the board's decision to see what they want to do with this but it doesn't seem to be financially prudent to pay the County more than what they would have had to pay on the stand alone rate.

Chairperson Washburn said she thinks this board here is in kind of an awkward position because we are representing the County and we are also representing CC Communications and, obviously, our request to work out an agreement hasn't worked.

We are to see what is best for the County and also what's best for CC Communications and protect the dollars on both boards or both entities. We are in a very awkward position. I am not privileged to have all those numbers that were just presented for my mind to comprehend what these differences are and how they would work and how they interplay. I see that we have a suggestion of a motion to set up a workshop to where maybe if this board has to make this decision because it can't be worked out between the County and the phone company as we originally requested. I am not prepared to make a vote on it today because I don't know enough about it and haven't been involved. I'd like to be able to see all this, the numbers that we would be making a decision on.

County Manager Goetsch said his only request would be that those actions be fairly timely because I agree with Bob – we need to look at this, we need to resolve it. He says to be fiscally responsible he'd like to save that money that is the difference and he'd like to have that decision. In making that decision, it costs the County an extra \$70,000+, so it is good for his organization but not good for ours. So, there does need to be a fairly quick resolution and if it is a stand alone where each entity gets their own insurance, that would be a good decision as well. We have asked Alan and he has engaged both industry experts and state experts and we think we have looked at this pretty carefully, so if the board hasn't had time to see that, we do have all of that information available and if we could go to that fairly quickly, that would be good for both of us.

Commissioner Pearce said I have heard both sides of it – it's come in both ears and I'm still not ready to make a decision. Commissioner Jim Carter warned me that there would be days when no matter which way I made a decision, somebody wouldn't like it and, obviously, this is going to be one of those decisions. I think the workshop session is important. I think it is one of those roll up your shirt sleeves or whatever and get all the stuff out on the big table and sit and look at it and discuss it. I think that's the only way to come up to a decision and I'm not sure there is going to be an equitable decision either way on this where everybody is happy. So, I think it is important to have a really good discussion on this, lay it all out, and everybody look at it.

Commissioner Frey said as much as he enjoys insurance, I tend to agree with the workshop idea but I'm also tending to lean towards the side that, you know, if this is creating an animosity between employees of two different sides of our responsibilities as a board here, let's separate those responsibilities – Churchill County gets it's insurance for it's people and the phone company gets it's insurance for it's people, pay the bill today, suck it up, let's get on with life and keep a little harmony in the family. I don't like insurance but I would sit through a workshop but it needs to be done post haste.

Chairperson Washburn said she agrees. I don't like insurance either and, like I said, I have heard both sides of this and I still don't feel that I would be comfortable with a decision one way or the other because I have had discussions with Bob, I've had discussions with Alan, I've had discussions with Brad but, at the same time, I've not seen the solid numbers that we'd have to use to make a decision on. That is why I would favor spending a few hours in a workshop to where we could actually discuss it and make a solid, sound decision as to what is best for both entities because I am responsible for both and I want that decision to be a good one whenever it happens. We do need to get it done quickly.

Commissioner Pearce said I agree with Commissioner Frey. We may end up doing what he alluded to but to get there, I still want to stand around the table and everybody talk and I think that is important. Again, meetings are no substitution for progress but, unfortunately, I think to get to the progress part, I think this meeting's going to be required. Whenever we could set this up but I will be missing the 14th through the 18th, so some other time later this month or early in November. I know, again, we are burning up time and we really need to come to some sort of decision on this. Probably at the same time, I think we need to have Bob and CC Communications take a close, hard look at the NTCA and see what that is really going to mean in depth so that we've got everything in front of us at one time – I think that is imperative.

Commissioner Frey said I think, too, that we are going to rely on staff to put the numbers together to present to us at the workshop. When would be the soonest that we could put the numbers together for a workshop because, if we could schedule it for early next week, I'm game for getting it on. It will be a one man show out at the farm for awhile. Bob said CC Communications can be ready by early next week. Alan said the County is ready at your beck and call. Chairperson Washburn said I would prefer it be after the first of next week after the 10th. My schedule is pretty full until then. Commissioner Pearce said I am okay with that as long as it before the 14th because I will be gone and I'd like to participate. Commissioner Washburn said that would be fine. Commissioner Pearce said if we can work out something before that, the 12th or the 13th. Commissioner Frey said the 12th is Sunday the 13th is Monday. Monday the 13th is always a great day for me. Chairperson Washburn said I think that will work but I don't have my calendar with me. Commissioner Pearce said that is my older daughter's birthday and that will be fine—she's up at college. Commissioner Frey said I'm not showing anything that would be a general conflict for any of us on Monday the 13th. My problem would be baling; I'd prefer it to be right after lunch. Commissioner Pearce said that works easier for me too. Chairperson Washburn said that is fine. Commissioner Frey said 1:30.

Commissioner Frey made a motion to set a workshop session to discuss health care pooling costs, allocation of health and accident care insurance premiums and effectiveness of Pools for October 13th at 1:30 p.m. here in the County Commission Chambers (note: Chambers previously booked so moved to Conference Room 102). Commissioner Pearce 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. Armstrong Teasdale, LLP provides its Monthly Report for August, 2008 concerning Yucca Mountain.

- B. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notice that it has reviewed the Groundwater Monitoring Report for the Second Quarter 2008 for the Time Oil Store.
 - C. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notice that it has reviewed the Product Recovery and Groundwater Monitoring Report for the 2nd Quarter 2008 concerning the Churchill County School District Bus Barn.
 - D. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) provides notification that Contract No. 3356 on various roads in Churchill County has been completely executed and has returned the bond.
 - E. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection provides notice of its Draft Air Quality Operating Permit No. AP2992-1473 for Bango Oil, LLC.
 - F. Order for a Temporary Stay of the Implementation of Performance Standards in the Matter of the Issues Concerning Representation of Indigent Defendants in Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency Cases.
 - G. The California Department of Fish and Game provides its Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding the Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project.
2. **REVIEW** – None.
3. **COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR JULY, 2008** –
- A. Building Department.
 - B. Planning Department.

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

CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CHAIRPERSON WASHBURN: Chairperson Washburn said she was visiting family for the past 2 weeks and was able to take 5 days to enjoy the fall weather with friends and family. The LVEA, Nevada Rural Housing and CEDA meetings were all cancelled. She attended the CWSD short meeting covering Carson City issues. At that meeting, they did a toast with Sparkling Cider celebrating that every county adopted the Water Resource Plan for the river. That was quite a mile stone because they thought there would be some opposition.

COMMISSIONER PEARCE: Commissioner Pearce said he left the mid-September meeting early to participate with the Mayor and Social Services for the National Recovery month celebration at Oats Park. He assisted the Mayor with awarding medals for the run/walk. He attended the Museum Board meeting and they continue to move forward and things are looking good for potential ways to allocate the bequest they received and where to put it. We will end up with a very nice facility when all is said and done. He attended the quarterly Yucca Mountain AULG meeting. This was the last meeting for Warren Sproat. His deputy will take over early next year on a temporary basis. Depending on who wins the election in November and what changes there may be as to what the new President will decide. The next meeting will be put off to follow the

inauguration of the new President. It is interesting to note a couple of issues that surfaced. One was the transportation plan for the rail line. The Caliente route is the only one talked about openly. However, one of the members, who is a transportation specialist for the Department of Energy, was quick to point out that it still may not be the route and there still may be another being considered. The Mina route is still out there in the background. There are some things at work in the back there and still worth taking a look at the Mina route again. It was a very interesting meeting. They are moving along with the process and they fully expect that the NRC, under the Congressional Acts, to render a decision in 2-3 years but Mr. Sproat said it would go longer and we probably would not get a decision before 4 years. There are some additions and minor clarifications to the EIS but they do not affect the process as a whole. The process will continue. There is potential for public input into the process as the NRC continues that process. He also attended the elected official's dinner on the 19th. It was a great event and he had a great time. He attended the Hospital Board meeting and he took Comptroller Kalt with him to discuss with the Churchill Community Hospital, Inc. board members the process the Board of County Commissioners would be going through in the upcoming transfer and sale of property to them. The Employee Management Committee did a great job with the Employee Appreciation Dinner and he had a fun time. It was a great evening.

COMMISSIONER FREY: Commissioner Frey said the elected and appointed dinner was a lot of fun and a good time for some personal interaction between everyone. He attended the Boys and Girls Club Appreciation dinner, which was fun and people enjoyed themselves. He went to the Navy League and got a free helicopter ride. It was a lot of fun to have that ride. He did an interview with a Russian teacher at Western Nevada College that is doing a paper of comparative governments. It was very interesting and he enjoyed that opportunity. He participated in the Library board meeting to discuss the bequest that the Library received and ways to invest that. The restriction was for publications and books but not for construction or to defray costs. It might be put in an annuity investment so that we get money coming in that can support adding to our publications purchased by the Library. There was a lot of work done at that meeting for the October 25th wine tasting event and they have secured *Silver Wings* band to perform. On the 25th they hosted 150 4th graders at the ranch for Carson River Work Days. They had a good time. He went to Eureka for the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority meeting and their new website is up and running now. One of the things that came out of that meeting is that we may need to request a government partnership with neighboring counties in Utah and California since our basins cross the boundaries and he thinks that will be a good thing if we can start a dialogue with the counties in Utah and California. The Employee Appreciation Dinner was a good time. He thanked the Employee Management Committee that put so much time into that dinner. On the 27th his son Joe graduated from Embry Riddle with a degree in Aviation Technologies. He participated in John Tewell's 80th birthday party and noted that it was Brad's birthday on the 29th.

COUNTY MANAGER GOETSCH: County Manager Goetsch said that exciting things are happening in renewables and he hopes we keep talking and bringing the board materials to read about it. The Renewable Energies Bill just made it back through Congress so there is money out there for incentives for geothermal to continue, for wind to accelerate and for solar to be going. We are lucky to have Gary and Misha that

understand that and, again, as we are looking at the potential to get 15-20% return on investment versus when our Comptroller can normally get us 4% when he works real hard in the markets. The potential for public/private ventures where we can bring substantial amounts of money and then do something in the wind, solar and geothermal renewables would be great for Churchill County. We are in a great place to be able to do that. There was contact made with BOR and they want to come out to talk about the TROA EIS model and meet with TCID, the City, County and others. He is going to negotiate a date to do that and to continue to look at TROA issues. They continue to try to get Churchill County and TCID to withdraw protests and to guarantee that there won't be future legal actions. We continue to tell them to prove to us there won't be impacts and we won't do that. That is ongoing and may be accelerating in the future. UNR has proposed putting on a Leukemia Symposium in 5 days. He was a little bit upset and called them back to say that if they are going to do things that have to do with Leukemia studies, why don't you come down to our community and present it to the people who want to know about it instead of doing it in Reno and secondly, how do we get less than 5 days notice on something this important when our board members are on vacations, our community is cutting hay and there are things going on. He told them a normal organization would give 2 weeks to a month notice and try to get community involvement. He asked for a delay but hasn't heard back from them yet. Dixie Valley meetings with BOR, USGS and the State Engineer yesterday went very well. The \$5 million that we were granted through Senator Reid to do that study, those federal organizations came back with almost a \$9 million budget for what they wanted to do. We told them to revise that to get it done in \$5 million. We got extremely close to what he thinks will be a very productive study of Dixie Valley. The State Engineer thinks we have covered all the bases that will allow us to make a decision on how much water there is in Dixie Valley, how safe it would be to bring that water from Dixie Valley in the future and how that would affect Dixie Valley geothermal development as well. He attended the Fire Safe Council. They do some very important work, especially in those more forested counties. Churchill County has one area, East Gate, that they have noted in their charts as a potentially dangerous fire area due to the aspect of south facing slopes and the prevailing winds from the west and south and other things they use to make that classification. The result is that we asked them to re-evaluate that because we are not really sure that East Gate qualifies as a truly extreme fire danger, although there are lightening strikes out there and it is on a southwest facing slope. They had rated the density of homes as high, so he drove out there. He asked if they had ever driven out there and was told that they had. They have contacted Mike Casey and folks. There are 4 homes out there and 2 or 3 of them are fairly close together, maybe a half an acre to an acre apart and then the farmstead is on over a ways with a few buildings. He doesn't classify that as high density. He asked for re-evaluation to be sure that they are looking at that correctly. We told them that we were conscious of it and that Mike Casey was aware and if he wanted to form a Fire Safe Council on his property that we would help him to do so. We met yesterday with the Shop Fallon Committee and they came up with a Check Fallon First Logo. They are making some progress on some posters and handouts to continue to encourage folks to think about the impacts and positive aspects of shopping Fallon first before going elsewhere. We will continue to upgrade that effort and work with the business owners and City and County entities on that effort. Jorge is doing

a great job on that. The base and County are working with a lot of property owners right now on different levels of conservation easements, from cluster developments to conservation easements in the formal sense such as the farms as presented at the last meeting. There is a perception out there that the appraisals are coming in a bit low and for anybody who has tried to sell a house in the last year, you know that appraisals are a little bit low. There is a perception that if they get maps approved and do other things that that will influence a higher appraisal. The appraisers chuckle at that and say that we are not appraising maps or what it could be but what is on the ground and what it is zoned as today. Somebody having a tentative map approved will not change their appraisal. They said if somebody has a final map approved and has made the improvements, that would change an appraisal. In an instance of what the board looked at today, there is probably about \$3-\$5 million of work that would have to be done in roads, culverts, maps, substantial negotiations with TCID, BOR and the Navy base and other things, probably years of work, and if all of those things take place, the appraisal on that property might be changed some. Just the fact that they asked for a tentative map doesn't change anything of what the potential use is. He thinks the board may see more of that going on until they really understand what increases values of land and what doesn't.

COMPTROLLER KALT: Comptroller Kalt said he sent the board the sales tax data for July. We remain relatively strong. Our decrease and actual receipts was relatively low, although we did see an increase in the actual level of taxable sales. One of the concerns that he has if you look at the detail of the data, car sales are down significantly and geothermal is what is supporting our numbers significantly. It is his understanding that there are people who want to purchase cars but can't get financing. You are seeing that both on the home side and major purchases like that. He had 2 meetings with the Committee on Local Government Financing. They adopted some regulations dealing with governmental auditing standards that independent auditors have to comply with. That doesn't have an impact on Churchill County because of the size of our government and our audits are done on Governmental Auditing Standards. They are working on regulations to help smaller quasi-government agencies like CEDA so that they don't have to have a full blown audit. They continue to work with entities that are in financial difficulty. He has been assigned to work on the transition team for White Pine County and he is pleased with their progress of working out of the financial emergency and technical assistance stage. As Lynn talked about, at the hospital board meeting he walked them through some of the elements associated with the sales agreement. We have received the appraisals. It appears that we will not be ready for the October 15th meeting but should have it ready for the November 6th meeting. His office is working on closing the fiscal year end. They are doing some final adjusting, journal entries and the auditors will be here next week. He has been working with Patti on the equipment replacement program to be presented at their meeting today. The Big Read function was held on Saturday and Aarik Wilson Day was held at Oats Park on Sunday. He attended the school assembly at one of the elementary schools and spend some one-on-one time with Aarik. What a strong individual. A person could write a book about his success story and his quiet drive. His story would motivate many and it was inspiring to participate in that. A lot of comments have been made about the County and the awesome relationship that we have. He was reminded of an internal slogan that was made many years ago, "Working together we achieve superior results", which epitomizes why we have been

successful. Clearly that has been the case of department heads and elected officials and staff working together cooperative and it has paid huge dividends. We look forward to continuing that in everything that we do, whether it be in infrastructure or the Employee Management Committee. It is a great organization to work for because we work together.

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

CLERK/TREASURER HELTON: Clerk/Treasurer Helton said that the second installment of taxes is due next Monday. Absentee ballots have been mailed to military personnel and dependents overseas. Absentee ballots will be mailed to residents who are outside the state on Monday. Early voting starts on October 18th and will be conducted on Nevada Day. The Clerk/Treasurer's Office is not required to be open per statute but she made a decision to conduct early voting since staff would working and they do expect people to come in. The Secretary of State interpreted statutes a different way but the office was already going to be open for early voting. Commission Secretary Moore thanked Lynn and Norm for emceeding the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

CLAIMS AND PAYROLL TRANSMITTALS

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
Gwen Washburn, Chair

ATTEST:

Kelly G. Helton, Clerk of the Board