

**Board of County Commissioners
Lyon County, Nevada**

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV 89447.

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Commissioner Scott Keller, Vice Chair Commissioner Tammy Hendrix, Commissioner John Cassinelli, and Commissioner David Hockaday

Absent: Commissioner Robert Jacobson

Staff Present: County Manager Andrew Haskin and District Attorney Steve Rye

2. Invocation given by Will Corley of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation

Comm. Keller asked for public comment.

Brad Johnston, resident of Mason Valley, shared his concern with the possible expansion of the Donald J Trump Justice Complex and how it would affect the youth baseball fields to the east.

5. For Possible Action: Review and Adoption of Agenda

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

Comm. Hendrix moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

6. Presentation of awards and/or recognition of accomplishments

6.a. For Presentation Only: Present Sergeant Gabriel Santos, Deputy Jessie Cornett, Deputy Ian Foster, Deputy Jessica Frontuto, and Deputy Travis Masterson with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office "Life Saving Award".

Sheriff Brad Pope presented Sergeant Gabriel Santos, Deputy Jessie Cornett, Deputy Ian Foster, Deputy Jessica Frontuto, and Deputy Travis Masterson with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award.

The Commissioners thanked the Sergeant and Deputies for their continued efforts.

6.b. For Presentation Only: Present Dispatch Supervisor Eric Engelman, Dispatcher Elizabeth Waid, and Dispatcher Mickenzie Stretch with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office "Life Saving Award".

Sheriff Brad Pope presented Dispatch Supervisor Eric Engelman, Dispatcher Elizabeth Waid, and Dispatcher Mickenzie Stretch with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award.

The Commissioners thanked the dispatchers for their continued efforts.

7. Commissioners/County Manager Reports

Comm. Hendrix started by congratulating Taylor Allison for being awarded the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association President's 2025 Partner of the Year. She stated that she attended the Silver Springs Advisory Board, the NACO Public Lands and Steering Committee meeting, the Quad County Legislative meeting, the Carson Water Subconservancy Board meeting and also had a meeting with legislative representatives.

Comm. Cassinelli attended the Dayton Valley Conservation District meeting and the Northern Nevada Development Authority meeting. He also attended a few meetings with CAMPO.

Comm. Hockaday attended the Walker River Irrigation District meeting and the Planning Commission meeting. He thanked County Manager Andrew Haskin for attending several meetings. He thanked the citizens in his district for contacting him with concerns.

Comm. Keller attended the Fernley City Council meeting, the NACO Rural Action Caucus meeting, the NACO Legislative Committee meeting, the Quad County Legislative meeting and met with members of the County Coalition.

County Manager Andrew Haskin attended the Nevada Broadband Office meeting and the annual FAA meeting. He also attended a few CAMPO meetings. He informed the board that the SB53 hearing will be next week on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. He congratulated Taylor Allison for being awarded the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association President's 2025 Partner of the Year. He recognized Erin Lopez for her service to the BOCC as she is transferring to a different department.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Lopez for her hard work and wished her the best of luck.

Comm. Keller asked for clarification as to what OSIT is, to which Mr. Haskin stated it is the Office of Science Innovation and Technology and they are responsible for the broadband in the state.

8. Elected Official's Reports

Sheriff Brad Pope gave a presentation. He stated the Sex Offender Task Force has been revamped to make sure these individuals are in compliance.

9. Appointed Official's Reports

Community Development Director Gavin Henderson provided an update regarding the public nuisance property that was discussed at the last meeting.

10. Advisory Board Reports

Advisory Board Liaison Erin Lopez thanked the advisory boards for their help and cooperation. She thanked the Commissioners, County Manager Andrew Haskin and former County Manager Jeff Page for their support over the years.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 11.a. through 11.j, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

11.a. For Possible Action: Review and accept claims and financial reports.

County claims totaled \$2,133,089.44 and payroll totaled \$1,362,150.15. The cash balance as of January 31, 2025, was \$124,361,600.29.

11.b. For Possible Action: Review and accept travel claims. Review and accept travel claims.

Travel claims total as of January 31, 2025 was \$4,455.64.

11.c. For Possible Action: Approve the February 6, 2025 minutes.

The February 6, 2025 minutes were approved.

11.d. For Possible Action: Approve the changes on Assessor's tax roll due to correction in assessments and review of tax roll changes.

Secured Factual Corrections totaled \$2,550.65 and Unsecured Factual Corrections totaled \$2,550.65.

11.e. For Possible Action: Approve increasing the County Fleet by one to purchase a heavy duty dump trailer for the Facilities Department in the amount not to exceed \$12,000 from funds already in the 2024-2025 Facilities budget for equipment.

11.f. For Possible Action: Approve an amendment to the health services agreement with Recon Technologies, Inc. to extend the original Healthcare Agreement by twelve (12) additional months to June 30th, 2026, with a 5% increase.

11.g. For Possible Action: Approve a Contract for Ledezma-Aguilar Garden Services for the amount of \$800 per month for the maintenance of the medians on Dayton Valley Road.

11.h. For Possible Action: Accept Fiscal Year 2025 grant agreement from Nevada Department of Business & Industry Housing Division, to use for Low-Income Housing Welfare Set-Aside funds, in the amount of \$13,922.67, to provide homeless prevention services to Lyon County.

11.i. For Possible Action: Accept a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance, Disaster 4708 award from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management for project number 723982 emergency protective measure costs that occurred between March 8-19, 2023 in the amount of \$97,047.86, with a County match of \$24,261.96, and to authorize the Emergency Manager to sign the grant award.

11.j. For Possible Action: Approve an Amendment of Acknowledgment of Transfer of Water Allocation 3 and Sewer Connection Rights Agreement with Lucas Homes and Development LLC, for the transfer of 2.4 prepaid sewer connection to 10 Enterprise Way (APN 016-402-24) in Dayton.

****END OF CONSENT AGENDA**
REGULAR AGENDA**

12. Public Hearing on Planning Items

12.a. For Possible Action: To approve the request from Libra Solar for a Conditional Use Permit for an approximately 4.7 miles long 345-kV generation tie-line (gen-tie) connecting the Libra Solar project to the Ft. Churchill Substation on State of Nevada and Bureau of Land Management lands located north and east of the existing Fort Churchill substations in Mason Valley on portions of five (5) parcels measuring approximately 113.8-acres out of a total acreage of approximately 17,748.13-acres (APNs 014-091-07, 014-131-01, 014-141-01, -03, -04); PLZ-2024-071.

Senior Planner Lisa Nash gave a presentation discussing a request from Libra Solar for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). She discussed details such as the property location, the generation tie-line location, the Master Plan Utility Corridor location, the table of allowed uses regarding the CUP, the overall solar field project site plan, the master plan, the zoning and the findings highlights for the CUP.

County Manager Andrew Haskin gave a presentation clarifying that East Walker Road, per NRS, is defined as a public road. He further explained that East Walker Road does not have a dedicated Right of Way as this road predates that process. As to if the road should be paved or not, that will need to be settled between Libra and the property owners. Mr. Haskin also stated that the applicant provided a Community Benefit Agreement and that it should not be considered in today's decision. The application being presented today is strictly for powerlines.

Ricardo Graf and Chris Brooks of Libra Solar gave a presentation discussing his company's experience, the project summary, why the location was chosen, early project site screenings, the Libra Solar project timeline with other counties and entities, the project construction access plan and timeline, project economic and community benefits.

Comm. Keller asked for public comment.

Cloe Chism, NV Energy Government Relations Representative, shared NV Energy's Support for the Libra Solar Project.

Clint Vaughn, Brad Johnston, Jim C., Bill Laird, Greg Morrison, Beverly Smith and Bill Borsini shared their concerns with how this will affect the community and that they are not in support of this project or this item.

Astrea Strawn of the Nevada Department of Wildlife shared NDOW's support for this project.

Nick Beaton, resident of Yerington, commented if this project is done responsibly, this will be a positive impact for the community.

Brad Johnston stated his concerns with the lack of facts and evidence being presented today. He encouraged the Commissioners to not support this item.

Frank Del Porto stated his concerns as to where the water is going to come from to support this project. He encouraged the Commissioners to not support this item.

Bruce Park stated he would like to know if he owns part of East Walker River Road.

Jacob Haase, of IBEW Local 401, stated if this gets approved, he will support local workforce.

The Commissioners, Mr. Haskin and staff from the Libra Project discussed that this board cannot stop usage of the road as it is a public road but they can imply conditions and mitigation to help the residents and that this is a BLM project via Mineral County.

The Commissioners noted they would like to see hours of operation.

Comm. Hendrix motioned, based on findings A through G and subject to conditions 1 through 13, to approve the request from Libra Solar for a Conditional Use Permit for an approximately 4.7 miles long 345-kV generation tie-line (gen-tie) connecting the Libra Solar project to the Ft. Churchill Substation on State of Nevada and Bureau of Land Management lands located north and east of the existing Fort Churchill substations in Mason Valley on portions of five (5) parcels measuring approximately 113.8-acres out of a total acreage of approximately 17,748.13-acres (APNs 014-091-07, 014-131-01, 014-141-01, -03, -04); PLZ-2024-071, Comm. Keller seconded and the motion passed 3-1. Comm. Hockaday opposed.

13. Sheriff

13.a. For Possible Action: Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lyon County School District School for the Resource Officer (SRO) Program. This MOU is an Amendment to the current 2024-25 school year agreement. Allocating an additional \$25,000 for a new total of \$385,000 from LCSD, for an additional 1 SRO in the Fernley area for the remainder of the year. Set to expire June 30, 2025.

Sheriff Brad Pope gave a presentation discussing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lyon County School District School for the Resource Officer Program.

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

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14. Human Services

14.a. For Possible Action: Approve a contract between Lyon County and Second Chances, not to exceed \$24,000, for services funded through the Fiscal Year 2025 Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Grant from the State of Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy.

Human Services Director Doctor Shayla Holmes gave a presentation discussing the contract between Lyon County and Second Chances, for services funded through the Fiscal Year 2025 Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Grant from the State of Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy.

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve a contract between Lyon County and Second Chances, not to exceed \$24,000, for services funded through the Fiscal Year 2025 Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Grant from the State of Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy, Comm. Hendrix seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

15. Comptroller

15.a. For Possible Action: Approve the purchase of seven new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$475,000, to be funded from a budget transfer from the General Fund contingency.

Comptroller Josh Foli stated if sworn staff brings in a vehicle for maintenance, there are currently no backup vehicles available. Now that there is a full staff, there is a need for more vehicles.

Comm. Hockaday asked if there is a deductible for each vehicle in which Mr. Foli stated yes, there is one per car. This has in turn saved the county lots of money.

Comm. Cassinelli asked if the purchase amount includes outfitting, graphics and other things. Mr. Foli stated it included everything.

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the purchase of seven new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$475,000, to be funded from a budget transfer from the General Fund contingency, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

16. County Manager

16.a. For Possible Action: Approve a proclamation dedicating the Fernley Senior Center after former County Commissioner LeRoy Goodman and to authorize \$2,000 for the purchase of a plaque to be funded from a budget transfer from the General Fund contingency.

County Manager Andrew Haskin gave a presentation discussing a proclamation to honor the late LeRoy Goodman.

Comm. Keller read Congressman Mark Amodei's letter into the record. He then read the proclamation in to the record.

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

Comm. Keller moved to approve a proclamation dedicating the Fernley Senior Center after former County Commissioner LeRoy Goodman and to authorize \$2,000 for the purchase of a plaque to be funded from a budget transfer from the General Fund contingency, Comm. Hendrix seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

19. Agenda Requests

There were none at this time.

20. Commissioner Comments

There were none at this time.

21. Public Participation

Comm. Keller asked for public comment and there was none.

22. Closed Session pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2)

There was a closed session at 11:37 P.M.

23. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 P.M.

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SCOTT KELLER, Chairman

ATTEST

STACI LINDBERG, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer