

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

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Thursday, April 2, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.
in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV
89447.

1. Roll Call

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

Present via Zoom: Commissioner Robert Jacobson

Staff Present: County Manager Andrew Haskin, Comptroller Josh Foli and District Attorney Steve Rye

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

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

4. 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 posted, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Robert Jacobson joined the meeting at 9:06 A.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Comptroller

5.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Lyon County tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

County Manager Andrew Haskin commented on the challenges faced with this budget year. While there was a slight increase of 2.3% in revenue, there was also an increase of 7% in expenses. He thanked Comptroller Josh Foli for his hard work and thanked all of the department heads that were willing to cut from their services and supplies budgets. Collectively, \$800,000 was saved. The Lyon County Employees Association was approached to determine if they would like to forego the 3% salary increase to save positions or to receive the salary increases and eliminate positions. They chose to receive salary increases and eliminate positions. The positions that are being cut are either vacant, or will be vacant by July 1st, 2025. He added that we are not the only county facing budget challenges.

Comptroller Josh Foli recommended that the budget be built with a 3% salary table increase for all employees except for elected officials, which may be determined by Legislation, and the Lyon County Sheriff's Employee Association, which is budgeted for no salary table increase due to existing collective bargaining negotiations. The recommended budget also includes a 2.5% merit/longevity increase for all employees. There are no new positions or employee classifications, other than job family in line promotions, being recommended in the General Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. There are five positions being eliminated including a Sheriff Office Assistant, a

Senior Parks Maintenance Worker, a Dispatcher, a Custodian and a Recorder Office Assistant. The ending fund balance is 9.0% of expenditures, excluding capital outlay, which is below the recommended 16.7%.

From the General Fund, Mr. Foli shared revenue comparisons, tax rate history, assessed valuation percentage changes, budgeted property tax revenue, consolidated tax revenue, governmental fund capital outlay requests, requested additional staffing and positions changes. He also provided a general fund summary including total revenues, total expenditures and transfers, salaries and wages, employee's benefits, services and supplies, capital outlay, contingency and transfers out.

Comm. Keller noted the importance of Commissioners having the travel expenses to attend NACO meetings on behalf of Lyon County as it fosters solutions and recognition on a national scale.

The Commissioners discussed their travel expense budget that allows them to attend meetings to represent Lyon County. They discussed the benefits of attending these meetings along with budget cuts that can be cut to allow commissioners to attend these meetings.

Comm. Hockaday motioned to increase the Commissioner's Travel Budget to \$14,000, which allows four trips for Commissioners during the year, with review later in the year if necessary, Comm. Cassinelli seconded and the motion passed 4-1. Comm. Jacobson was opposed.

Mr. Foli proceeded to give a brief presentation for the remaining various funds including the park construction fund, the unemployment compensation fund, the room tax fund, the county stabilization fund, the vehicle acquisition fund, the fair and rodeo fund, the justice court special administrative assessment fund, district court restricted fees fund, the juvenile probation administrative assessment fund, the library gift fund, the mining claim map fund, the 911 surcharge fund, the animal control donation fund, the cooperative extension fund, the roads fund, the road improvement fund, the roads 5 year capital improvement plan, the regional transportation commission fund, the opioid settlement fund, the general indigent fund, the medical indigent fund, the senior services fund, the senior services donation fund, the capital improvements fund, the Dayton water fund, the Dayton sewer fund and the 5 year Dayton Sewer Capital Improvement Plan.

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

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve all the funds outside of the general fund for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year, Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

RECESS TO RECONVENE AS MASON VALLEY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

6. Public Participation

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

7. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

7.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comptroller Josh Foli noted the Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District (MVMAD) has a tax rate in existence of 8.38 cents. There were no recommended changes to that. There is currently a full-time manager and some seasonal employees. The MVMAD is requesting to purchase an all-terrain vehicle, which would assist them in

their Mosquito Abatement. They also increased the amount that they charge the Walker River Weed Control District with an increase from \$10,000 to \$35,000.

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

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the Mason Valley Mosquito Abatement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, Comm. Hendrix seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

8. Public Participation

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS CENTRAL LYON COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

9. Public Participation

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

10. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

10.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Central Lyon County Vector Control District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comptroller Josh Foli stated this district has a tax rate of 4.5 cents, excluding Silver City. There are no employees however, there is an advisory board who handles some of the operations for this district. The line item for workers compensation is for those advisory board members. Vector Control Services are contracted out. This district is budgeted to spend more than anticipated in the event more treatment is needed.

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

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the Central Lyon County Vector Control District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

11. Public Participation

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS WALKER RIVER WEED CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

12. Public Participation

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

13. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

13.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Walker River Weed Control District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comptroller Josh Foli stated there is an assessment of 8.47 cents on the land values in the district. This provided weed control for the agricultural lands. They also increased the amount that they charge the Walker River Weed Control District from \$10,000 to \$35,000. He noted this district only has seasonal workers.

Comm. Jacobson stated that he would like the Commissioners to receive more updates from the districts, to which Mr. Foli responded staff will work on that.

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

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the Walker River Weed Control District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

14. Public Participation

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS SILVER SPRINGS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

15. Public Participation

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

16. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

16.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Silver Springs General Improvement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comm. Keller stated he is a part of the Silver Springs Mutual Water Company, who is currently in contract negotiations with the Silver Springs General Improvement District. He abstained and turned it over to Vice-Chair Hendrix to proceed with this item.

Comptroller Josh Foli stated there is a capital project coming up of a little bit over a \$1,400,000 to rehab the disinfection and filter system at the plant. There is also a cost for sledge removal that will also cost around \$1,400,000 which is needed every few years, but is not a regular occurrence. He added that for the last 18 years, the county has been paying the Silver Springs Mutual Water Company \$3,000 a month for billing and collection services. The Silver Springs Mutual Water Company has requested to increase the cost of their services to \$6,000 per month. He stated he is still currently in negotiations and is looking for the best option that could save the county thousands of dollars by the end of the year. He plans to do further analysis between now and the final budget to bring more information back to the board.

Comm. Jacobson asked if Silver Springs Mutual Water Company is trying to make money off of Lyon County, to which Mr. Foli responded he does not know their motivation other than to bring the contract up to a more equitable amount.

Comm. Hockaday and Comm. Cassinelli shared their support for Mr. Foli's efforts.

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

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the Silver Springs General Improvement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 with continued negotiation from staff, Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0, Comm. Keller abstained.

17. Public Participation

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS WILLOWCREEK GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

18. Public Participation

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

19. Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

19.a. For Possible Action: Approve the Willowcreek General Improvement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026.

Comptroller Josh Foli stated this district is in a similar position as the last discussed district. Lyon County is contracted with the City of Yerington to operate the Willowcreek General Improvement District. There is currently a tax rate of 1.56 cents. Mr. Foli shared he is currently in negotiations with the City of Yerington where they are reviewing how to proceed with services. He intends to bring back more information at the final budget meeting.

Comm. Cassinelli asked for clarification regarding the electric line being used to run pumps as he is unable to locate the information for that. Mr. Foli responded that those go through the supplies line item however, he would set up a separate electric bill for that in the future.

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

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve the Willowcreek General Improvement District tentative budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

20. Public Participation

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

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

21. Commissioner Comments

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Foli, staff and all department heads for making budget cuts. He also thanked Lyon County employees for picking up the slack for positions that are not able to be filled.

Comm. Keller thanked other Commissioners for their consideration on increasing traveling expenses.

22. Public Participation

Comm. Keller asked for public comment.

Comptroller Josh Foli thanked Lyon County staff for their hard work.

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

There was no a closed session.

24. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12.37 P.M.

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SCOTT KELLER, Chairman

ATTEST

STACI LINDBERG, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer