Board of County Commissioners
Lyon County, Nevada

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV 89447.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Robert Jacobson, Commissioner John Cassinelli, and Commissioner (Chair) David Hockaday

Present on Zoom: Chairman Scott Keller, Vice-Chair Tammy Hendrix, County Manager Andrew Haskin

Staff Present: Comptroller Josh Foli, Deputy District Attorney Steve Rye, Deputy Clerk Melissa Colocho

2. Invocation given by Thomas Walburn of Sweet Water Christian Fellowship

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment.

Jim Haddan expressed concerns regarding an unaddressed violation and requested the Board take action.

Rick Rehmke expressed concerns regarding five years of no solution to contamination, and demanded copies of bonds, bond numbers, and amount of the bonds.

Jim DeChambeau requested signs be posted on Osborne Lane for speed.

Kathie Merfeld-Huguenin requested a moratorium on the data center going in.

Matthew Winterhawk expressed a desire for accountability to the community.

5. For Possible Action: Review and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the agenda as presented; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

5. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the agenda as presented; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Time Certain

6.a Time Certain at 9:00 A.M.: For Presentation Only: Recognize employees who have reached significant service milestones with Lyon County. (Human Resources Director, Ben Evans)

Human Resources Director, Ben Evans recognized employees with five, ten, twenty, and twenty-five years of service with Lyon County.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

7. Commissioners/County Manager Reports

Comm. Cassinelli reported that the Silver City CAB, CAMPO, and the Quad County Community Health meetings were all cancelled. He had a joint meeting with Storey and Lyon County officials regarding the potential restructuring of the Comstock Historic District Commission. He met with the Sutro Tunnel Committee, several representatives of the development community (particularly in Dayton), and a couple of potential new business owners. He attended the Moundhouse and Dayton CAB meetings, and the Planning Commission meeting by Zoom.

Comm. Jacobson reported that walls are up, and cement floors and piping underneath are in at the Boys and Girls Club ELC in Fernley. He attended the Fernley City Council meeting, and enjoyed the 25th anniversary/4th of July event in Fernley. He thanked the 4th of July Committee, City of Fernley Staff, and all the volunteers.

Comm. Keller attended the RTC meeting and the Planning Commission meetings.

Comm. Hendrix attended the Fernley 4th of July celebration. She met with the general manager of the Carson Waters Subconservancy District to discuss priorities moving forward, and met with Comm. Cassinelli and the county manager in Story County to discuss the future of the Comstock Historical District. She attended a data center workshop by the Nevada Public Lands and Natural Resources Board, and the Planning Commission meeting by Zoom. She reported she will be giving presentations at NACo and to the board that determines programming and content going forward.

Chair Hockaday congratulated Mason Valley Fireworks and Smith Valley fireworks. He attended the Dressler Park Board meeting, Mason Valley Conservation District meeting, Smith Valley Conservation District meeting, the Smith Valley Fire Department fundraiser, the Monarch open house, and the Planning Commission meeting. He also attended the Lyon County Local and Emergency Planning meeting, which had a great presentation on latest earthquake in area.

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, had none.

8. Elected Officials' Reports

There were none at this time.

9. Appointed Officials' Reports

There were none at this time.

10. Advisory Board Reports

There were none at this time.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the consent agenda items 11.a. through 11.k.; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

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

County claims totaled $ 3,233,738.79 and payroll totaled $ 1,561,848.80. The cash balance was $ 126,420,909.98.

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

The secured factual corrections totaled $ ($921.77) and the unsecured factual corrections totaled $174.33.

11.c. For Possible Action: Approve the July 2, 2026 minutes.

11.d. For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the FY27 Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT) program, in the amount of $103,588.

11.e. For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Director's Office, for FY27, in the amount of $38,933, with county match of $3,893, for the Family Resource Center (FRC).

11.f. For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for FY27 Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) programs, in the amount of $200,090.

11.g. For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health, for FY27, in the amount of $27,542 for Family Planning.

11.h. For Possible Action: Accept a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) FY27 United We Stand grant award from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), approved in the amount of $32,000 to purchase law enforcement night vision and breaching equipment and supplies, and to authorize the Emergency Manager to sign the grant award.

11.i. For Possible Action: Accept a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), FY27 Operation, Planning, Training and Equipment (OPTE) Grant in the amount of $32,000 for Equipment and $4,000 for Operations for the period of July 1, 2026 through May 30, 2027, and to authorize the Emergency Manager to sign the grant award.

11.i. For Possible Action: Accept and award the 2026 Regional Transportation Commission Lyon County Road Rehabilitation Project to SNC (Sierra Nevada Construction) for the amount of $3,174,007, and approve a 10% contingency for any unforeseen issues on the project and to allow staff to sign project related documents.

11.k. For Possible Action: Approve and accept the proposal from Lumos & Associates to do the testing and inspections for the 2026 Regional Transportation Commission Road Rehabilitation Project, in the amount of $173,250.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Community Development

12.a. For Possible Action: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lyon County and Central Lyon Fire Protection District related to concurrent building plan review, fees, inspections, and building permit issuance. (Community Development Director, Gavin Henderson)

Community Development Director, Gavin Henderson explained the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) purpose and process. Mr. Henderson was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lyon County and Central Lyon Fire Protection District related to concurrent building plan review, fees, inspections, and building permit issuance; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

12.b. For Discussion and Possible Action: To review and discuss determine whether the staff should consider any changes, clarifications or revisions to Lyon County Development Code, Title 15.320.03, the Heavy Industrial Zoning District, including the zoning district's permitted uses and compatibility with surrounding land uses within the County's general land use framework (Gavin Henderson, Community Development Director).

Community Development Director, Gavin Henderson gave a presentation on Title 15 and Heavy Industrial Zoning. The presentation included: Master Plan and Zoning – Introduction, Title 15 Land Use Tables, Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning and Allowed uses, Land Use Patterns, and Potential changes to HI Land Use Tables. Mr. Henderson was available for questions and had discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment.

Matthew Winterhawk expressed opposition and the importance of making sure code changes are protected and specifically for the intended measure only.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve a revision to Lyon County Development Code Title 15 320.03 Heavy Industrial Zoning District to include permitted under conditional use permit for secondary trade and technical education; Comm. Jacobson seconded. District Attorney, Steve Rye, advised the motion cannot be approved and clarified it's a recommendation to staff to bring back the change for approval with the actual language.

Comm. Cassinelli amended his motion to recommend to staff that secondary trade and technical education are added under Conditional Use Permit to the Title 15 320.03 Heavy Industrial Zoning District; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

13. Comptroller

13.a. For Possible Action: Approve a five-year masterplan for the telephone surcharge. (Comptroller, Josh Foli)

Comptroller, Josh Foli explained for the record that the Telephone Surcharge Committee meets to recommend a five-year master plan, and that the recommendations stayed the same besides updated dollar amounts. Mr. Foli was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment,

Matthew Winterhawk expressed concern with funds and surcharges and will continue researching.

Josh clarified the $ 235k includes the current AT&T phone system, all of the phone system consoles in dispatch, lines between Yerington and the Reno hub, and Frontier phone lines.

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve a five-year masterplan for the telephone surcharge; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

13.b. For Possible Action: Approve a two-year contract beginning on July 31, 2026 with Threatlocker in the amount of $31,651.87 per year for network security software (Comptroller Josh Foli).

Comptroller, Josh Foli explained this was requested and approved during the budget process, and the contract allows greater protection against intrusions. Mr. Foli was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve a two-year contract beginning on July 31, 2026 with Threatlocker in the amount of $31,651.87 per year for network security software; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

14. Facilities

14.a. For Possible Action: Approve a budget transfer of $3,000 from the General Fund contingency to help pay for removal of 17 trees at Hillcrest Cemetery. (Doug Homestead, Facilities Director)

Facilities Director, Doug Homestead, explained that the item wasn't put in the budget because it was thought to be unlikely to find someone to do the task. Someone was found, but the cost would deplete the cemetery budget for the year.

Chair Hockaday recommended the transfer be approved due to the trees causing messy and hard to clean conditions. Mr. Homestead was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve a budget transfer of $3,000 from the General Fund contingency to help pay for removal of 17 trees at Hillcrest Cemetery; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

15. Government Affairs

15.a. To discuss and provide direction to the County Manager in regards to developing a Bill Draft Resolution (BDR) for the 2027 Legislature, which may include: discussion on possible topics for a BDR; direction to staff to research and come back with information related to a possible BDR; and input from the public on possible topics for a BDR. The Board may direct staff to prepare a resolution and bring back to the Board for further consideration. (Emergency Management and Government Affairs Director, Taylor Allison)

Emergency Management and Government Affairs Director, Taylor Allison, explained the two previous BDR concepts brought to the Board are still being actively researched, and gave an update on the statuses. She also reminded the Board that a decision made by the second meeting in August to meet the September 1st filing deadline. Ms. Allison was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Matthew Winterhawk expressed concerns regarding disparity in emergency services between areas.

No action was taken.

16. Human Resources

16.a. For Possible Action: Approve the administrative correction of adding Emergency Management & Government Affairs Director to the Management Pay Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, effective July 1, 2026. (Human Resources Director, Ben Evans)

Human Resources Director, Ben Evans, explained this item is a clerical correction being brought forward from the last meeting. Mr. Evans was available for questions and discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment, and there was none.

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the administrative correction of adding Emergency Management & Government Affairs Director to the Management Pay Plan for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028, effective July 1, 2026; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

17. Human Services

17.a For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the FY27 Rapid Response-Stabilization Services grant, in the amount of $268,287. (Human Services Director, Shayla Holmes)

Human Services Director, Dr. Shayla Holmes, explained this is a new grant opportunity to help families at risk of child removal, and how the funds will be utilized. Dr. Holmes was available for questions, and had discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment.

Matthew Winterhawk commended the county for grant facilitation efforts.

Comm. Jacobson moved to accept a a grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for the FY27 Rapid Response-Stabilization Services grant, in the amount of $268,287; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

18. Juvenile Probation

> **18.a. For Possible Action: Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Douglas County and Lyon County for Douglas County to provide Lyon County with temporary juvenile detention services provided that space is available in the amount of $300 per day until June 30, 2027. This agreement can be renewed for successive one-year periods prior to expiration of the initial term of the agreement and any subsequent one-year extension. (Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Brian Kirkley)**

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Brian Kirkley, explained Lyon County has been renting the use of six beds from Churchill County since 2010, and has been at capacity of contracted beds since May 2026. Churchill County cannot extend capacity; overspill services have been used free of charge from Douglas and Carson Counties, and Douglas is requesting compensation, while Carson will come up soon. Mr. Kirkley pointed out that a facility is necessary, and has been working with Dr. Shayla Holmes for a secure wing in a multi-use facility. Mr. Kirkley was available for questions, and had discussion with the Board.

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment.

Jim DeChambeau expressed concerns that a facility wasn't incorporated into the Dayton Justice Complex.

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Douglas County and Lyon County for Douglas County to provide Lyon County with temporary juvenile detention services provided that space is available in the amount of $300 per day until June 30, 2027. This agreement can be renewed for successive one-year periods prior to expiration of the initial term of the agreement and any subsequent one-year extension; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

19. Agenda Requests

There were none at this time.

Matthew Winterhawk stated he will send over a formal agenda request regarding his concerns, and requested a discussion on the recently approved PUD before it moves forward.

Jim DeChambeau requested an item for discussion regarding overpopulation of the Virginia range horses.

James Rosaschi requested an agenda item regarding data center earthquake preparedness planning.

20. Commissioner Comments

Comm. Jacobson, Comm. Cassinelli, and Comm. Hendrix had none.

Comm. Keller requested agenda requests be submitted to County Manager, Andrew Haskin.

Chair Hockaday will be on Zoom for the next meeting.

21. Public Participation

Chair Hockaday asked for public comment.

Jim DeChambeau asked whether the agenda requests posed at this meeting are accepted and was told they will be put forward.

Matthew Winterhawk thanked the Board and the County for allowing participation and remote attendance, and the availability and accessibility.

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

There was none at this time.

23. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Scott Keller

SCOTT KELLER, Chairman

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STACI LINDBERG, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer