

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Lyon County, Nevada**

The Honorable Board of Lyon County Commissioners met this day, Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. in the LYON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, 27 S. MAIN STREET, YERINGTON, NV 89447.

### **1. Roll Call**

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

Staff Present: County Manager Andrew Haskin, District Attorney Steve Rye, Deputy Clerk Melissa Colocho

### **2. Invocation given by Travis Walker of Smith Valley Baptist Church**

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **4. Public Participation**

#### **4.a For Report Only: Public Comment**

Chair Keller asked for public comment.

Jim DeChambeau requested something be done to control the speeding on Osborne Lane, which is getting worse.

Omar De La Rosa read a letter of support on behalf of the Western Way for the approval of the Winston Solar Project and the expansion of the Lux Solar Center.

Matthew Winterhawk raised environmental contamination concerns that have been brought to him by Lyon County residents, and disparate funding between fire departments across the County.

Robin Biggs expressed opposition to the solar projects to be discussed later in the agenda.

Rick Rehmke stated he has submitted documentation of contamination on his property, and nothing has been done.

### **5. For Possible Action: Review and Adoption of Agenda**

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

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

### **6. Time Certain**

**6.a. Time Certain at 9:00 A.M.: For Presentation Only: Presentation from Milt Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, from Nevadaworks on programs and services. (Requested by Comm. Jacobson)**

Milt Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of Nevadaworks, gave a presentation on programs and services offered to meet job seekers' and employers' needs in thirteen counties in Northern and Central Nevada. The program receives Federal and State funding through awards and grants, so there is no cost to utilize the services offered. Nevadaworks has many targeted programs that focus on innovative workforce solutions, and providing connections, training, resource centers, and more. Some current partnerships and talent pipeline focuses include: Good Jobs Northern Nevada, disconnected youth between 16-24 that are not in school or working, the UNR Tech Hub, Project CEJA (Clean Energy Jobs Academy), the High Sierra Area Health Education Center, Up Next Nevada Workforce, QUEST (Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training), and the Apprenticeship Building America Grant.

Comm. Jacobson thanked Mr. Stewart for his time and for giving a quick presentation. Mr. Jacobson asked how Lyon County could benefit more from what Nevadaworks has to offer, and Mr. Stewart advised that sharing the information and being ambassadors will help by spreading the word. Mr. Stewart also clarified for Comm. Jacobson that skilled training providers include local community colleges, and private educators.

Comm. Cassinelli thanked Mr. Stewart for the presentation, and Mr. Stewart clarified for Comm. Cassinelli that the Lyon County location is in Fernley and includes two interview rooms, a conference room, a computer lab, and a small open space for job fairs.

Comm. Hockaday thanked Mr. Stewart for the executive level briefing.

Chair Keller thanked Mr. Stewart and invited him to come back at a future meeting to share successes within Lyon County.

**6.b. Time Certain at 9:05 A.M.: For Presentation Only: Presentation from Don Smit with Project One/Lucas Homes & Development, LLC on the Traditions Development in Dayton.**

Don Smit with Lucas Homes & Development, LLC and Project One, gave an update and closure on the Traditions Development in Dayton, including background on the project, current status, and next steps due to Mr. Stan Lucas' passing on January 10, 2025.

Mr. Smit gave a presentation including: photos of the undeveloped land, timeline of Infrastructure and Entitlements, a Project Overview and photos of the Master Plan, as well as maps and explanations of Traditions Village One and Two. He also provided information relating to Capital Investments, Home Sales Performance, and highlighted Builder Partnerships with D.R. Horton and Lennar; Community Impact, Commercial and Town Center Vision, Market Demand, and Dayton Growth were also presented.

Chair Keller thanked Mr. Smit.

**6.c. Time Certain at 9:10 A.M.: For Presentation Only: A presentation from Daniel South, President of the Dayton Main Street Committee, with information about the organization, current projects and future goals of the organization.**

Daniel South, President of the Dayton Main Street Committee, gave a presentation with information about the organization, current and planned projects, and future goals of the organization. The group formed last year and received a grant from America 250/Nevada Gives, which will be used for the group's first project, the Old Town Dayton Cleanup Day, on Sunday, March 22, 2026 from 10 A.M to 2 P.M.

**7. Commissioners/County Manager Reports**

Comm. Jacobson attended the Debt Management meeting and the State of the City meeting (Fernley), met with A and H Insurance, attended the Lyon County Behavioral Health Summit, the City Council Meeting, the Boys & Girls Club meeting, the Cioppino Feed fundraiser, and Hammers and Hope event in Reno.

Comm. Hendrix attended the Nevada Board of Directors meeting, the Silver Springs Advisory Board meeting, the Lyon County Behavioral Health Summit, and the Legislative Conference in Washington D.C.

Comm. Cassinelli attended the Boys and Girls Club of Mason Valley Youth of the Year Banquet and congratulated the youth and the winner, Barbara, as well as Dr. Shayla Holmes and the Health and Human Services team for being awarded the Champions of Youth Award. He attended the Dayton Main Street presentation, the Dayton Valley Conservation District Board meeting, the Mound House Advisory Board Meeting, and the Lyon County Behavioral Health Summit. Comm. Cassinelli also helped Dayton Elementary School to kick off Reading Week and read to a third grade class.

Comm. Hockaday attended the Boys and Girls Annual Awards Dinner, had a court hearing, attended the Walker River Irrigation District meeting, the Mason and Smith Valley Conservation Districts meeting, the Smith Valley Park & Recreation Advisory Board, and the Lyon County Behavioral Health Summit. He congratulated Dr. Shayla Holmes on the Summit.

Chair Keller attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference, the Nevada Association of Counties Rural Action Caucus, and the National Association of Counties Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee.

Comm. Keller noted there were three resolutions in Agriculture and Rural Affairs. One was securing increased reimbursement for rural emergency medical services. One was for urging the US Department of Agriculture to prioritize farmer and rancher mental health and to include counties as key partners in program development and implementation. The third resolution was supporting water reliability for agriculture and food security. He explained how these three proposed resolutions address rural challenges, that he co-sponsored two of them, and endorsed all three; all three resolutions passed unanimously out of the committee, were passed by NACo's Board of Directors, and will be set into policy.

Comm. Keller shared that he, Comm. Hendrix, and County Manager, Andrew Haskin, had meetings with Senators Cortez Masto and Rosen, as well as Congressman Amodei, and they all went well. He and Comm. Hendrix also attended a presentation at the Rural Action Caucus given by the US Department of Transportation. One topic Comm. Keller found particularly interesting was a discussion around allowing blood transfusion on ambulances; without having blood transfusions on ambulances and long distances and travel times, people can bleed out before they even get to the hospital. This initiative could be especially important for EMT services, particularly if they are purchasing new ambulances or considering refurbishing existing ones; accommodations such as chillers, warmers, and appropriate training would be necessary and having this information early would help ensure that they are prepared.

Comm. Keller also stated the Nevada Association of Counties Public Land Natural Resources Committee provided an update on Secure Rural Schools payments, which should be coming out this month. The Record of Decision for the Greater Sage Grass Habitat should be out soon, and NACo continues to engage in its implementation. The Department of the Interior finalized a major overhaul of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with those regulations effective February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and intended to significantly accelerate environmental reviews.

Comm. Keller also attended the Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors meeting where he made the motion to reappoint Dr. Shayla Holmes, Director of Lyon County Human Services to the Grant Management Advisory Committee, and attended the Silver Springs Advisory Board and the Fernley City Council. He also noted the Legislative Committee will meet on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Topics of note will be going over the bill draft request timeline and how NACo will select issues of concern for the 2027 legislative session; the Committee is open to the commissioners and staff.

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, reported Sean Sinclair has been hired as the Utilities Director. Mr. Haskin stated the D.C. trip was very productive, and included the NACo Legislative Conference, and time spent on Capitol Hill; he thanked the offices of Congressman Amodei, Senator Cortez Masto, and Senator Rosen for taking the time to meet and discuss concerns and upcoming projects in Lyon County. Mr. Haskin also thanked Director Holmes and her staff for the Behavioral Health Summit.

### **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 Keller asked for public comment, and there was none at this time.

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

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

County claims totaled \$726,734.10 and payroll totaled \$2,005,944.60. The cash balance was \$ 125,360,244.45.

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

Travel claims total was \$11,961.65.

#### **11.c. 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 \$2,839.70. The unsecured factual corrections totaled -\$878.62.

#### **11.d. For Possible Action: Approve the February 19, 2026 minutes.**

#### **11.e. For Possible Action: Accept a donation of \$27,000 from the Lyon County Library Foundation for a new circulation desk at the Yerington Branch Library.**

**11.f. For Possible Action: Accept a grant award from the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records in the amount of \$4,000 for PLA 2026 - LSTA Continuing Education Grant for Libraries.**

**11.g. For Possible Action: Review and approve the Smith Valley Friends of the Library proposal to sponsor a student worker up to \$3,300 beginning June of 2026 at the Smith Valley Branch Library**

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **12. Assessor**

**12.a. For Possible Action: Approve Application for Open Space/Historic Use Assessment submitted by Javelin Ventures LLC for Odeon Hall, located at 65 Pike Street, Dayton (APN 006-055-12). Approval will result in a 0.74 factor being applied to the taxable value of the parcel. (Chief Deputy Assessor, Erin Singley)**

Chief Deputy Assessor, Erin Singley, was available for questions about the application; there were none.

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

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve Application for Open Space/Historic Use Assessment submitted by Javelin Ventures LLC for Odeon Hall, located at 65 Pike Street, Dayton (APN 006-055-12); Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

### **13. Utilities**

**13.a For Possible Action: Approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with HDR for the Rose Peak Water Main Replacement Project in an amount to not exceed \$249,927. This amendment expands the scope of services to include completion of the 100% design, preparation of the bid document package, bidding assistance, and project permitting. Funding will be provided through the Dayton Water Fund and is eligible for reimbursement under the Environmental Protection Agency Community Grant Program. (Utilities Engineer, Kishora Panda)**

Utilities Engineer, Kishora Panda, discussed the scope of Amendment No. 1 to the contract with HDR, which will increase the contract budget by an amount of not to exceed \$249,927. The amendment will provide additional services including advancing the project from this phase of 30% completion to 100% design, preparing the bid documents for bidding the project, providing the bidding assistance, and securing some related project permits. He stated the original contract was approved by the Board on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$289,929 for grant funding applications as this project is supported by the EPA community grant program funding. The scope of the original contract also included assistance with the grant funding application, the National Environmental Policy Act services, all of the requirements to meet, and to design the project up to the 30% stage. To date, 30% of the design is completed, and the grant application is in progress. Amendment No. 1 is going to improve and add some additional scope to the project with a total contract amount not to exceed \$539,856, and extend the contract term through February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

Mr. Panda clarified for Comm. Cassinelli that this is a change order with the same consultant to continue the project.

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, clarified further that the Rose Peak Water Line Project is actually one of the projects for which congressional funding was applied for a few years back, and the change order is a result of some additional requirements as a part of that program.

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

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the contract with HDR for the Rose Peak Water Main Replacement Project in an amount to not exceed \$249,927; Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**13.b For Possible Action: Approve Property Access License Agreement between Calvary Baptist Church and Lyon County to allow the contractor for the Rose Peak Water Main Replacement Project to use the property for a construction and staging area and to allow Lyon County to conduct a Cultural Resources Field Survey which is required by the grant application. (Utilities Engineer, Kishora Panda)**

Utilities Engineer, Kishora Panda, explained this agreement will authorize the County, all agents, employees, and contractors to enter APN 019-531-01 to conduct a cultural resource survey, and the property can later be used as a staging area during construction of the project. The term of this agreement is estimated to be 18 months from today, and if necessary, it may be extended through a written amendment executed by both parties.

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

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the Property Access License Agreement between Calvary Baptist Church and Lyon County to allow the contractor for the Rose Peak Water Main Replacement Project to use the property for a construction and staging area and to allow Lyon County to conduct a Cultural Resources Field Survey which is required by the grant application; Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned for a 10-minute recess at 10:09 A.M. and reconvened at 10:22 A.M.

#### **14. Public Hearing on Planning Items**

**14.a For Possible Action: To approve the request from Winston FC Solar, LLC, for a Planned Unit Development for the Winston Solar Project. The Project consists of a 400-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy facility with approximately 780,000 solar panels, a battery energy storage system, an electrical substation, high voltage power lines, and an operations and maintenance building on 11 parcels totaling approximately 2,374-acres in Mason Valley subject to Heavy Industrial-Suburban (HI-S) and Rural Residential, 20-acre minimum (RR-20) zoning (APNs 014-091-[13, 15, 16, 17, 22], 014-201-[14, 17, 18, 32, 33, 35]; PLZ-2025-084. (Senior Planner Louis Cariola)**

Senior Planner, Louis Cariola, gave a presentation on the Tentative Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Winston Solar Project including: Maps of the Subject Parcels and Project Area, a summary of the previous BOCC hearing, Master Plan and Zoning designations, Existing Conditions, Project Details and Scope, photo examples of project components, Setbacks and Easements, Visual Impact renderings, Staff Review Findings, the Traffic Impact Study, the Planning Commission Recommendation of Approval, and additional comments and conditions from the Planning Commission.

Devon Muto, representing EDF Power Solutions North America on the Winston Energy Project, gave a presentation including: the Traffic Impact Study status, Comparison between Winston Energy &

Cumulative Traffic Impact, updates to the project including the Modified Site Plan, Visual Mitigation renderings, Staff Coordination and Additional Findings, expected Tax Revenue, and highlights of responses to staff comments.

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

Scott Lommori stated this project is a good place to start regarding changing this valley or making it better.

Robin Biggs raised concerns against the Winston Solar Project, including its proximity to the river, setbacks, and potential harm to wildlife and people.

Calvin Rufener expressed support of the project.

Phyllis Hiskett stated she'd like more clarification on the potential future expansion mentioned in the presentation, and on plans for dealing with battery storage fires. She also raised concerns regarding traffic on 95A.

Jeff Rife spoke in support of the project.

Nick Beaton, Yerington City Councilman, spoke in favor of the project.

Darrell Pursel raised concerns with traffic, and the potential for chemical contamination in drains.

Jim DeChambeau raised concerns with potential fire hazards from dried vegetation, potential contamination of irrigation ditches, and traffic.

Bryson Masini raised concerns with traffic and expressed support for projects that bring money into the community.

Mark Jones, Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, expressed support for this project.

Frank Del Porto spoke in support of the project and suggested using pine trees for vegetation cover.

Micah Triplett spoke in support of this project.

Leo Solari spoke in opposition of this project until the highway is fixed.

Kayla Alm, Director of Health, Safety, and Environmental Planning for Comstock Metals, commended the Winston Project and EDF staff for reaching out to obtain a preliminary recycling quote to meet project application requirements of including a decommission plan.

Leah Wilkinson expressed concerns with safety, infrastructure, and traffic, as well as, BES (Battery Energy Storage), having on-site fire protection plans, and vegetation management.

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, clarified for Chair Keller that this is a tentative PUD and the PUD process will include conditions to address concerns (such as battery storage fires and groundwater leakage) prior to a final PUD being issued.

Scott Whittemore, on behalf of the Winston Energy Project, confirmed for Chair Keller that a pro rata share of the highway improvements has been anticipated. He also confirmed that, as part of the PUD, the applicant

acknowledges having to coordinate with the Nevada Department of Transportation, Lyon County Public Works, local Emergency Management Services, and adjacent property owners to ensure that the project does not have undue impacts to regional traffic, local access, and existing road structures.

In response to Comm. Jacobson, Mr. Whittemore clarified that Winston Energy's direct impact traffic improvements will be completed prior to construction.

Comm. Cassinelli questioned what the actual timeline would look like, and Mr. Whittemore clarified that based on staff discussion, it is anticipated that stipulations will be made with regard to timing, pro rata shares, and agreements will take place prior to the final PUD being issued.

In response to Comm. Hockaday's traffic concerns, Scott Whittemore clarified the Traffic Impact Study did account for cumulative impacts.

Chair Keller expressed dissatisfaction with how the setbacks have been presented and how big the requested variance is.

Comm. Jacobson and Comm. Cassinelli both commented that the previously proposed setback of 300 feet was unacceptable, but this quarter mile setback is satisfactory.

Comm. Hendrix and Comm. Hockaday both expressed disagreement with varying from the ordinance as written.

County Manager Andrew Haskin clarified for Chair Keller that the Board can approve the item with conditions on the tentative PUD.

Mr. Whittemore, Devon Muto, and the Board had further discussion including the setbacks, precedence, and the potential further setback concessions.

Based on the ability to meet the aforementioned findings, Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the request from Winston FC Solar, LLC, for a Planned Unit Development for the Winston Solar Project. The Project consists of a 400-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy facility with approximately 780,000 solar panels, a battery energy storage system, an electrical substation, high voltage power lines, and an operations and maintenance building on 11 parcels totaling approximately 2,374-acres in Mason Valley subject to Heavy Industrial-Suburban (HI-S) and Rural Residential, 20-acre minimum (RR-20) zoning (APNs 014-091-[13, 15, 16, 17, 22], 014-201-[14, 17, 18, 32, 33, 35]; PLZ-2025-084; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion did not pass 2-3, with Comm. Hockaday, Comm. Hendrix, and Chair Keller voting Nay.

Based on findings A-F, Comm. Hendrix moved to approve the request from Winston FC Solar, LLC, for a Planned Unit Development for the Winston Solar Project. The Project consists of a 400-megawatt photovoltaic solar energy facility with approximately 780,000 solar panels, a battery energy storage system, an electrical substation, high voltage power lines, and an operations and maintenance building on 11 parcels totaling approximately 2,374-acres in Mason Valley subject to Heavy Industrial-Suburban (HI-S) and Rural Residential, 20-acre minimum (RR-20) zoning (APNs 014-091-[13, 15, 16, 17, 22], 014-201-[14, 17, 18, 32, 33, 35]; PLZ-2025-084 with a 25% reduction in setbacks, clarified as 1,980 feet from the highway; Comm. Cassinelli seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M. until 1:30 P.M. and reconvened as the Board of Health.

**14.b For Possible Action: To approve the request from GDA Degree Inc. for a Zoning Map Amendment to amend the Zoning Map split-zoned designations from the Title 10 districts of Limited Commercial District (C-1) and Fifth Rural Residential District (20 Acres) (RR-5) to the Title 15 district of Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20), for an 18.00-acre parcel located at 20 Hoyo Canyon Road in Smith Valley (APN 010-631-32), PLZ-2025-102. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including: the application site on the Vicinity Map, Project Summary, Master Plan Designation, and the Master Plan Land Use Table, as well as Current and Proposed Zoning. She explained changing the zoning will make the lot consistent with master plan use of rural residential, and that this item is an incremental step, and ultimately, the project will end up with everything meeting every zone, all of it appropriately matching the master plan without breaking any of the rules of parcel maps.

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

Comm. Hockaday moved to approve the request from GDA Degree Inc. for a Zoning Map Amendment to amend the Zoning Map split-zoned designations from the Title 10 districts of Limited Commercial District (C-1) and Fifth Rural Residential District (20 Acres) (RR-5) to the Title 15 district of Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20), for an 18.00-acre parcel located at 20 Hoyo Canyon Road in Smith Valley (APN 010-631-32), PLZ-2025-102 based on the aforementioned findings; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.c For Possible Action: To approve the request from Microsoft Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 345/120-kilovolt electrical substation, two high voltage power lines, and other associated infrastructure for the Nighthawk Substation over approximately 32.59 acres of five parcels with Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning located north of US Highway 50 in Silver Springs at 1200 W US Highway 50 (Portion of APN 015-141-13 and 018-551-03, 018-551-04, 018-552-01, 018-552-02); PLZ-2025-109. (Senior Planner Louis Cariola)**

Senior Planner, Louis Cariola, gave a presentation showing the subject parcels in Silver Springs, north of Highway 50 at Rhyolite Lane and Deodar Street. The presentation also included: photos and maps of the property, Existing Conditions, Master Plan commercial designation and Character District, Use, Zoning, and Entitlement, Timeline, Project Summary, Description, and Details, Findings for CUPs, maps for the BLM Utility Corridors, Recommended Conditions of Approval (CoA), and the Planning Commission Recommendation.

Of note, this project is part of a larger data center campus for Microsoft, and highlights of the CoA include: fire plan, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Form 7460-1, and a fourteen-foot tall CMU (Concrete Masonry Unit) wall surrounding the substation building pad. Operations may not exceed 65 dBA (A-weighted decibel) during daytime hours or 60 dBA during night-time hours, and no unshaded light sources shall be permitted.

Stacie Huggins, with Wood Rodgers, representing Microsoft, gave a presentation including: Background and history of the project, tentative parcel map, Master Plan land use designation, Zoning District, and a Summary of Operations. Ms. Huggins clarified that this substation is to serve Greenlink and Microsoft, and while it's not the intended purpose of the substation, it will have the capability of serving Silver Springs in the future. She also explained that Deodar Street will be paved, and all construction access will occur off Deodar. Ms. Huggins emphasized that Microsoft is building this project for NV Energy, and NV Energy designed this substation with predictive substation modelling to comply with all applicable safety standards.

Chair Keller asked for public comment.

Brent Lovett, owner of Mineral Heights Apartments, spoke in opposition of the Nighthawk substation and expressed his concerns including safety, health, and whether this specific facility belongs in the neighborhood.

Tim McHargue, Fire Chief for Central Lyon County Fire Protection District, noted the shift in risk profile of the community, and how this development will require increased staffing, equipment and facility upgrades, and operational capacity to ensure readiness to respond.

Michelle Austin, of Silver Springs, expressed concerns including increased utility rates, high resource consumption, ineffective tax incentives, climate and energy challenges, and resource efficiency trade-offs such as choosing between energy consumption versus water efficiency for cooling.

Mark Jones, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, expressed concern for the neighborhood within the blast radius if a transformer fails. He suggested holding off on approving this project until a meeting is held with Tract, Greenlink, and NV Energy to discuss moving this project.

Robin Biggs expressed concern with meeting processes and transparency.

Joe Mendoza, Battalion Chief for North Lyon Fire Protection District, City of Fernley Ward 5 Council Member, IFF Local 4547 Union President, requested the record reflect: "This is my second request for the establishment of a permanent public safety working committee in alignment with Lyon County Master Plan 2020 as amended June 2nd, 2022, specifically, policy FS2.1 public safety. I respectfully request again that the county establish a permanent public safety working committee comprised of representatives from all four fire districts."

Chair Keller requested Mr. Mendoza speak about the agenda item or speak about his comment on that item at the end.

Comm. Cassinelli expressed concern with project proximity to the multi-family land. County Manager Andrew Haskin clarified the project meets all setback requirements, as County Code requires currently, and is allowed in neighborhood commercial zoning district.

Mark Sullivan, with NV Energy, clarified at Chair Keller's request, that the fourteen-foot wall is standard for critical infrastructure, for safety, to deter thieves, and to help keep wildlife out. He also stated this project will be built to the latest standards of the National Electric Safety Code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and includes monitoring technology.

Paul Butler, Senior Community Affairs Manager for Microsoft, confirmed for Chair Keller that, (as part of an announcement by Microsoft President, Brad Smith), Community-Centric AI Infrastructure includes not taking local tax incentives. Mr. Butler also stated that Microsoft pays its way for all infrastructure needed so that community utility rates don't go up as a result of Microsoft being in the community, and that closed loop water reservoir systems consume less water for chip cooling than legacy data centers.

Mark Sullivan, with NV Energy, clarified for Comm. Hockaday that the location of the substation was chosen for proximity to where the Greenlink tie-ins will be. With incoming and outgoing lines, one benefit is the ability to shut down service at one end while still serving the area regarding transmission area challenges, and this location will not interfere with future development.

Mr. Sullivan explained to Comm. Cassinelli that the 173-foot setback from a residential area is over three times the typical setback. He also clarified for Chair Keller that the transmission being built to the latest standards will

be more reliable, and have less problems during wind and those types of events, because distribution is what gets shut down when the system itself has danger.

Mr. Sullivan went on to address the rates by clarifying that this is being built under the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada's (PUCN) Rule 9, and NV Energy requires Microsoft to pay their way with infrastructure, while NV Energy picks up other system benefits and distributes them through the rate base. He also mentioned that they are requiring security from data center projects so that if a project isn't completed, NV Energy can use the security to pay for the infrastructure, so it doesn't have an impact on rates.

Senior Planner, Louis Cariola, clarified for the record that the previously referenced multi-family residential property (Mineral Heights Apartments) is actually within 300 feet of the substation.

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve the request from Microsoft Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 345/120-kilovolt electrical substation, two high voltage power lines, and other associated infrastructure for the Nighthawk Substation over approximately 32.59 acres of five parcels with Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning located north of US Highway 50 in Silver Springs at 1200 W US Highway 50 (Portion of APN 015-141-13 and 018-551-03, 018-551-04, 018-552-01, 018-552-02); PLZ-2025-109; Comm. Keller seconded, and the motion passed 3-2, with Comm. Cassinelli and Comm. Hockaday voting nay. Comm. Hockaday gave his reasoning as his belief that the project is a public safety hazard.

**14.d For Possible Action: To approve the request from Microsoft Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 120-kilovolt electrical substation and other associated infrastructure over approximately 18.70 acres of two parcels with Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning located north of US Highway 50 in Silver Springs at 1200 W US Highway 50 (Portion of APN 015-141-13 and 015-141-04); PLZ2025-110. (Senior Planner Louis Cariola)**

Senior Planner, Louis Cariola, gave a presentation similar to the previous item's presentation as this is a parcel that is part of the same project area. He clarified the conditions are nearly identical to the previous item's conditions, with the exceptions being the change in description because this is a smaller substation, a 153-foot setback, and a six-foot chain link fence. The full fire plan review and compliance with applicable National Fire Protection Association standards, conditions regarding noise and light, and recommendation from the Planning Commission remain the same.

Stacie Huggins, with Wood Rodgers, representing Microsoft, confirmed for Chair Keller that the presentation for this item remains generally the same as the previous item's presentation; points of difference are the setback difference, and the size of the substation.

Ms. Higgins confirmed for Comm. Jacobson that the project's next step is to work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure their standards are met.

Comm. Cassinelli received clarification that this substation is much smaller, and only has plans for a six-foot chain link fence around the perimeter.

Comm. Hockaday expressed concern with safety issues surrounding unexpected landings and the towers being in the airport influence.

Comm. Hendrix questioned whether Microsoft would accept an additional condition and make the same masonry as the Nighthawk Substation (fourteen-foot CMU (Concrete Masonry Unit)), and Microsoft countered with being

willing to accept a 10-foot CMU wall. Paul Butler, for Microsoft, also clarified there will still be the chain link security fence surrounding the substation.

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

Brent Lovett, owner of Mineral Heights Apartments, stated concerns regarding setting precedence, and blurring the distinction between commercial and industrial zoning.

Mark Jones stated the size of the Nighthawk substation may be the second-largest transformer station like it in the Country, and that the transformers may be considered terrorist targets.

Based on Findings A through G, and subject to conditions 1 through 14 with the additional condition of ten-foot masonry wall around the project, Comm. Hendrix moved to approve the request from Microsoft Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 120-kilovolt electrical substation and other associated infrastructure over approximately 18.70 acres of two parcels with Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zoning located north of US Highway 50 in Silver Springs at 1200 W US Highway 50 (Portion of APN 015-141-13 and 015-141-04); PLZ2025-110; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 4-1, with Comm. Hockaday voting nay.

**14.e For Possible Action: To approve the request from Lux Solar Center, LLC for a Major Variance application to allow for a reduction in setbacks for an expansion to the existing Lux Solar Project approved in 2023, to construct and operate a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility, on land subject to Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20) zoning located in the northern portion of the parcel at 55 Butte Way in Wabuska, Mason Valley on an approximately 280-acre portion of a 1,593-acre parcel (APN 014-091-20); PLZ-2025-096. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including Location Map and Project Summary, Site Photos, Master Plan, Master Plan and Zoning, Major Variance Setback Request, Conceptual Site Plan, Project Details – Traffic, Visual Impact Photos (and simulation), FEMA Map, Findings for Major Variances and Conditional Use Permits, Findings Highlights for the Major Variance Request – summaries from Staff Report, Findings Highlights for the Conditional Use Permit – summaries from Staff Report, the Planning Commission and MV (Major Variance) Motion, and the Planning Commission and PUD Motion.

This presentation was given to address both agenda items, 14.e and 14.f, which will have separate motions. Ms. Nash advised the Major Variance and the CUP are combined, and cannot really be separated, because one cannot be approved if the other is not.

Thomas Gentry, Lead Developer for the Lux Solar Center Project, clarified the project is seeking a Major Variance and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the 280 acres that are being added into the existing project area, and should be considered a substitute rather than an expansion because of the loss of buildable acreage as part of the transmission upgrades in the area. He also highlighted that this is the minimal acreage impact found in order to maintain and meet the generation and capacity requirements as part of interconnection agreements.

Lisa Nash clarified for Comm. Hockaday that the land-owner signed off for the application to move forward. She also confirmed the project is quite distant from the Wabuska Bar.

Comm. Hockaday asked about NDOT Traffic Study requirements and approval, and County Manager Andrew Haskin clarified that the CUP process is different from a PUD in that the conditions must be met before the project proceeds.

Ms. Nash confirmed for Comm. Hendrix that staff does recommend approval.

She clarified for Comm. Cassinelli that this setback variance differs from other variance requests in that this one does not have a road setback issue, and the home is not on a huge lot that could be subdivided.

Thomas Gentry clarified for Chair Keller that the project is expecting to install turn lanes and to be part of the joint development agreement with all three projects to share the costs as part of the CUP.

Chair Keller asked for public comment.

Phyllis Hiskett stated her concern that the intersection at Bowman and Campbell has not been addressed.

Jim DeChambeau stated his concern that only the east side of the highway has been addressed, and concerns with possible contamination in the ditches.

Robin Biggs expressed concerns with battery energy storage, and Sierra Way with public access to fishing.

Senior Planner, Louis Cariola, responded to Comm. Hendrix with a brief overview of planned road, intersection, and highway improvements that will need to be completed prior to the issuance of building permits.

Comm. Cassinelli suggested that the planned temporary signal at 339 and 95A at the Golden Gate be a permanent signal instead.

David Giacomini, Traffic Engineer with Kimley-Horn, gave a list of planned road, intersection, and highway improvements also, and confirmed there is virtually no way for the applicant to move forward without participating and/or constructing the improvements listed in the conditions in the Staff Report. He also clarified that the intersection at Bowman is part of the Copia Power Monarch project and is not part of this project.

Chair Keller asked for public comment.

Phyllis Hiskett stated that Mr. Giacomini did not mention Highway 339.

Robin Biggs expressed concerns with improvements being necessary at Ramsey Weeks, turnouts needed at Fort Churchill, and improvements necessary down past 395, Goldfield and 95A, and down to Bridge St to address dangerous intersections.

Comm. Hendrix moved to approve the request from Lux Solar Center, LLC for a Major Variance application to allow for a reduction in setbacks for an expansion to the existing Lux Solar Project approved in 2023, to construct and operate a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility, on land subject to Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20) zoning located in the northern portion of the parcel at 55 Butte Way in Wabuska, Mason Valley on an approximately 280-acre portion of a 1,593-acre parcel (APN 014-091-20); PLZ-2025-096; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.f For Possible Action: To approve the request from Lux Solar Center, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for an expansion to the existing Lux Solar Project approved in 2023, to construct and operate a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility, on land subject to Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20) zoning located in the northern portion of the parcel at 55 Butte Way in Wabuska, Mason Valley on an approximately 280-acre portion of a 1,593-acre parcel (APN 014-091-20); PLZ-2025-085. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including Location Map and Project Summary, Site Photos, Master Plan, Master Plan and Zoning, Major Variance Setback Request, Conceptual Site Plan, Project Details – Traffic, Visual Impact Photos (and simulation), FEMA Map, Findings for Major Variances and Conditional Use Permits, Findings Highlights for the Major Variance Request – summaries from Staff Report, Findings Highlights for the Conditional Use Permit – summaries from Staff Report, the Planning Commission and MV (Major Variance) Motion, and the Planning Commission and PUD Motion.

This presentation was given to address both agenda items, 14.e and 14.f, which will have separate motions.

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

Comm. Jacobson moved to approve the request from Lux Solar Center, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for an expansion to the existing Lux Solar Project approved in 2023, to construct and operate a photovoltaic (PV) solar energy facility, on land subject to Rural Residential, 20 Acre Minimum (RR-20) zoning located in the northern portion of the parcel at 55 Butte Way in Wabuska, Mason Valley on an approximately 280-acre portion of a 1,593-acre parcel (APN 014-091-20); PLZ-2025-085; Comm. Hendrix seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.g For Possible Action: To approve the request from Traditions North LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to amend the Zoning Map split-zoned designations from the Title 10 districts of First Rural Residential District (1 Acre) (RR-1), First Estates Residential District (E-1), Single-Family Non-rural Residential District (NR-1), and General Commercial District (C-2), to the Title 15 district of Planned Unit Development (PUD), generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-093. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 P.M. for a 5 min break, and reconvened at 4:36 P.M.

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including: Vicinity Map and Project Summary, Sutro Tunnel Donation, Master Plan, Master Plan Land Use Table, Current and Proposed Zoning, Land Uses Allowed with Zone Change, Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD Densities, PUD Land Use Table, ZMA (Zone Map Amendment) Findings, PUD Findings – Highlights, the Planning Commission and ZMA (Zone Map Amendment) Motion, and the Planning Commission and PUD Motion.

This presentation was given to address both agenda items, 14.g and 14.h, which will have separate motions.

Ms. Nash explained the applicant donated 10.01 acres to the Friends of Sutro Tunnel Charity organization, which reduces the ZMA and PUD property area from 230.76 to 220.75 acres, and removes the commercial portion of the zoning.

Ms. Nash clarified for Chair Keller that each proposed zoning district is for less than the maximum units allowed with more open space than required.

She also clarified for Comm. Jacobson that she will be requesting a continuance on the next item due to drainage concerns.

Carter Williams, Senior Planner with RVI Planning, advised that the application was submitted under Manhart Consulting, which is now a separate firm called RVI Planning.

Mr. Williams gave a presentation including: Project Location, Existing Zoning, Existing Lot Sizes, Land Use Plan, Development Standards, Traffic & Access, Open Space & Place making, and Parks.

Comm. Cassinelli disclosed he volunteers regularly with the Friends of the Sutro Tunnel Charity, is not on that Board, but is listed as their Government Liaison, and holds no pecuniary or financial interest with that group.

Chair Keller gave his opinion that small lots create problems, especially in economic downturns and recessions, because the smaller lots tend to be bought first by investors to turn into rentals. He and Mr. Williams discussed the potential of intermixing home and lot sizes, and Ms. Nash clarified the PUD is written to allow those kinds of changes and to have design flexibility in the future.

Chair Keller asked for public comment.

Robin Biggs commented on BLM, US Parkway, horses, and whether horses will be kept out of the neighborhood. Comm. Jacobson and Mr. Williams clarified she was referencing a different Traditions Project, but there will be trails.

Based on the aforementioned Findings, Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve the request from Traditions North LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to amend the Zoning Map designation from the Title 10 districts of First Rural Residential District (1 Acre) (RR-1), First Estates Residential District (E1), and Single-Family Non-rural Residential District (NR-1), to the Title 15 district of Planned Unit Development (PUD), generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 220.75-acre portion of a 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-093; Comm. Hendrix seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.h For Possible Action: To approve the request from Traditions North LLC for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Traditions North Residential Development. The project consists of 415 single-family residential units, open space, a neighborhood park, and pocket parks and is generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-094. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including: Vicinity Map and Project Summary, Sutro Tunnel Donation, Master Plan, Master Plan Land Use Table, Current and Proposed Zoning, Land Uses Allowed with Zone Change, Planned Unit Development (PUD), PUD Densities, PUD Land Use Table, ZMA (Zone Map Amendment) Findings, PUD Findings – Highlights, the Planning Commission and ZMA (Zone Map Amendment) Motion, and the Planning Commission and PUD Motion.

This presentation was given to address both agenda items, 14.g and 14.h, which will have separate motions.

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

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve the request from Traditions North LLC for a Tentative Planned Unit Development generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 220.75-acre portion of a 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-094.; Comm. Hendrix seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.i For Possible Action: To approve the request from Traditions North LLC for a Tentative Subdivision Map. The request is for 358 detached single-family residential units, including 116-acres of common area open space, parks, and trails, and is generally located north of the intersection**

**of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ2025-095. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, reported the applicant requested a continuance for up to sixty-five (65) days (5/7/26 meeting) on the tentative subdivision map due to drainage issues.

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

Comm. Hendrix moved to continue the request from Traditions North LLC for a Tentative Subdivision Map for up to sixty-five (65) days. The request is for 358 detached single-family residential units, including 116-acres of common area open space, parks, and trails, and is generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 220.75-acre portion of a 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ2025-095; Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**14.j For Possible Action: To approve the request from Traditions North LLC to Reserve Street Names for the Traditions North Residential Development for the proposed roadways to be generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-098. (Senior Planner Lisa Nash)**

Senior Planner, Lisa Nash, gave a presentation including: Project Summary, Request to Reserve Street Names, and the Planning Commission and SNR Motion. She explained that normally, this comes in as part of the tentative subdivision map, but it was submitted separately, so it was processed as such. The request to reserve street names is allowed by Code to be done separately, and it functions exactly like it would if it were part of the tentative subdivision map. Ms. Nash also clarified there were changes to some street names due to existing similar-sounding street names.

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

Comm. Cassinelli moved to approve the request from Traditions North LLC to Reserve Street Names for the Traditions North Residential Development for the proposed roadways to be generally located north of the intersection of Nevada Station and Rock Creek Parkways in Dayton on an approximately 220.75-acre portion of a 230.76-acre parcel (APN 016-406-07), PLZ-2025-098; Comm. Jacobson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**15. County Manager**

**15.a For Possible Action: Approve letters of support on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for Community Project Funding Requests.**

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, stated this item is for the letters of support that have to be submitted with the applications for congressionally directed funds. He clarified the three projects being submitted for are the Lift Station 4 Rehabilitation Project, Rolling A to South Plant Effluent Pumping Improvements, and the Water Main Addition - Eldorado Zone Loop Project, totaling over \$6 million.

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

Chair Keller clarified the total is closer to \$7 million, at \$6.7 million.

Comm. Keller moved to approve letters of support on behalf of the Board of Commissioners for Community Project Funding Requests: Lift Station 4 Rehabilitation Project Letter, Rolling A to South Plant Effluent Pumping

Improvements Letter, Water Main Addition - Eldorado Zone Loop Project Letter; Comm. Hendrix seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M. for a 2 min break, and reconvened at 5:23 P.M.

### **RECESS TO CONVENE AS BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board reconvened as the Board of Health at 1:31 P.M.

#### **16. Public Participation**

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

#### **17. Time Certain at 1:00 P.M.: Call to Order, roll call and Opening Comments given by Dr. Robin Titus, Lyon County Health Officer.**

Dr. Robin Titus, Lyon County Health Officer, stated all members of the Board of Health were present. She thanked everyone for their interest in Lyon County Public Health, and stated part of the Board's job is keeping the citizens of Lyon County healthy, looking at outside risks from diseases and emergencies.

#### **18. Regular Agenda**

**18.a For Presentation Only: Presentation on University of Nevada, Reno's Rural Outreach Clinic efforts in Lyon County (Lea Pope, Rural Health Education Coordinator, University of Nevada, Reno).**

Lea Pope, Rural Health Education Coordinator for University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, gave a brief presentation via Zoom. She is the faculty point of contact for rural outreach clinics, which are clinics run by second-year medical students overseen by attending physicians. Currently, the grant-funded program provides free preventative care, referrals, and imaging services. The clinics rotate quarterly and serve Fallon, Silver Springs, and Yerington on one clinic day per month. The clinics do not offer mental health services, and can offer limited referrals due to most referrals being Reno-based. The next clinic is on March 21, 2026 in Silver Springs.

**18.b For Presentation Only: Presentation on Empowered Go, a mobile Opioid Misuse treatment option for child-bearing aged women (Shannon Lepe, Director of Clinical Operations, Empowered Northern Nevada).**

Shannon Lepe, Director of Clinical Operations for Empowered Northern Nevada, and the mobile health unit, Empowered Go, gave a brief presentation via Zoom. The grant-funded mobile health unit provides medication for opioid use disorder for women of reproductive age, ages 18-49, and currently operates in Carson, Lyon, and Churchill Counties, with expansion to Storey County soon. Community health workers and tele-health providers are available to perform intakes, provide prescriptions, assist with transportation for services, and provide resources. The program works closely with the Carson-Tahoe MOM's Clinic, Health and Human Services, food banks, self-referrals, etc., but does not offer crisis services. They can be reached through their website or by phone.

**18.c For Possible Action: Information on the Rural Health Transformation Program and discussion on possible County projects and collaborations (Shayla Holmes, Director Lyon County Human Services).**

Dr. Shayla Holmes, Director of Lyon County Human Services, gave a brief presentation on the Rural Health Transformation Program, which is a Federal funding program for rural areas based on population density; the State submitted an application and was approved. The State was awarded over \$179 million for the first year, and is anticipating \$200 million for subsequent years. The intent of the funding is to provide rural areas with the ability to make innovative and long lasting changes to better serve their communities when the Medicaid rates and structure changes.

Dr. Holmes explained the expected timelines for allocation and spending, requirements, exclusions, and what the State already has ear-marked. She and the Board discussed ideas for how to move forward once the Notice of Funding Opportunity opens.

Dr. Robin Titus asked for public comment.

Robin Biggs suggested pursuing a Tribe collaboration and looking into retrofitting a Rite of Passage building to provide dialysis and infusions on-site.

Comm. Jacobson motioned that all Board suggestions that have been passed on and continuing discussions with fire departments, etc. are followed through by Dr. Shayla Holmes and her crew; Comm. Hockaday seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

**18.d For Discussion and Possible Action: Future agenda items and Board of Health meeting date, June 4th or June 18th. (Shayla Holmes, Director, Lyon County Human Services).**

Dr. Robin Titus stated she prefers June 18<sup>th</sup>, so that she can be here in person.

Comm. Hockaday motioned for the future meeting to be held June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Comm. Cassinelli seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chair Keller asked the County Manager for not too much to be on that agenda.

**19. Public Participation**

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

**ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**20. Agenda Requests**

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M. for a 2 min break, and reconvened at 5:23 P.M.

Comm. Jacobson requested a presentation from the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles). He stated he'd like it from the DMV in Fernley, but would also like to know why Fernley residents can no longer use the DMV in Yerington.

Comm. Hendrix had a meeting with Nevada's Director of the USDA and she would like to have someone come and make a presentation to the Board.

Comm. Cassinelli had none.

Comm. Hockaday reported a request will be coming in from the Smith Valley Citizens Advisory Board to accept a donation from the Clampers for a veteran's plaque for the Cemetery at Hillcrest, and stated he'd like it to be done fairly quickly so that they can present it on Memorial Day.

Joseph Mendoza, Battalion Chief of Northland County Fire, Fernley Ward 5 Councilman, and IAFF Local 4547 Union President, thanked the Board for giving him time to speak again, and requested the following be entered into record:

"For the record, I respectfully object to the county interrupting my public comment during the Microsoft agenda item on the grounds that it was not relevant. I do have a request after my comments. The County is making significant infrastructure decisions that directly impact public safety agencies, yet input from key stakeholders was dismissed. As a representative of both public safety and the community, my comments were clearly relevant to the discussion, especially considering a Commissioner voted against it due to public safety concerns. Preventing me from completing my remarks infringed upon my right to provide public safety comment on matters that directly affect public safety, infrastructure, community protection, and I ask that this objection be entered into the official record."

Mr. Mendoza requested a line item for a permanent public safety working committee comprised of representatives from all four fire districts, and provided an example of a recent fire event that was impacted by being short-staffed.

County Manager, Andrew Haskin, stated that at the last meeting, Mr. Mendoza had said that he was going to send his request in writing, which has not been received as of yet. Mr. Haskin also requested an explanation as to how this item is different than the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) that already exists so that he can evaluate that properly for the agenda items.

Chair Keller had none.

## **21. Commissioner Comments**

Comm. Jacobson gave a shout-out to Louis Cariola, Lisa Nash, and Gavin Henderson, and thanked them and their team for their time spent in preparation for this meeting. He also congratulated Mr. Henderson and his wife on the birth of their baby daughter.

Comm. Hendrix had none.

Comm. Cassinelli stated he appreciated staff's hard work, and thanked Dr. Shayla Holmes and her crew at Health and Human Services for the quality of the Behavioral Health Summit. He also acknowledged North Lyon Fire, congratulated Sean Sinclair as the new Utilities Director, and congratulated Gavin Henderson on the new baby. He also gave a shout-out to his mother-in-law turning eighty years old on Saturday.

Comm. Hockaday had none.

Chair Keller had none.

## **22. Public Participation**

Chair Keller asked for public comment. There was none.

Joe Mendoza suggested setting a meeting up with the County Manager. He stated LEPC is a federally mandated planning for emergency response to hazmat situations, and clarified that what he is asking for is a committee to be established to address what the Master Plan lines out for emergency response with fire and EMS, not hazmat.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

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

The meeting reconvened and there was a closed session beginning at 5:35 P.M.

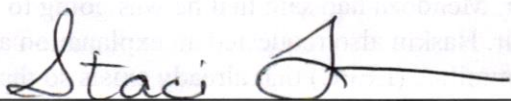
**24. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

**LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**SCOTT KELLER, Chairman**

**ATTEST**

  
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**STACI LINDBERG, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer**