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**MINUTES**

**LAUGHLIN TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**

**March 8, 2011  
1:30 P.M.**

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101 CIVIC WAY, LAUGHLIN, NEVADA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Janet Barela, Chair  
Candice FitzGerald, Vice-Chair  
Michael Bekoff  
Rosemary Munger  
James Vincent

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 25 Guests Signed In

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.**
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Doug Wesley** gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **James Vincent**.
- C.** Agenda items may be taken out of order if deemed necessary.

**2. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Approval of the March 8, 2011, Agenda.**

**James Vincent** moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded to approve as presented the March 8, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

- C. Approval of February 8, 2011 and February 22, 2011 Minutes.**

The February 8, 2011 Minutes were approved as presented. **James Vincent** noted a correction to the February 22, 2011 Minutes, Page 8, 3. CURRENT ZONING ITEMS, A.,

third paragraph, from “Motion carries on a 3-0 vote, to “Motion carries on a 3-1-0 (Rosemary Munger absent) vote”. **Rosemary Munger** abstained from the vote to approve the Minutes because she was not present at the February 22, 2011 meeting. Upon a voice vote, motion carried as corrected on a 4-0-0 (**Rosemary Munger** abstained) vote.

### 3. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY REPORTS

A. LV Metro Police, Laughlin Substation Report: **Lt. Brian Evans,**  
Commander

#### **Statistics for the month of February 2011:**

Calls for Service: 312, down 2.80% from February 2010

Traffic Citations: 394

DUI's: 7

Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 10 adult, 0 juvenile

Bookings: 68

Juvenile Bookings: 0

Juvenile Citations: 0

**Crisis Intervention Policy.** For the last several months' officers have been trained for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) through a 40-hour course that teaches the officers how to deal with mentally ill people. In the past people were called from Las Vegas for this type of intervention, but now Laughlin Substation officers are being trained.

**Personnel.** So far, Laughlin Metro Substation is being allowed to replace personnel as vacancies occur. The officer who went to Traffic has replaced by **Officer Julie Artau** on Saturday, March 5, 2011, who will be living and working in Laughlin.

**River Run.** **Lt. Evans** has talked to most of the Laughlin hotel General Managers and there seems to be a consensus that most of them will be going with the “no colors” policy for the 2011 River Run. The plan is still being worked on, and the “outlaws” will be dealt with a little differently this year.

**Mohave Generating Station Stack Implosion.** Although it was hoped to keep the date and time of the implosion of the stack at Mohave Generating Station a secret, it was published in the newspaper that it will take place on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM. There are no plans to close most roads for the implosion, with the exception of the dirt road just south of the Tropicana.

**National Park Service Meet & Greet.** On March 9, 2011, there will be a “meet and greet” with the Nevada National Park Service Director. There are a lot of joint operations with the Nevada National Park Service, but due to personnel turnovers, they want to come to Laughlin and get reacquainted.

**Phlebotomist.** A Phlebotomist is being sought for after hours blood draws for DUI arrests. Currently anyone detained for a DUI arrest has to be immediately transported to Las Vegas for a blood draw. This may or may not be solved. There are some people identified who will do blood draws for the Laughlin Metro Substation, but the problem is what they want to

charge so the matter is currently in negotiation.

**Reorganization.** The Laughlin Metro Substation has been reorganized and is now part of the North Patrol Division, and there is now a new Captain. **Curtis Williams** is the new Captain and he was in Laughlin on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, and he toured the Metro facility and was taken on a tour of Laughlin. **Captain Williams** is in charge of the Air Support Search and Rescue, Laughlin Metro Substation, the other resident section with Canine, Patrol Administration, Events Planning, Youth Education Services (which used to be D.A.R.E.), and the Saturation Team and Mobile Crime Saturation Team (dignitary protection and critical infrastructure protection and things like that, and also have the Hispanic interpreters).

**Michael Bekoff** asked if there is going to be a designated viewing area for the public for the stack implosion on Friday and **Lt. Evans** responded no, but that there is a private viewing area in the facility for invited dignitaries and past employees.

**Rosemary Munger** asked if there is an increase in domestic violence calls and **Lt. Evans** responded no. **Ms. Munger** asked what Metro does with the children in the home when there is a domestic violence call. **Lt. Evans** responded that it depends on the situation. If there are family members that the children can be taken to metro does that, but if not they are sometimes taken to Las Vegas to Child Haven, but that is very rare.

**B. Nevada Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety Report: Sergeant Novelt**  
**Mack**

**Accidents.** In February 2011 there were a total of eight accidents: five for property and three injury. In one day there were five accidents on the rainy Sunday in February and all at the same location on SR 163 at the curves around mile marker 13-14. When the highway is wet the oil comes up and makes the roadway slick and dangerous. The Nevada Highway Patrol is working with the Nevada Department of Transportation to come up with a solution for that section of the highway to make it safer when wet.

**Total Violations on Citations:** 498, a reduction in total and speed citations issued from the previous month (the normal average is 800 to 900). 62 of the violations were hazardous moving violations, primarily on SR 163 at the Thomas Edison stop sign.

**Warrants:** 5

**Speed Limits on SR 163 and US 95.** Effective today and tomorrow the speed limits on SR 163 and US 95 are being changed. SR 163 eastbound from Laughlin Civic Drive to Thomas Edison has added two 45 mph speed zone signs, one on the center median and one on the side of the roadway. Signs with symbols will also be posted to warn people to slow down and there will be more reductions. There will also be an increase in speed on the westbound side to 55 mph after you come across the bridge. US 95 speed limits are increasing to 75 mph on all sections that are median divided. From Searchlight to Highway 93 they are putting up the 75 mph signs and tomorrow morning they will be posting from Searchlight to State Line just south of SR 163.

**Annual District Inspection.** In February 2011 there was an Annual District Inspection

conducted by the Highway Patrol Deputy Chief, two Captains, and the Area Lieutenant and the inspection went very well.

**Michael Bekoff** asked about any news on the planned closure of SR 163 during construction because the rumor is that the plan that was submitted to the Nevada Department of Transportation was rejected, and **Sgt. Mack** responded that it is rumor that he can't confirm or deny. **Deborah Murray** responded that the plan is still in draft form so there hasn't been a final decision yet. **Janet Barela** asked if the final plan can be presented to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board and **Deborah Murray** responded that it can, but Metro and the Nevada Highway Patrol will probably be notified first.

**Construction.** Starting yesterday Wiser Construction extended their construction zone up to and including the Laughlin Bridge, so now there will only be one lane westbound off the bridge making you go straight instead of turning from the outside lane, leaving one lane to turn left on to Casino Drive during construction. This lane restriction will be in effect from one to three weeks, depending upon how the construction progresses, so expect backups at peak traffic hours. Please exercise patience during this phase of the construction.

C. Clark County Fire Department: **Roy Session, Battalion Chief**

**Captain Tom Ciciliano**, Fire Station 85, Clark County Fire Department reported.

Statistics for the month of February 2011:

	<b>Station 76</b>	<b>Station 85</b>
EMS	85	54
Fire	3	7
Other	0	5

**Calls.** There were a total of 239 total calls in Laughlin during the month of February with 173 of those calls handled by Station 76 and 66 of those calls handled by Station 85.

**Inter-Agency Training.** Bullhead City, AZ, has become much more integral to the operation of the Laughlin Fire Stations over the last six months with the shut down of one of the units. Regular training will be done on an every other month rotation between Laughlin and Bullhead City, with six training sessions a year: three in Laughlin, three in Bullhead City. The first training was held at the Laughlin Marina and some equipment issues were worked out, there was a mock scenario of a building fire, and the two agencies got familiar with working with one another. Next month in April the Laughlin Fire Department will be going to Bullhead City for training, and units will be brought to Laughlin from Las Vegas to stand by and run calls during the training.

**Blitz Attack Training.** The Laughlin Fire Department has been doing blitz attack training which consists of getting to a call and getting large water lines in operation as quickly as possible so in the event of a significant fire lots of water can be put on it quickly.

**Department of Energy Classes.** In March 2011 the Department of Energy will be going

over the types of nuclear materials that will be coming through Laughlin and going to Las Vegas, and what to expect.

**Laughlin Water Treatment Facility Tour.** The Laughlin Water Treatment Facility and the Big Bend Water District will be toured in March 2011 so the Laughlin Fire Department can see the hazardous materials, where they are located on property, and receive training on the sites and the Hazmat related issues.

**Mohave Generating Station Stack Implosion.** The Laughlin Fire Department will be standing by at the implosion of the Mohave Generating Station stack on March 11, 2011, 9:00 AM, for life safety and in the event something goes wrong.

**Customer Cards.** The Laughlin Fire Department will be coming out with customer cards, something that Metro does, because it's a good idea. When responding to a house where no one is home and the Fire Department must break in for some reason, the cards are designed to be left with information letting the property owner know the Fire Department was there, why they were there, and who to contact for more information.

**River Run.** The Laughlin Fire Department is gearing up for the 2011 River Run that takes place every April. There will be meetings on that shortly.

**AMR Paramedic.** AMR Paramedic, **John Graff**, has returned to work on February 21, 2011, after having had a heart attack while on a call in October 2010. The Fire Department assisted in the resuscitation of **Mr. Graff** during his heart attack, and everyone is glad to see him back.

**Michael Bekoff** asked about the transportation of nuclear waste through Laughlin, and **Chief Ciciliano** responded that it's the first he's heard of it too, but he's assuming there are some types of nuclear products that are transported and won't be transported over the new bridge or the dam, so this is a meeting to let the Fire Department know what to expect coming through this area. **Rosemary Munger** stated that about six months ago there was an article in the development paper across the river about a contract that was let in Kingman to put low-grade nuclear waste in the storage dump in Nevada, and this may be what we are talking about. **Chief Ciciliano** stated that all he knows is that there are going to be classes on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> of March, 2011. Nuclear waste is transported all over the country every day, and it's nice that they make the Fire Department aware of what is coming through and how well it's protected so we know what to expect.

**Thomas Bartelmy**, 2295 High Terrace Lane, Laughlin, NV, reported that the Nuclear Waste Facility is in northern Nevada and most of the transports will be coming through Mesquite. Ninety percent of the nuclear waste will be transported from the northern tier states, from the northern eastern states, from the Midwestern states and California through Mesquite and out through the Laughlin area. Some may be coming from New Mexico or Texas, but the majority is going to be coming through the Mesquite area and other roads that feed northern Nevada. **Rosemary Munger** asked if this has to do with the contract that was let to the trucking company in Kingman, Arizona, and **Mr. Bartelmy** responded yes.

**D.** Southern NV Health District: **Patricia Hayde, Senior Environmental Health Specialist**

**Restaurant inspections Online.** The Southern Nevada Health District now has restaurant

inspections online at [www.snhd.info](http://www.snhd.info). You will be able to search by name, hotel, inspection grade, type of facility, city, or zip code, and includes bars, taverns, restaurants and hotels. These are all public records and will be online approximately five days following the inspection. If you want official copies of these inspections from the Health District, there will be a copy charge fee, but copies may be printed directly from the website free.

**How Do I.** Also new on the website is the “How Do I” section. This will allow you to access information about how to file reports with online forms, complain about a hotel or restaurant, or complain about getting sick at a facility in Clark County. There are also forms to report “green pools”, pools or water features that are not being maintained and breed bacteria and mosquito larvae which produce the West Nile Virus in the spring and summer. Anyone aware of a green pool or water feature should call the Health District at (702) 759-1220 to report it and someone will be sent out to treat the water and kill the mosquito larvae. Illegal dumping can also be reported online.

**Records, Permits, Agendas and Minutes.** Birth and death certificate records can be requested from the website. You may apply for permits and Board of Health Agendas and minutes are available on the website.

**Board of Health.** The Board of Health is down three members due to the death of a member from Mesquite who will be replaced with someone from Mesquite, Clark County Commissioner **Lawrence Weekly** resigned due to a conflict in scheduling and will be replaced by the appointment of another Clark County Commissioner, and an industry representative who is retiring. If Laughlin would like to have someone apply for the Board of Health at this time, the industry representative position would be the one Laughlin would qualify for.

**Death Certificates.** The Laughlin Public Health Center may be adding Death Certificate services at some time in the future, but right now its just conversation but it’s being worked on.

**Heath Cards.** Laughlin Health Cards are now being issued Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, except for holidays. In the event of a Monday holiday, health cards will be issued on the following day – Tuesday. During the past two weeks health card activity has doubled for new health cards which means people are hiring locally.

**Flu Season.** Flu season in Laughlin has been bad for the past three or four weeks and normally peaks in January and February each year. The numbers are going down now but there are still flu clinics in Las Vegas and the information number is 759-0850.

**Health Education.** There are a lot of health education topics on the website and the one I chose to talk about at this meeting is food safety during and after a power outage. Certain foods are more dangerous than other foods: gravies, creams, hashes, anything with a lot of ingredients in it, ground meat, poultry, chicken salad, tuna salad and fish are all very hazardous when not kept at the proper temperatures. If any of these type foods reach room temperature, throw them out. When in doubt, throw it out! Don’t trust your nose. Frozen food will keep and canned milk is good because it can safely be kept for many hours after

opening without refrigeration in an emergency. If safe water or water disinfectants are

unavailable, use canned or bottled fruit juices instead of water. Be cautious about the lack of hot water and alternate cooking methods. The use of charcoal, propane or similar fuels should always be used outside – never inside. Most Laughlin power outages are short, but you have to be careful. Canned food is always a safe bet, even if it isn't heated. Dry ice requires certain precautions. If you have specific questions, please call 759-1643 in Laughlin. Forms are online, but if you don't have online access, please call and we will help you out.

**\*\*\*COMMUNITY INPUT/PUBLIC COMMENTS\*\*\***

**(No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken).**

Normally Community Input/Public Comments are at the end of the Agenda, but we are going to try moving up this portion of the agenda to give people an opportunity to speak without waiting through the entire Agenda.

**A. Debbie Dauenhauer**, 260 East Laughlin Civic Drive, Laughlin, NV, reminded everyone that the construction project on Casino Drive is causing delays in the bus service, and asks that everyone plan accordingly and allow an extra hour to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner.

\* The Chair announced that Community Reports will be taken out of agenda order and heard next because there are some people who have to leave early.

\* The following report was taken out of Agenda order:

**6. B. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: Jake Jacobson Assistant Manager Laughlin Services**

**February Statistics:**

Wastewater Treated:	LWRF treated an average of 1.97 MGD, producing clean water returned to the Colorado River.
Wastewater Flows:	Flow increased 140,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.
Spills/Overflows:	None
Complaints:	None
Call Before You Dig:	13 mark-out requests.

**Project Updates.** Projects 638 and 639, the sewer portion of the Casino Drive work, have crew's working day and night to expedite completion of this project. Previously crews only worked at nights and trying to open up the street during the daytime, however, we have expedited production on this project to wrap it up. Contingency plans for traffic for April events in Laughlin are still in discussion at this time. Project completion is expected by the end of April.

\* The following report was taken out of Agenda order:

**6. D. Bullhead City Report: Brenda Richardson, Senior Administrative Analyst**

**Medical Marijuana Dispensary.** At the March 15, 2011 meeting of the Bullhead City Council the medical marijuana dispensary will be discussed.

**Curbside Recycling.** At the March 15, 2011 meeting of the Bullhead City Council a curbside recycling program will be considered. There are four options to make a decision on ranging from no cost increase to \$3 to \$4 per month to residents.

**Senior Nutrition Center.** At the March 15, 2011 meeting of the Bullhead City Council the Senior Nutrition Center that is currently being operated by the County will be discussed. The future operation of the Senior Nutrition Center, currently preparing 38,424 meals, could be to move the program to the Bullhead City Senior Center and outsource the preparation of meals for a cost to the general fund of \$45,322, or lease the County building and make no change to the existing program at a cost to the general fund of \$60,935.

**Bicycle Safety Rodeo.** The Police Department is gearing up for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Carrie Conner Bicycle Safety Rodeo. The event will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011, in the south Wal-Mart parking lot from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event is sponsored by the Bullhead City Police and Fire Departments, Wal-Mart, and Western Arizona Regional Medical Center. Children are encouraged to bring their bicycles for a free safety inspection and tune-ups, and bicycle registration.

**Community Safety Alert and Safety Program.** The Bullhead Police Department has launched a new community safety alert and tip program called Citizen Observer to keep the community connected and informed through opt-end mail and text message public safety alerts. The technology will also allow citizens to text message anonymous tips from their cell phone to the Bullhead City police Department. More information is available on the BHC website.

\* **The following report was taken out of Agenda order:**

**6. F. HopeLink Family Resource Center: Robyn Kelley, Executive Director**

**Statistics.** For the month of February 5 new cases were opened with 3 on-going case management cases from previous months.

**House Safety and Activity Fair.** On February 26, 2011, a House Safety and Activity Fair, in partnership with Clark County Parks and Recreation and the Boys & Girls Club, was held. A big thank you goes out to all the organizations that participated, 16 Laughlin and 6 Bullhead City.

\* **The following report was taken out of Agenda order:**

**6. G. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: Connie Davis, Director of Operations**

**Annual Meeting.** On March 10, 2011, at 11:30 AM at Harrah's, the annual meeting will be

taking place and there are still a few seats left. The guest speaker will be **Barry Moniak**, founder of End in mind Empowerment, who developed the four corners of empowerment program to assist audiences and clients in learning how the mind and body function together in developing the skills necessary to optimize attitude, communication, relationships and leadership. These are the four essential components needed to increase effectiveness in all fields of personal and professional endeavors. **Mr. Moniak** will have a seminar on march 11, 2011, at 5:00 PM (NV time) at the Mohave Community College, Room 600, and the cost is \$25 for chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

**Community Achievement Awards.** The Community Achievement Awards are scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2011, at the Tropicana Express hotel/Casino. Nomination forms are available for nominating that deserving person in the community that steps up and does something extra without seeking recognition. Forms are available on the website, Mutual Bank of Omaha, the Laughlin library, or at the Chamber of Commerce.

\* **The following report was taken out of Agenda order:**

**6. I.** Laughlin Library: **Karen Lassen, Branch Manager**

**Blood Drive.** On March 28, 2011, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, United Blood Services will be at the Laughlin Library. Movie tickets will be given to the first twenty donors.

**AARP Tax-Aide.** AARP is offering free tax help for low and moderate income taxpayers every Thursday through April 14, 2011, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**Master Gardeners.** On March 9, 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, University of Arizona master Gardeners will answer questions about planting trees and shrubs.

**Brown Bag Book Club.** On March 11, 2011, 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the Brown Bag Book Club will meet to discuss "Resilience: Reflections on The Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities" by **Elizabeth Edwards**.

**Coupon Programs.** There are two coupon programs being presented by **Diane Smith**:  
One on Sunday, March 13, 2011, 2:00 PM, and one on Sunday March 20, 2011,

2:00 PM.

**River Writers Guild.** On March 15, 2011, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, the River Writers Guild will be discussing their experiences with publishing and self-publishing.

**Get an Email Address.** On march 16, 2011, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, a class will be offered on setting up your own free email address.

**Indoor Air Quality.** On March 18, 2011, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, topics will include cleanliness and housekeeping, airborne allergens, mold, pests, and proper ventilation to make you home a healthy one.

**Murder on the Strip.** On March 26, 2011, 7:00 PM, an interactive murder mystery whodunit play will keep you guessing until the end. Limited space available and sign-up is required.

**Springtime Craft.** On March 12, 2011, 11:00 AM, a springtime craft to make a bee thermometer will be offered for the children.

**Movie Matinee.** On March 26, 2011, a Walt Disney movie, “Toy Story 3”, will be presented for the children.

**XBOX Kinect.** On March 5, 2011, at 11:00 AM, the first of three XBOX Kinect adventure game sessions will be offered for the children.

**Wings & Wildlife Stories and puppet Show.** On March 12, 2011, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Spirit Mountain Park the Wings & Wildlife will present stories and a puppet show for the children.

The Chair invited **Deborah Murray** to say a few words about the Wings & Wildlife Program. **Ms. Murray** stated the Wings & Wildlife Program was put together in a very short time and people really worked hard to pull the event together. The Colorado River Greenway Heritage Trail Committee, **Dave Floodman**, **Sandy Dingman** (from the park service), along with citizens of Laughlin, were instrumental in bringing the event together and deserve a big thank you for their efforts. Other organizations involved are the Laughlin Economic Development Corporation, HopeLink, Boys and Girls Club of the Colorado River, Art and Nature Wilderness Program, Clark County Parks and Recreation, Clark County Laughlin Town Manager’s Office, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Complex. When it looked like there would not be a Wings & Wildlife event in Laughlin this year the various agencies worked together for about three weeks to organize the event. Without their initiative, the event would not have taken place. The Wings & Wildlife Festival will also involve some bird watching tours, discussion of wildlife in Southern Nevada (in Boulder City), exhibits, Birding 101, a kayaking tour, and a Grapevine Canyon hiking tour. Activities will run from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. There is only one event that has a nominal charge and the rest of the activities are free, so it is hoped the community will participate.

\* **The following report was taken out of Agenda order:**

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**6. J.** Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes, Principal**

**Dawn L. Estes** was unable to attend the meeting so **Maribeth Brisk** reported.

**Marissa Moss Visiting Bennett Elementary School.** Renowned illustrator, artist and writer of forty children’s books, **Marissa Moss**, will be coming to Bennett Elementary School on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, and will give several presentations throughout the day. During her presentation she will talk about being a children’s author and illustrator, share rough drafts of her books with the students and emphasize the value of revising, talk about where her book ideas come from, and share illustration tips and writing strategies with the students. The goal is to inspire the students to be the next **Marissa Moss** and encourage the students to write daily. A quote from **Marissa Moss**; “The best part of writing for me is

that on paper I can make whatever I want to happen, happen. You can't do that in the real world."

4. **ZONING**

A. **PREVIOUS ZONING ACTIONS:**

A. *None*

B. **CURRENT ZONING ACTIONS:**

A. *None*

**Zoning Appeal Process :** Planning Commission and Board of County Commission meetings are both held at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155-1841. Planning Commission Meetings are scheduled on the first & third Tuesdays of each month and the following Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Board of County Commissioners Zoning Meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM following the first & third Tuesdays of each month. *If you appeal a Planning Commission action, you must be present at the Board of County Commissioners meeting to present your appeal.* Appeals are made by filling out a "Filing An Appeal" form, available from the Department of Comprehensive Planning, Current Planning Division. You may call Current Planning at (702) 455-4314 to request the form. Once in the automated phone system, press Option #2, listen closely to the options and press Option #2 again. This will connect you to a person who can help you with the appeal form. Once you have filled out the appeal form, fax it to (702) 455-3271, then call (702) 455-4314 to verify the appeal form was received and ask when it will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners. *Appeals must be done within five (5) judicial (business) days from the time the item was heard by the Planning Commission.*

5. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **Consider a letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for Family Resource Center funding for 2011, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

letter  
and  
Robyn Kelley stated that HopeLink Family Resource Center, would greatly appreciate a of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board in support of the organization and the services that are provided to the Laughlin community. The letter will be used to apply for grant funding to supplement income that may be lost. Janet Barela asked Ms. Kelley to draft some points that she would like the Laughlin Town Advisory Board to mention email them to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board secretary.

HopeLink  
James Vincent moved, Michael Bekoff seconded to draft a letter of support for the Family Resource Center. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

B. **Consider appointment of Sharon Davie to the Community Development Committee, re-adjust committee appointments as necessary, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

the  
James Vincent moved, Candice FitzGerald seconded to approve the application and appointment of Sharon Davie to the Community Development Committee and re-adjust the committee appointments to reflect that Suzanne Condray has been moved to Alternate on committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

Michael Bekoff moved, Candice FitzGerald seconded to honor the request of Thomas Bartelmy to move from the Public Works Committee to the Public Safety Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

C. **Consider a letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for continuation**

**of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider), and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider), explained that the letter of support being requested is for the South Federal Transportation Administration Grant (covering Laughlin, Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, and Palm Gardens) funding in the anticipated amount of \$1.4 million dollars (the 2010 amount received). Fifty percent of the funding comes from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and fifty percent of the funding comes from Federal funding. The new fuel island at Silver Rider was used for the first time today and will mean a substantial savings for fuel costs. Grants are due to Nevada Department of Transportation by April 15, 2011, and support letters certainly make a difference because the grant funding is very competitive.

**Janet Barela** moved, **Rosemary Munger** seconded to provide a letter of support from the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider). Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**Michael Bekoff** asked if arrangements have been made for Metro and Public Works to utilize the fuel island as well, and **Ms. Dauenhauer** responded that that is the intent of the Regional Transportation Commission, but wants the fuel maintenance system (Gas Boy) installed first. The system is currently being operated manually with manual fueling and logging in until the fuel maintenance system is activated, then agreements will be entered into with the various Clark County departments.

**D. Consider request to the Clark County Board of Commissioners to allow the expenditure of Fort Mohave Development Fund monies for the emergency repair and resurfacing of a section of Needles Highway from the Boy Scout Camp to South Casino Drive in Laughlin, NV, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Jackie Brady** was asked by the Chair to provide a briefing. **Ms. Brady** stated that in May 2010 the Public Works Director, **Denis Cederburg**, came before the Laughlin Town Advisory Board with a list of potential maintenance projects. The Needles Highway segment was included on the list of potential maintenance projects at a cost of \$3 million dollars, but there was only \$2.4 million dollars available for road projects in Laughlin. The Public Works Committee reviewed the various projects presented by Public Works and added some from their own list, then made a recommendation to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board. At

the September 28, 2010 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board the following recommendations were made and approved:

1. Construct left turn pocket at Bruce Woodbury at Cougar at an estimated cost of \$90,000.
2. Reconstruct Thomas Edison, Bruce Woodbury to Laughlin Civic Drive, at an estimated cost of \$628,000.
3. Slurry seal residential streets at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million dollars (to include striping, turnouts, lighting).
4. Bus turnout at Bay Shore Inn on South Casino Drive (cost unknown).

Since that time there have been heavy rains, flooding and a very heavy winter in comparison to other winters and the road is completely deteriorated. Reports about the road condition and complaints are coming in from motorists that it is very dangerous.

Fuel tax revenues that are normally used to maintain roads are being used for the Casino Drive Improvement Project and with the condition of the economy there is no hope of getting additional funds at this point. **Ms. Brady** stated that she was reluctant to mention the Fort Mohave Development Fund monies for the repair of Needles highway because funds would get eaten up very fast for road maintenance, however, we don't want to see anyone injured or killed as a result of the condition of the road, therefore, I consider this an emergency and asked that it be put on this agenda for your consideration. **Ms. Brady** prepared and distributed legal information regarding the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund (FMVDF), partially in response to questions whether it is legally okay to do this. Also provided was that portion of the Resolution passed by the Clark County Board of Commissioners that dealt with the fund, as well as the Administration portion naming **Jackie Brady** as Administrator over the fund, working in conjunction with other County departments. Normally, the establishment of criteria to create a project list for expenditure of FMVDF funds would have been prepared by **Ms. Brady** and presented to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for recommendation to the County Commissioners. The criteria has been established, however, economic development projects in Laughlin have been slowed down by legal issues that are currently being worked through and someone was needed to work more fully on economic development, which is the whole purpose of the Fort Mohave Development Fund law. **Lesa Coder**, Clark County, formerly in charge of the shooting park in Las Vegas, is being transitioned out and will now be able to assist with work on Laughlin economic development, so we are now in a better position for economic development.

At this time, there is not a draft project priority list, which is unusual, but I am bringing this particular project to you with the following justification:

Reason for requesting funding for a non-listed Capital Project –

In May 2010, the Laughlin Town Advisory Board (LTAB) was presented with a possible list of maintenance projects for which there were only \$2.4 million dollars by the Director of Clark County Public Works. The LTAB was asked to make a recommendation on which projects should be funded. The short segment of Needles Highway under discussion today was listed at \$3 million dollars and the LTAB subsequently chose other projects to be done with the existing and limited funds. In the intervening period, due possibly to the 2010

flooding, heavy rains and cold winter, the highway's pavement became significantly deteriorated. The project would be a capital improvement project and not merely a maintenance project. The road segment will likely have to be completely redone after only 14 years.

Therefore, as a result of the nature and significance of the present problem on the Highway, which serves as a main transportation artery for citizens and visitors, the Town manager's Office, as Administrator of the land and the fund, has recommended this sole project be placed for discussion and recommendation the March 8, 2011 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible consideration/action by the County Commission.

Although this item represents an unusual step, it has been done with the belief that emergency action is needed to alleviate and prevent accidents, injury, etc. as a result of the extreme deterioration of that segment of the County highway (it lies between the Casino Drive intersection and the Boys Scout Camp – known as Phase #3 of the improvements and was completed in 1997).

**Rosemary Munger** asked when the criteria list was completed and **Jackie Brady** responded 2007. **Ms. Munger** asked if it was ever submitted to the LTAB and **Ms. Brady** responded “not yet, no”. **Ms. Munger** asked if under the Resolution from the Board of County Commissioners it was to be presented to the LTAB and **Ms. Brady** responded that yes, she helped write the Resolution. **Ms. Munger** went on to ask about the FMVDF being used as only ‘local match’ funding, and where matching funds would come from to do the road improvement. **Mr. Brady** responded that these criteria were developed in 2007 before the County hit a wall financially. We don’t have matching funds, and I would be the first one fighting for it to be used as only matching funds, but it’s a unique emergency situation that I anticipate will not happen again. In the end, it’s up to the Town Board whether you want to do it or not – I’m just bringing it before you. **Ms. Munger** asked if there is any idea, at this time, what the cost is going to be. **Ms. Brady** responded approximately \$3 million dollars, but Public Works has been asked to take another look at the condition of the road because it’s much worse. **Ms. Munger** stated that according to **Ms. Brady** the road was surfaced fourteen years ago and should not have deteriorated to the point that it is today, so is there any insurance or bond available from the company that surfaced it at that time that we could go back and claim against? **Ms. Brady** responded no, not to her knowledge, but she can check on that.

**Janet Barela** asked to hear from the Public Safety/Public Works Committee because they made the priority list. **Michael Bekoff** responded that **Fred Doten** created the list for the committee of priorities and tabulated the results. With only \$2.4 million dollars available, the five projects were picked in order of priority in order to spread the money as widely as possible. To have resurfaced Needles Highway would have eaten up all the money and then some and we did not have that money available, so out of necessity and not choice, Needles Highway was left off the list. Obviously it is a safety issue and we don’t want to see any major accidents or possible fatalities there. The road has deteriorated so badly that it is a source of constant media attention and complaints from the public and needs to be addressed as an emergency situation. I endorse the Town Manager’s position that this is a need that has to be addressed immediately and we don’t have time to wait for other sources of funding to come about while people may be injured or killed as a result of the road condition. **Mr.**

**Bekoff** asked **Ms. Brady** how much money is currently in the FMVDF Fund and what will be left after spending \$3 million dollars for this project. **Ms. Brady** responded that the current balance is approximately \$11 million dollars, and an email was just received from **Denis Cederburg**, Director of Clark County Public Works, that the cost would still be \$3 million dollars, leaving a balance of approximately \$8 million dollars in the account. **Mr. Bekoff** closed by saying that the money is available, the need is there, and he would support the idea of allocating that money today in order to get this done as soon as possible.

**Rosemary Munger** stated that her only question is “do we actually have the right to take Fort Mohave Funds?” **Ms. Munger** stated that as a lawyer she would not give a legal opinion

that she would have to stand behind on this that says this money can be used for this purpose. **Ms. Munger** believes that there are definite conflicts between what we are trying to do here and **Jackie's** list of criteria, the Resolution from the County Commissioners, and the statute (NRS) so , in our own best interests, should get a District Attorney's Opinion as to whether or not this is a valid use of these funds. **Janet Barela** stated that she believes whatever is decided today, it is contingent upon the District Attorney's Opinion. **Jackie Brady** responded that we would want the Public Works Department District Attorney and the Administrative Services District Attorney to look at it as well and we would never do anything blindly.

**James Vincent** stated that he can see that we can't take action on this today, even though it is of grave concern for public safety, and would recommend that it be sent to the Public Works Committee to find out if Needles Highway is a State Route, is other funding available, and any interim fix to make the roadway safer in the interim of finding other funding, if there is any from Federal or State sources, and, of course, the District Attorney's Opinion, then report back to the LTAB.

**Jackie Brady** stated that going to committee delays things, and we could check to see if there would be any way of getting other funds, even later. Needles Highway is a Clark County road, so **Denis Cederburg** can always check with the Rural Transportation Commission (RTC), and RTC can check with State, but that takes time. The only reason I (**Jackie Brady**) have placed this on the Agenda, and I have never done this before so it must be important in my eyesight, is that to delay could be costly and I believe this is something the Town Board really needs to make a decision on because I consider it an emergency situation. **James Vincent** responded that \$3 million dollars is a big chunk out of the fund and we need to know if there are interim fixes. **Jackie Brady** responded that we could be finding out if there could be interim fixes, and at the same time move forward with obtaining a District Attorney legal Opinion to go forward with requesting the money and obtaining Board of County Commissioners' approval.

**Janet Barela** asked **Fred Doten** if Public Works people are coming in for the Public Works Committee meeting next week and he responded that **Robert Thompson** and **Terry Johnson** of the Clark County Department of Public Works will be attending the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. **Terry Johnson** is with the maintenance department of Public Works and is responsible for road maintenance. **Mr. Doten** stated that it is his opinion until Clark County Public Works states that the road (Needles Highway) is a hazard we can't make a decision. Once it has been declared a hazard and a dangerous road, emergency funds may become available because the priority goes up and it should be Clark

County's responsibility to take care of it. It will be on the Public Works Agenda next week for discussion.

**Janet Barela** asked if we could simultaneously like to have Clark County review this to see if it truly is a state of emergency, to see if there are emergency funds available to repair a road that is in the condition that this portion of Needles Highway is in, and to see if legal can ascertain whether the use of FMVDF funds are even an option if other funding is not available. **James Vincent** stated "well done" to **Ms. Barela's** comments. **Michael Bekoff** stated that he endorses the concept of taking a multi-faceted approach to investigate as many

different avenues as possible simultaneously to investigate this problem. **Candice FitzGerald** stated that she is also in agreement with this approach.

The Chair called for Public Comments.

**Dick McCall**, 3835 Desert Marina Drive, Laughlin, NV, stated that as one of the very few other attorneys who live in Laughlin, he welcomed **Rosemary Munger** to this group. **Mr. McCall** stated that he agrees with **Ms. Munger** that a legal opinion is needed before going forward. According to Black's Law Dictionary the definition of an emergency is "a sudden or unexpected occasion for action:" The fact that the Laughlin Town Advisory Board was well aware six months ago that this road was in need of maintenance does not excuse you for not doing the maintenance just because you were short on funds. You could have taken the \$2.4 million dollars and looked for the \$600,000 to do the road. Clark County, through the County Manager and this board, with the exception of **Rosemary Munger**, have had the responsibility to maintain those roads in the past. The fact that you chose not to maintain them and let them get to the state that you think they are unsafe is only an indication that you haven't been doing your job.

**James Vincent** interjected and stated he objects to **Mr. McCall** "beating up" this board. A committee set up a priority list and this board took action, and you need to respect that whether you agree with it or not. **Mr. Vincent** told **Mr. McCall** that he was out of order. **Janet Barela** told **Mr. McCall** that she has a feeling that today is not his day with this board, and asked the Town Board Secretary if his three minutes were up. When told that his three minutes were not up, **Mr. McCall** continued. **Mr. McCall** stated that if you are going to get a legal Opinion, ask them if you use FMVDF funds if that can be on a loan basis that is repaid by the motor vehicle taxes where the money is supposed to come from to maintain that road. The Colorado River Commission tapped that fund for \$5 million dollars that hasn't come back yet, and the fund is supposed to be used for capital development and improvements – not maintenance.

**Terry Ursini**, 2120 Kiva Way, Laughlin, NV, stated that the Town Manager said earlier today that she would do nothing blindly, but feels that she is asking the board to make a decision blindly. You don't know the cost of the road, you don't know a legal opinion, and just because the funds are available in one pot, you want to quickly rob Peter to pay Paul to another pot. If it has taken a year or two to deteriorate, another thirty days of due diligence to get the information for the Town Manager to get the ducks in a row so you know what it's going to cost and where the money is going to come from, you might find it's not needed to come from the FMVDF, but be moved up on the priority list and come from other sources. To make a decision today just seems premature.

**Jackie Brady** made a clarification that she just stated that **Denis Cederburg** said it would cost \$3 million dollars. It was stated that the Town Board and the Town Manager is responsible for getting those roads maintained, however, Laughlin is still a subdivision of Clark County and until it incorporates Laughlin will be a subdivision of Clark County. Clark County Public Works has the primary responsibility for maintaining and developing roads in Laughlin. In terms of the three or four roads that have not changed that were on the priority list, they had to go to bid for those items. It has taken awhile because Public Works had to go to various towns in Clark County because they had sold a bond through RTC and had certain

money for each town that could be used for maintenance, so there was a relatively large Request for Proposal (RFP).

**Fred Doten**, 3517 Cottage Meadow Way, Laughlin, NV, stated that the same gentlemen that are coming to the Public Works Meeting were here in October 2010 and Needles Highway was discussed. The comments that were made at the time were that Clark County Public Works did not feel that the road was a dangerous road, and based on that is one of the reasons why it had not been fixed up to that time. That is why I feel we need a re-evaluation because it has deteriorated more, but I drive it at least four or five times a week at 55 mph and I don't see it as an issue.

**James Vincent** stated that he would like to make a motion that we officially go with the order of action that **Janet Barela** outlined earlier and, respectfully, at the end of **Mr. McCall's** statement there was productive information about the highway tax funds that need to be looked into as well.

The Chair asked if the information needed to be recapped, and **Jackie Brady** volunteered to recap for the motion. 1) The Public Works Department should be asked to review the small section of Needles Highway between the Casino Drive intersection and the Boys Scout Camp to determine if there really is an emergency due to the condition of the road. 2) Determine if there are emergency funds available to cover repairs to Needles Highway besides the Fort Mohave Development Fund. 3) If there are not funds available and there is an emergency situation on Needles Highway, can the District Attorney determine if the Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund can be used for this project.

**Rosemary Munger** stated that if Public Works doesn't deem it an emergency then do we, as lay people, have the right to deem it an emergency? We need to wait for Public Works to determine whether or not it is an emergency situation and whether they have funds to resurface it.

**Jackie Brady** read for the record a portion of the Fort Mohave Development Law under definition of a project that: "Project means any structure, facility, undertaking or system which a county, city, town, general improvement district, or special district is authorized to acquire, improve, equip, maintain or operate including all kinds of personal and real property, improvements and fixtures thereon, property of any nature appurtenant thereto or used in connection therewith and every estate, interest and right therein, legal or equitable, including terms for years, or any combination thereof".

**Rosemary Munger** read one other item into the record that where the word Project is used is in a prior definition of development or develop and says: "Planning, design, construction or other act necessary to acquire, extend, alter, reconstruct, repair or make other improvements to a Project". The project is a development of the Fort Mohave Land or things necessary to the development to the development of the Fort Mohave Land and that's where we have a conflict. We need an opinion.

**Jackie Brady** responded that she can clarify that question and there is no need to wait for that opinion. The Fort Mohave Development Land was the result of 15,000 acres of transfer area by the Federal Government to the State of Nevada. It was purchased by the State through

four or five different purchases, the last of which was the 9,000 acres in 1989. This whole area is considered the Fort Mohave Valley area and monies have been spent to build the Laughlin Regional Government Center, the Community Resource Center, the Spirit Mountain Activity Center, and the Aquatic Center, so it doesn't have to be just on the 9,000 acres.

**Michael Bekoff** reiterated that Needles Highway is an economic development activity in as much as Needles Highway is a primary access for tourists coming off of I-40, then coming down to South Casino Drive or Bruce Woodbury Drive to the casinos. Because it is such a primary tourist access every week and on any given Friday night you can see hundreds, if not thousands, of cars utilizing that road so it does impact the economic development of Laughlin. The safety of that road is important to our economic survival.

**C. W. Marvin**, 3750 Desert Marina, Laughlin, NV, stated that somewhere there is a bunch of money designated to build a new highway called Needles Highway that was designated to be built in California. Is there any way we can use that money? It was designated for Needles Highway and has been sitting for eight or nine years now.

**Jackie Brady** responded that at the time we were working with California, and before we finished Needles Highway in the state of Nevada there were monies, including \$7 million dollars that we indicated we could give to California as an incentive to do their portion of the highway, which was about fourteen to nineteen miles to I-40. Because their environmental studies have taken so long, we ended up having to use that \$7 million dollars for other roads here in Nevada, so that money is no longer available to California. The monies that California has for Needles Highway came through their California representatives and the City of Needles, CA, also contributed a certain amount, so it was all for the California portion of the project. **Rosemary Munger** asked what road projects the \$7 million dollars was spent on, and **Ms. Brady** responded Casino Drive. **Ms. Munger** responded that she thought the gas tax was exhausted doing Casino Drive, and **Ms. Brady** confirmed that all of that went toward Casino Drive. **Ms. Munger** asked the total cost of the Casino Drive Project, and **Ms. Brady** responded that excluding the water line the cost was between \$10 and \$11 million dollars. **Ms. Munger** asked if the water line project was over and above the \$10 to \$11 million dollars land and **Ms. Brady** responded that both the Big Bend Water District and the Clark County Water Reclamation District had projects that they paid for in connection with the Casino Drive Improvement project. **Ms. Munger** asked if the Casino Drive Improvement Project was part of the road priority projects list, and **Ms. Brady** responded no, the road priority projects list that was brought to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board in May 2010 were maintenance projects. The work on Casino Drive has been needed for a number of years and they finally got enough money together to be able to do it now, but it was in need several years' back. **Ms. Munger** stated that she still has some question about the funding of Casino Drive and **Ms. Brady** responded that she would like to defer to **Denis Cederburg** who has all of those figures and I will ask for those details.

**Doug Wesley**, 3790 Desert Marina Drive, Laughlin, NV, stated that we are in a position where if something isn't done and somebody does get hurt everyone will look to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for having done nothing about it. **Jackie Brady** has brought something up that she is really concerned about. I have been riding motorcycles since I was nine years old, and someone inexperienced on a motorcycle is in danger on that road and someone is going to get hurt. I think **Jackie Brady** should be applauded for this,

not

attacked. She is bringing this to everyone's attention and has scurried to find money for this, so I think maybe the thing to do is consider this. It is not only a dangerous section of road, but it's an embarrassment that we would let it deteriorate so badly. The deterioration happened very quickly and six months, five months, four months or three months ago no one had anything to say about it, but finally someone is saying something rather than waiting another six months. **Rosemary Munger** stated that the California portion of Needles Highway is in worse condition, so to say that it is an embarrassment is an exaggeration. **Mr. Wesley** responded that as visitors are leaving town and having to travel this section of roadway is what he is saying is an embarrassment, and he believes the roadway is really horrible.

**James Vincent** moved, **Candice FitzGerald** seconded to: 1) Refer the issue of using Fort Mohave Valley Development Funds for the emergency repair and resurfacing of a section of Needles Highway from the Boy Scout Camp to South Casino Drive in Laughlin, NV, to the Public Works Committee for their review/recommendation; 2) Obtain a District Attorney Opinion on the use of Fort Mohave Valley Development Fund monies for the repair and resurfacing; 3) Determine the cost for an interim fix for safety reasons until other work can be done or other funds can be obtained; 4) Determine if there other funds available to fund either an interim repair or actual permanent repair or resurfacing; and 5) Have a Special Call meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, if necessary, to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners because of the urgency of the safety issue. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

- E. **Review a draft of the 2010-2011 ByLaws of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board for possible adoption at the April 2011 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board, discuss and introduce recommended changes of the Special ByLaws Committee to revise 2010-2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board ByLaws, and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Janet Barela** asked that this Agenda Item be moved forward to the April 12, 2011 Laughlin Town Advisory Board Agenda because the Special ByLaws Committee met yesterday, March 7, 2011, and reviewed Article VII and came up with some great ideas, but there was insufficient time to prepare a recommendation to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board and it was felt that a second meeting would be helpful. A second meeting has been scheduled for March 14, 2011 to finalize the committee recommendations.

**James Vincent** moved, **Michael Bekoff** seconded to hold this item to the April 12, 2011 meeting of the Laughlin Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5-0.

**6. COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

- A. Clark County/Town Manager's Report: **Jackie Brady, Town Manager**  
No report.

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- B. Clark County Water Reclamation Dist. Report: **Jake Jacobson Assistant Manager**

- C. Big Bend Water District Report: **Jordan Bunker**, Public Services

**Jordan Bunker** was unable to be at the meeting due to illness but provided a report that that **Janet Barela** read into the record.

**Construction Update, Contract 1316.** Laughlin Estates Polyethylene Serve Line Replacement, Phase II is approximately 57% complete. The contractor has started work and is currently working in El Mirage Estates.

**Construction Update, Contract 1285.** The Casino Drive Pipeline project is approximately 50% complete. The contractor has installed approximately 1,760 linear feet of 42-inch diameter pipeline on Casino Drive and approximately 390 linear feet of 42-inch diameter pipeline on Thomas Edison Drive.

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- D. Bullhead City Report: **Brenda Richardson**, Senior Administrative Analyst

- E. Clark County Laughlin Senior Center Report: **Richard Declercq**, Recreation  
**Director**

No report.

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- F. HopeLink Family Resource Center: **Robyn Kelley**, Executive Director

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- G. Laughlin Chamber of Commerce: **Connie Davis**, Director of Operations

- H. Laughlin Tourism Commission: **M. J. Smith**, Marketing  
**Department**  
No report.

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- I. Laughlin Library: **Karen Lassen**, Branch Manager

\* **This report was taken out of Agenda Order.**

- J. Bennett Elementary School: **Dawn Estes**, Principal

- K. University of Nevada Cooperative Extension: **Debbie Marcusson**, Extension Educator

**Debbie Marcusson** was unable to be at the meeting due to illness in her family, but provided a report that that **Janet Barela** read into the record.

**Community Needs Assessment Survey.** A Community needs Assessment Survey has been delivered to all deliverable addresses in Laughlin. Approximately 400 surveys have been

returned for the Southern Clark County area. This is a reminder to all residents to return the survey, and if a survey is needed, one can be picked up at the Laughlin library, the Laughlin

Regional Government Center, Spirit Mountain Activity Center, Community Resource Center, or contact the university of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) at (702) 299-1333. All LTAB members are requested to encourage friends, family, and citizens to complete the survey because it will provide vital information to UNCE as well as government leaders.

**Open House.** On March 16, 2011, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Spirit Mountain Activity Center, an Open House for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Office will be held. Citizens can stop by to pick up a survey or to ask questions about the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

**Town Fest.** On Friday, March 18, 2011, the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Laughlin office will have a booth at the Laughlin Townfest, Laughlin Town Center, Needles Highway.

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. Community Development**

**Janet Barela, Co-Chair**

**Brett Dennis**, Community Development Committee Co-Chair, reported.

**Boulder City Commercial Highway Traffic Re-Direct.** **Brett Dennis** presented a brief overview, and there was on-going discussion of the reasoning, allowances, and overall occurrences of what is being planned on the re-direct of commercial highway traffic from Boulder City, NV. A letter was drafted to **Jacob Snow** to have him come meet with this committee and various other community leaders to see firsthand what Laughlin has dealt with for the past ten years while they were constructing the new bridge before he makes application to the National Services for the funding and approval to re-direct officially down here.

**Five Ideas.** There was discussion about a list of five ideas for committee members to help generate more traffic to the committees and interaction with the community and what can be done to improve public interest in what we do as committee members.

**Michael Bekoff** asked about the status of the meeting with **Jacob Snow**. **Mr. Dennis** replied that there is not set meeting date yet and the meeting will include Bullhead City officials. At the meeting photos of various accidents over the past eight to ten years and information from traffic studies that have been conducted will be presented to **Mr. Snow**. **Janet Barela** stated that the Laughlin Town Advisory Board approved a letter at the March 8, 2011, meeting of the board and that letter was sent to **Mr. Snow**. The Laughlin community needs to continue to reach out to **Mr. Snow** because Laughlin has soon unique attributes and we need to keep the communication open.

The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be March 23, 2011, 3:00

PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**B. Parks & Recreation: James Vincent, Co-Chair**

The Parks & Recreation Committee met on February 23, 2011 due to the holiday. Several

new members were introduced to the committee and a new committee Co-Chair was approved, **James Byerley**, and the new committee Secretary was approved, **Christie Dennis**. Upcoming agenda items were discussed, the direction that the committee wants to go, and ways to get more involved with Clark County Parks & Recreation and become more involved in their programs, and the creation of them. The Laughlin Dog Run project has gone to bid and has come back at a cost of \$40,000. Materials are being procured and the Dog Run project is moving forward.

The next meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee will be March 21, 2011, 9:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**C. Public Safety Candice FitzGerald, Co-Chair**

The Public Safety/Public Works Committee met on February 15, 2011. This was the last joint meeting of the Public Safety/public Works Committee and from this meeting forward the Public Safety Committee and the Public Works Committee will be meeting separately when a motion was passed and approved to do so. The Public Safety Committee will now meet on the third Monday of each month at 3:00 PM at the Laughlin Regional Government Center. **Jerry Preuss** was approved as the new committee Co-Chair. There were reviews of several public safety issues that are also public works issues such as the lighting on Bruce Woodbury Drive, the left turn lane at Cougar Drive, pedestrian crosswalks, etc. are still in review and **Fred Doten** is following up on that.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be March 21, 2011, 3:00 PM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**D. Public Works: Michael Bekoff, Co-Chair**

**Fred Doten** reported for the Public Works Committee. **Fred Doten** was approved as the new committee Co-Chair and Secretary, the same meeting date and time were approved, the various projects or on-going work order were discussed, and the collection of water on Casino Drive after a major rain storm were discussed. Clark County Public Works realizes that when there is a heavy rain the water will sit on the road. In Las Vegas as much as 18" of water have collected over the curb when there is a major rainstorm, so this is a countywide problem and is not unique to Laughlin.

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be March 15, 2011, 10:00 AM, Laughlin Regional Government Center.

**Janet Barela** left the meeting room for a short time, so **Candice FitzGerald**, LTAB Vice-Chair, took over the conduct of the meeting.

**E. Social Services: Rosemary Munger, Co-Chair**

**Rosemary Munger** reported that the Social Services Committee met on February 10, 2011, and set forth the 2011 committee goals. A committee Co-Chair was not approved because the current Co-Chair was not present at the meeting. The Laughlin Resource Directory was

not discussed because **Brian Heitzinger**, who has been working on the directory, was absent so it was deferred to the March 10, 2011 meeting for discussion. There was discussion about budget cuts, and the fact that social services will be hit hard because there is a massive increase in the need for social services in this area. The other discussion was about trying to get some kind of a medical clinic in the Laughlin area because Medicare will not be accepted in Bullhead City anymore. Rumor has it that the UMC Quick Care Clinic may be closing and if it does, Laughlin will be sorely lacking in medical facilities. Perhaps we can get a representative from UMC to come talk to the Laughlin Town Advisory Board about the situation. **Jackie Brady** stated that she would follow up on a UMC representative attending a future LTAB meeting. **Rosemary Munger** stated "I am very impressed with the members of this committee. They are devoted to social services in Laughlin, that's for sure."

The next meeting of the Social Services Committee will be March 10, 2011, 8:30 AM at the Laughlin Regional Government Center.

9. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is Tuesday, March 29, 2011, and the next regular meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 1:30 P.M., Regional Government Center, 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, Nevada. Agenda items due no later than March 18, 2011, and April 1, 2011, respectively.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:** **Janet Barela** declared the meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.

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*These meeting minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 12, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting.*