



2015 ACHIEVEMENTS

PRESENTED TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 21, 2016

JEFFERY A. PAGE, COUNTY MANAGER

BOARD INFORMATION



26 Board meetings

1 Special Meeting to Declare an Emergency for Flood Prevention

1 Budget Work Shop

1 Title 15 Workshop

Changes in 2015



2 New County Commissioners

Sheriff

Assessor

Recorder

Public Administrator

Business



Approved 203 Business Licenses

Approved 29 Liquor/Special Event Liquor Licenses

Made 52 Appointments to various boards and committees

Approved 113 Contracts, Agreements or Grants

Legislation



ORDINANCES

2 Sewer Bond Issues

10.18 Wireless Communications

10.22 Above Ground Utility Transmission Pro

3.02 Removal of Planning Commission Ex-Off

Village Center Mixed Use

Suburban Commercial Mixed Use

Special Events Liquor License

Testified at Legislature on Heart/Lung Bill

And NRS 288



Planning & Land/Resource Use Decisions

Approved Comments to USFWS on Yellow Belly Cuckoo

Approved Comments on BLM Resource Management Plan

Review and Approved revisions to Public Lands Policy

Denied SUP to NVENERGY SUP

Denied the formation of a Ground Water Board

Approved 9 Special Use Permits

Revoked 1 Special Use Permit

Approved 1 Zone Change

Approved 1 Zone Adjustment

Reorganization



Approved a reorganization for Department Of Administration & authorized the expenditure of Contingency Funding to offset costs of implementing new accounting/payroll software

Approved a reorganization of Public Works

Approved three separate reorganization items for the Sheriff's Office

Bids & Purchases



Approved Change Order for Justice Complex

Approved the Purchase of Building and Parking Lot at 600 Lake Street

Approved Dayton Septic Tank Project

Approved Mound House Water Tank Project

Approved Chip Seal Project

Approved Newman Lane lift Station Project

Approved Purchase of Heavy Equipment

Approved Purchase and installation of Shelter and Tower for Repeater Sites

Approved Purchase of Battery Back-up for all Repeater Sites

Approved Paving of Silver Springs Airport + CIP Revisions

Approved Purchase & Installation of Mobile Data Terminals for LCSO

Public Nuisances



Citizen Agenda Item resulted in a Community Driven Workshop in October.

Workshop resulted in APP 1-9 being Implemented

Criminal charges have been filed in one case

Additional cases are coming before BOCC in the next month

51 cases were opened and 34 closed. 17 active cases are still being addressed



Economic Achievements



203 Business Licenses Approved

Approval of Brothel License for KIT KAT

653 Building Permits Issued

Unemployment Rate = 9.4% down from 16.8%
in 2011

2 GOED Abatement Applications were
Acknowledged

NNDA Presented on Tax Abatements

NNDA Reports:

1 Business expansion in Lyon County

4 new Businesses located in Lyon County

19 Direct inquiries

43 Indirect Inquiries

47 Site visits

Response



Numerous Flash Flood and Wind Events.

1 Emergency Declaration for a flood when no water in the river.

WRID, County, City, MVCD, NDEM USACE and private property owners joined forces to clean the Walker River. Surrounding communities shocked and amazed.



PUBLIC WORKS

Silver City



Entered into a multi-year lease agreement with the Silver City Preservation Society (SCPS) for the operation of the Community Center

Installed new 2" water service line to park to provide badly needed irrigation coverage

Replaced failed community center septic leach system without effecting building schedule.

Installed new highly visible brown & white street signs to aid in emergency response and driver awareness

Continued the ongoing effort to identify & correct County Road Rights of Way issues

Expanded boundaries of cemetery to 5 acres up from 1.5 acres.

Created 110 additional badly needed cremation plots at cemetery

Installed 500 feet of cemetery fencing

Expanded parking cemetery parking lot and constructed access road to east side

Improved irrigation system and relocated storage shed

Created digital cemetery mapping using GIS including historical data from existing graves

Moundhouse



Numerous surface drainage improvements to help reduce flooding. Most of the improvements were to correct sins of the past and/or years of lack of attention

Significant improvements to VonDel Rose park including ADA parking & access ramps, new entrance stairs and general site cleanup. The MH Advisory Board has adopted the park and has put significant effort into keeping the park weed and trash free.

The new Highlands Playground is under construction and will be completed in January. This badly needed low maintenance playground will service 2 -12 years-olds on the southwest side of Hwy 50 and includes ADA access.

Worked with BLM to secure water and sewer line easements that were never perfected as part of the original Mound House water & sewer systems

Eliminated the failed Carson Highlands wastewater treatment plant by installing a single sewage lift station and 4 miles of pipeline to take the flows to Dayton. This system also provides additional capacity for over 400 future residential units and reduces operating costs by \$80,000 per year.

Designed and went to bid for 6,100 feet of new 12" water main that will replace the old thin wall 8" pipeline that has a long history of failures. Construction will be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

Inspected and cleaned the interiors of the water storage tanks without any service disruptions

Dayton



Applied for and received Federal Hwy Safe Route to School grant funding to install rapid flashing beacons at 5 crosswalks, new high visible signage and to replace badly damaged sidewalks along the routes to school.

Worked with NDOT and 50 Fortune LLC to complete the installation of a traffic signal & new striping on Fortune Drive at Hwy50.

Worked with NDOT to facilitate the installation of the safety improvements on Hwy 50 at Smith's shopping center. NDOT funded and completed the project.

Completed the ADA access and fencing improvements at Our Park. The Lions Club continues their Adopt-a-Park clean-up program and the Community Tree Lighting event continues to be a success with the volunteer efforts of several community organizations, businesses as well as individuals.

Entered into an agreement with a private contractor to perform the summer landscape maintenance at the Santa Maria Park.

Assisted Human Services/ Community Health staff expand their offices on Pine Cone Road

Dayton Continued



Installed fencing around the 325 acre Rolling A open space area. The fence includes entrance points for hikers but keeps livestock and wild horses out. This critical to overall approach to replanting native grasses and reducing damage near the monitoring wells.

The Dayton Septic Tank Elimination project is an \$11 million project that will eliminate 500 failing septic tanks and reduce the nitrate contamination of the aquifer. The project is largely grant funded and covers all of the connection fees and connection charges that is typically paid by the home owner. Lyon County Road Funds are also being used to reconstruct the roadways within the project area since those roads were some of the worst in Dayton.

The USDA used the Dayton Septic Elimination Project as one of their Earth Day examples of environmental stewardship. Representatives from Washington DC and our Nevada delegation attended the special recognition event held in Dayton.

Replaced the badly failed 40 year old skylights at the Dayton Community Center.

Replaced the street signs in Old Town Dayton with historic brown & white high visibility signs.

Continued the mapping of the Cemetery using GIS and GPS technology. The data tags on each grave include historic information found on the grave stones or old records.

Worked with several volunteer groups at the cemetery to perform clean-up efforts throughout the year.

Dayton Continued



The Utilities Department worked with the community in an effort to reduce water use by 10% which was achieved by public education and the implementation of seasonal employees to monitor water wasting.

Utility Billing staff processed 70,000 billing statements plus numerous customer contacts over the year.

Close to 1 billion gallons of water was produced. 300 million gallons of wastewater was collected & treated and 100 million gallons of effluent was reused on the golf course

LCUD performed monthly water production vs use audits to monitor unaccounted for water loss. The annual unaccounted for loss is 5% which is ½ of the industry standard.

Approximately 115 Will Serve letters and 650 Intent to Serve letters were issued for new homes.

The failing water mains and service lines were replaced in the Flowery Drive area.

The design of a high capacity 16" water distribution line is under way. When constructed, the new line will allow more efficient pumping of wells and improve water balancing throughout most of the distribution system.

Dayton Continued



Staff spent a significant amount of time dealing with summer flooding caused by thunderstorms. Numerous roads and drainages were overcome and washed out. The extremely heavy rainfall was the main cause of localized flooding but lack of maintenance and lack of County oversight during the original development of several subdivisions also contributed to numerous issues. Post flood repairs included the cleaning of roadside ditches, installation of larger culvers in some locations. During the rain events, crews were able to locate large drainage pipes that had been covered over years ago and have never flowed water. The repairs were made and are working now.

Utilities Dept. leadership is taking part in a statewide NDEP effort to re-write the Water Re-Use NRS and also in a multi-county effort with NDEP to develop regional storm water ordinances and guidelines.

Utilities staff is working with Farr West Engineering to revise the water & sewer facilities plans, water model and water rights ledgering data base. These efforts are extensive and will take a couple of years to complete then must be maintained on an ongoing basis. With the increased demands from the development community, staff will be required to dedicate more time in the management of our water rights and system capacity predicting.

Dayton Continued



Entered into an agreement with USGS to install and maintain a 2nd stream flow gauge in the Carson River near the induction well at Rolling A.

:Utilities Dept. leadership has been working closely with the Division of Water Resources and Federal Water Masters office in an effort to perfect our Conjunctive Use Plan which provides for providing a firm yield even during severe drought conditions.

Almost \$5.5million in grant funding was awarded for various USDA, SRF, CDBG, CWSD and NDOT projects. Local matches were kept to a minimum and often satisfied by in-kind matches.

Stagecoach



Entered into an agreement with the Stagecoach Bingo for the operation of the Stagecoach Community Center

Removed and reconstructed the mounting structure of the Community Center Marquee sign. The sign needed to be lowered and rewired for safety.

Rewired the electrical junction boxes for the entire building to clean up serious safety issues.

Worked with a volunteer group at Spud Field in an effort to rejuvenate the ball field in hopes that the community would create some type of league play or at least increased use at the field. The initial effort was extremely strong and numerous improvements were made through the efforts of the volunteers and County staff. The volunteers are to be commended.

Installed a shade structure and made fencing improvements at the playground at Spud Field.

Applied for 2 grants for the design of an emergency water inter-tie to SGID. This metered connection would be used to help meet peaking demands or for blending to help meet water quality standards should an issue ever arise.

Silver Springs



Major remodel of the Library

Moved water rights to cemetery to allow for improved landscaping irrigation

Replaced failing drip system at cemetery

Performed a Capacity Study for the Silver Springs GID sewer service area.

Mason/Smith Valley



Flash Floods and Wind Storm Response

Planning and approval for remodel of Justice Complex

Construction of Nordyke Bridge

Added 3 Road Maintainer positions to Dist 2

Contracted Landscaping for Mason Valley Properties

Well Replacement at Dressler Field

Purchased and put into service several new Vehicles

Department of Administration



Compensation Study started

Accounting and Payroll software implemented

FY16 Budget approved

LCSEA Fact Finding

Benefit Fair

Employee Service Recognition: 6 Employees with 25 Years, 5 Employees with 20 Years, 12 Employees with 15 Years, 29 Employees with 10 Years and 2 Employees with 2 years.

Clean Audit

Reorganization adding position to Comptroller, Moving Payroll from HR to Comptroller

Begin installation of MDT's

Replaced IT Infrastructure

Development of Advanced Web Site

Human Services



Developed a Cross Training Policy and Procedure that enhances staff opportunities for professional development and also helps build capacity in the department

Designed an Emerging Needs Framework that gives the department a framework to following in considering what community needs and requests for services might fit within the scope of the department and/or who might be a stronger partner to provide the service/meet the need

Implemented an employee-directed communications protocol to improve internal communications throughout all offices

Human Services



Essential Service Division underwent a major consolidation merge

All employees were/continue to be trained in all division services offered (employment, "emergency" to family development, senior, disabled, case management and housing stability)

Moved from a service centered approach to a person centered approach to include empowerment and accountability techniques (goal planning to address barriers to help with the short, mid and long term successes)

Decreased staff travel, increased productivity. Now there is full time service coverage in each location (Fernley, Yerington, Dayton, Silver Springs)

Increased continuity of client service delivery. Wrap around service, One stop shop

Increased service partner collaboration (mental health, substance treatment programs, vocational training, community service providers)

Increased identification of unmet community needs and services

Human Services



Increased employee morale as they now have a common thread

Decreased direct service coverage by Division Manager

Increased data entry, allowing to capture more client data, to help with future grants and community statistics

Decreased division turnover

Decreased county expense

Increased good stewardship of funds and services

Increased processes to monitor quality control, to ensure our locations are offering firm, fair and consistent service delivery

Human Services



SENIOR SERVICES DIVISION

Increase in outreach that has had a direct reflection on participation.

Facebook- increase in senior center exposure and communication.

Annual Senior Picnic- 180 attendees county-wide.

Improved data tracking to identify trends in seasons, meals, and activities in order to target accordingly.

Improved Medical Transportation scheduling and systems in order to meet demand and increase ridership.

Creating logo's and resources to assist in the new population of senior entering the senior centers.

Human Services



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

In 2015 Lyon County Human Services developed and implemented Nevada Families First (NFF) a evidence-based early childhood home visiting program. The program provides home visiting services to pregnant women, mothers, fathers, and caregivers in the education of their young children to improve maternal and newborn health, improve school readiness, and to reduce child injuries, neglect, and abuse. Scientific studies have confirmed the positive impacts of home visiting for children and families while yielding between \$3.00 - \$6.00 saving to federal, state, and local governments for every dollar spent.

Currently LCHS is serving 28 families in Lyon County through the Nevada Families First home visiting program. 7 of which have been in the program for 11 months or longer

Human Services



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Reassignment of job functions allowed administrative staff to take on additional responsibilities (responsibilities from direct service staff), which allowed extra time for direct service staff to work with clients.

Title 15 Progress



11 Sections approved with no changes

14 Sections approved with Board changes

3 Sections Continued

Conducted a workshop on the Mining section

Board provided direction to bring Title 15 forward as an ordinance for proposal with exception of mining, transfer development rights and signage.