



## SMITH VALLEY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:00PM

Smith Valley Justice Court

2 Day Lane, Smith, Nevada

### Minutes

1. Call to Order - Chair Ted Stec

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stec at 6:00PM

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

All members being present, a quorum was established.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Tom Renner

4. Invocation

Led by Roger Rodarte

5. Public Participation

Mark Jones said that he had been receiving "hate mail" and provided an example (see attached). He indicated it had been turned over to the Sheriff and that it was extremely disturbing to his wife to receive such letters.

Joanne Lawson stated that SLMC is providing a free seminar on Second Phase of Life Planning at Pioneer Convention Center on Friday, 9/22 from 9AM - 3PM (see attached).

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of Agenda

No Board Member or Public comments.

A motion to accept the agenda as written was made by Wendy Loomis and seconded by Tom Renner. The motion carried 5-0.

7. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of: August 2, 2023

No Board Member or Public comments.

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Wendy Loomis and seconded by Tom Renner. The motion carried 5-0.

## 8. Community Reports:

### a. County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday

- Zoom training to enable SVCAB zoom meeting participation is working on scheduling.
- Commissioner Hockaday and County Manager Haskin toured the county with Senator Masto, who wanted to see storm damages. A \$6.6 million request has been sent to the finance committee.
- The BoCC held a Code Enforcement Workshop. The issue is that there are no “teeth” to the current ordinances. Looking at a \$50/day fine and placing a lien on property when the fine reaches \$5000. There are problem yards, health hazards, safety issues, etc. to be addressed. Next step will be a hearing on the proposed ordinance changes.
- LCSO made a presentation to the press on the jail suicide (Troy Driver) that was very well done.
- There was a briefing from the Sheriff’s Office regarding the suicide, in-custody death of Troy Driver. Mr. Hockaday related the investigation represented phenomenal work and it showed Driver was the suspect.
- There was flash flooding again over the weekend with water flowing over some roads. Some driveways don’t have culverts which lead to the water pooling and flowing into the roadways.
- Went on a tour of SLMC hospital - the improvements were impressive. Senior care at the hospital is now \$11,000/month so the upcoming Second Phase of Life Planning seminar is important to learn how to plan for those expenses.
- Tom Renner mentioned that the culverts on Desert Creek weren’t cleaned out and were reported to be the “wrong type” of culvert and this has been an issue since 1997. Commissioner Hockaday said that resolving this could be a potential use of federal relief funds and he would look into it. He also explained that some property owners do not install the required culvert so water gets diverted in the wrong direction.

### b. Planning Commission – Constantine Kuzmicki (or alternate)

- Mark Jones reported that he missed the last meeting and thus had nothing to report.

c. Sheriff's Office Report – Cdr Ryan Powell (or designate)

- Sgt. Chris Miller presented in Cdr. Powell's absence.
- Deputy Ziegenfuss has been promoted to School Resource Officer (SRO) for Smith Valley and Silver Springs (starting 9/11). He lives in Smith Valley. He'll split his time between the schools on an as needed basis.
- He explained that local law enforcement resources continue to be depleted for the needs of the northern parts of the county. Smith Valley just doesn't have a lot of crime, and deputies are deployed where they are most needed. More hirings, however, are in progress.
- Fun Days coming up 9/30 & 10/1. LCSO will be there with a booth and K-9.

d. Fire Department Report – Chief Matt Nightingale (or designate)

- No Report.

e. Other Elected/Appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada

- No Reports.

9. For Possible Action: To Forward a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on a draft resolution requesting to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 45 miles per hour on Highway 50 in Dayton from Fortune Drive to La Fond Avenue and to report what business, economic, or traveling impacts would be experienced by the community.

Board Members discussed whether it was appropriate for Smith Valley to be involved with a Dayton issue and whether we would want Dayton's CAB to have input on Smith Valley issues. Wendy Loomis wondered whether traffic lights might be appropriate.

Commissioner Hockaday clarified that the request was a county issue and thus all the CAB's were being given an opportunity for input. He also stated that NDot would not consider traffic lights as an option.

Tom Renner made a motion that SVCAB send a LoT to the BoCC indicating our support for the Dayton Community's request to lower the speed limit to 45 mph. The motion was seconded by Roger Rodarte and carried 4-0, with one abstaining. (Ted Stec, Tom Renner, Roger Rodarte, and Jon Turner voted in the affirmative, Wendy Loomis abstained as she had previously spoken to residents in the area about their concerns).

10. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communications:

- a. Miscellaneous correspondence and email

Chair Stec reported for those who have any kind of connection to the City of Yerington, there is a short Public Safety Survey to help the city frame future operational standards and the delivery of police services. [Yerington, NV](#)

Wendy Loomis read the LCSO end of month activity report for Mason and Smith Valley into the record (see attached).

11. For Discussion Only: Chairperson & Board Member Discussion (to include ancillary duties update, if any)

No discussion from Wendy Loomis, Jon Turner, Roger Rodarte, or Tom Renner.

Ted Stec reported attending the Smith Valley Hall Rummage Sale and the Smith Valley Rotary Lamb feed with his wife and also attended by Jon Turner and his wife. He encouraged support of community activities like this.

No further comments from Board Members or the Public.

### **RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY CEMETERY BOARD**

12. Public Participation: None.

13. For Report Only: Report on cemetery operations, to potentially include

- a. Plot sales and improvements to plots requested by plot owners (who and what has been requested).
- b. Maintenance and activities, including a review of projects that need to be accomplished.
- c. Review of bills and Financial Report.

Doug Homestead and/or Roger Rodarte.

Roger Rodarte reported 0 sales and 0 burials. He reported a weed problem that needs to be addressed. He is thinking about having another cleanup day but has commitments that will not make it possible for him to participate between now and the end of the year. He also reported that the new trash container is working well, but that the irrigation system needs to be worked on. Commissioner Hockady offered to look for solutions.

14. Public Participation:

Joanne Lawson noted that the Candy Dance Festival (Genoa) will be held 9/23 & 9/24

**ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD**

15. Public Participation: None

16. Board Member Comments. None

17. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Wendy Loomis and seconded by Tom Renner. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Hey Mark - how does it feel to know the valley does not like you? Funny how you thought you had the commissioners in your back pocket. Guess not!

You are not welcome here. You are a little man with a Napoleon complex. And, a fake store bought "Sir" title. What a pompous ass to use that. You think you are all that and in reality you are nothing!

If you had abided by the court ruling, that you agreed to, you would have water. But instead, you have to be a prick and now you don't have access to the Vlot's well. Maybe you should learn to play in the sandbox.

Your little "outburst" at the BOCC meeting was very amusing. And so juvenile to squeal out of the parking lot. You have definitely shown your true colors.

If you plan on staying here in the valley and run for the BOCC, many residents will make sure all of this comes out during your campaign.

Advice - move. You are not welcome here.

**South Lyon Medical Center**

**Presents**

# 2nd Phase of Life Planning

Most People will need some type of long-term care as they age—from part-time assistance with the tasks of daily living, such as cooking, cleaning and transportation, to living full-time in a nursing facility. How can we make sure we are prepared for this phase of our life?

**Plan early**—Be proactive by educating yourself early about potential care options and funding sources that can make it easier to put a solid plan in place.

**Understand the key factors that additional help may be needed -**

- 1) Advanced or Constant Medical Attention is Needed
- 2) Personal Care is Being Neglected
- 3) Problems with Mobility

A major benefit to planning early is the ability to make important decisions when you're calm and healthy, and be-

fore a health crisis hits. The first step you should take is to make sure you have an estate plan in place that includes a will, trustee and designated power of attorney for your healthcare and financial decisions. A power of attorney can ensure that medical decisions are made and bills get paid if you're unable to do so.



**Friday, September 22, 2023**  
**9:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
**Pioneer Convention Center**  
**11 North Main Street**  
**Yerington, NV**

**Join South Lyon Medical Center and a team of professionals to discuss resources and tools for making the 2nd Phase of Life easier to negotiate for you and your family.**

- **Hospice Care**
- **Home Health Services**
- **Senior Center Services**
- **Public Guardian Services**
- **Insurance Broker**
- **Donor Services**
- **Long Term and Skilled Nursing Care**
- **Emergency and Acute Care Services**
- **Dementia Training**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **EMS**
- **Law Enforcement and more**



**LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**End of Month Cad Call Report**  
**August 2023**

**TOTAL FOR MASON SMITH VALLEY LAW ZONE - 296**

911 Hangup	32
Accident	6
Alarm	2
Animal Call	2
Assist	17
Civil Papers	32
Criminal	16
Domestic Violence	1
Follow up	16
Mental	3
Non-Criminal	47
Public Service	54
Traffic	46
Unclassified	22

**Total Arrests: 28**

**Total Charges: Felonies: 9 - Total Misdemeanors: 23 - Total Gross Misdemeanors: 1**