

**ROUND MOUNTAIN TOWN BOARD MEETING
DANIEL R. SWEENEY PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
101 SMOKY VALLEY BLVD.
ROUND MOUNTAIN, NEVADA
TUESDAY, May 27, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Sara Sweeney, Chair
Jonathan Appiah, Member
Shane Williamson, Member

Members Not Present:

Also Present: James E. Swigart, Town Manager
Gia Nelson, Administrative Assistant
Maxi Hurtado, Facilities Aide

Citizens' Present: Robert Cromie Rachel Ray
Shelly Cromie Stormee Olsen
Larry Grant Josh Yost
Angela Jacobs Maxi Hurtado

1. Call meeting to order/roll call.

5:30

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Recited.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. (Up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken by the Board until specifically included on an agenda as an action item. (FIRST)

N/A

4. (For Possible action) Approval of May 27, 2025 meeting agenda.

A Request for moving number 11 up to number 5

Shane Williamson – Motion to approve meeting agenda
Jonathan Appiah - Seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

5.(For Possible action) Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision regarding presentation from Keith Jones with USGS.

Keith Jones- “I think it was Jim that brought the meter idea to me, you know, which did the tank programs.”

“We would do the tank renovations, the tank maintenance, and maintain them overtime, lifetime warranties, and all of that stuff.”

“That's in the process for the board. So, we're working on it. So as soon as you guys signed the agreements on those, those tanks became our responsibility.

We take full risk and responsibility for the assets that we take on as a company to maintain. So, if anything happens with them in the meantime, they're our risk and responsibility now.”

“We immediately started working on the permit process.

We got the permit to Larry, the permit documentation to Larry, which he's able to use in his response back to INDEP on the citations or deficiencies they gave.”

“So right now, we're full-tilt boogie in the engineering department getting the permits. Nevada takes a long time to permit, guys have enough capacity, Larry, to take one of, one in the spring of next year.”

“So, we wanted to do one in the spring of this year the summer, I don't think you but we're going to do both in the fall of this year. Because of the line during the summer months. They'll go into rafting or putting on watering days.”

“So, you can conserve water through technology rather than saying, hey, you've got to cut back. Every household will have their own portal. They can go in and see how much water they're using.”

“They can see it hour by hour. So instead of getting 12 reads a year, you get 8,450 reads a year. It reads every hour, 24 hours a day.”

“The data granularity is so rich that you can look hourly and see what's running, what's not running. You know, if water's going through the meter, you can see it. Now, before the gallery started in on me, I was at a utility down in Southern California, and there were some folks in there that said, well, I don't want them to know when I'm going to the bathroom at night.”

“They're smart. They're not mesmerized. They know when the water goes through the meter.

They don't know where it goes. It could be in the shower. It could be somebody's up in the middle of the night cooking boiled potatoes or something like that.

“But once it goes through the meter, nobody knows where it's going.

So anyway, so it's called smart metering. It's an advanced metering infrastructure.

And this is kind of the idea where technology has gone from to where it is now. There are manual readings.”

“When I first started in the water business 36, 37 years ago, we walked house to house, opened the box, got the dirt off the dial, and wrote it in a book.

And they were route books. They were narrow and long. And we had 3,300 meters to read, and it took us almost all month.”

“There were three of us doing it. And it was handwritten. You take it back to City Hall, and they sit there and hand it in the billing system.”

“That was the first one. And then AMR came along. You guys are currently on AMR, but the meters are about 20 years old.”

“They’re probably 10%-ish inaccurate. So, there's 10% of the water that's going through that's not getting billed for, usually during the startup and the stop, when they're turning the water on and off. Meters slow down over time.”

“They do not speed up ever. Larry's heard it. I don't know if everybody here has heard it. Well, my meter sped up this month. No, it didn't. Meters don't speed up.”

“They slow down. They’re like people, okay, like me. So, the AMR system you have now, Larry, is it touch read or drive-by? Ours are drive-by.”

“This right here is a touch read. Touch read, okay. So, you see if you sit your meter lid out, there's a blue line on the sidewalk in front of your house where the curb is.

There's a meter box there. It's got kind of a composite lid on it. It's got a little black mushroom on it.

So, they must go out every month and touch that. Every single house they must go out and touch it. Okay, that's AMR.”

“AMI is the next evolution, advanced metering infrastructure. It sends the read to you guys. So, the difference between AMR and AMI, the AMR, which you currently have, again, 20-year-old, AMR has been around quite a while.”

“The AMR is a walk-by or drive-by architecture. The AMI is a fixed network. AMR is a one-way communication.”

“You pick up that reading, and that's it. You do it once a month. With the AMI, it's a two-way communication. We can talk to the meter from the office. If there's a move-in, move-out that takes place, they can hit a button and get an instantaneous read from the meter without us rolling our truck. There are also more advances that you can make with that fixed network.”

“You can put streetlights on it. Once it's set up, you can put pressure monitors on it. You can put leak detectors on it, all kinds of cool stuff.”

“Every one of those meters is watched 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We have someone on staff watching for alerts nationwide. So, we'll set alerts there to say that, hey, if Larry's meter runs 36 hours constantly, there's got to be a leak there, unless it's a commercial facility.”

6. (For possible action) Emergency items.

-Shane Williamson – Motions to approve the May 27th, 2025, agenda, with one change for the number 11 to switch up to number 5.

7. Continued from the May 13,2025 meeting (For possible action) Approval of the April 22, 2025, meeting minutes.

N/A Recorder unfortunately stopped picking up voices.

8. Continued from May 13, 2025, meeting (for possible action) Approval of April 29, 2025, meeting minutes.

N/A Recorder unfortunately stopped picking up voices.

9.(For possible action) Approval of the May 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

N/A Recorder unfortunately stopped picking up voices.

10.Continued from the May 13, 2025 meeting (For possible action) Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding 4th of July softball tournament dry camping.

Maxi Hurtado- Presented the board with the dry camping packet to sign. The packet includes the first page of the packet with a guest registration sheet, 2nd page is rules and regulations for the event,3rd page is release liability and last page a picture of the area that is mapped out for the campsites where all the campsites will be set at.

This packet was looked through by the board and it was agreed upon to use the packet that was made by recreation.

Motion to approve the 4th of July dry camping guest registration packet. Jonathan Appiah, motion Shane Williamson 2nds motion.

11.(For possible action) Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding revamping the Town of round Mountain sign on HWY376 and Pablo Canyon Rd.

It was discussed to have a competition and give residents in Round Mountain to come up with a unique design for a new sign to go up on HWY 376. The sign can include Mountains, Photos of our town, the mine, our golf course etc. We would like to see a great representation of our town to bring in out-of-town guests and appeal to our locals' eyes and give the town something to be proud of.

Advertisement flyers have been made and posted up in town for locals to see if they would like to share their creations.

Motion to approve an updated new sign for HWY 376 and for locals to share creations to be put up on the sign. Jonathan Appiah, motion Shane Williamson, 2nds motion.

12.(For possible action) Review and approve invoices for the Town of Round Mountain for the May 27, 2025, meeting.

Approval of invoices motioned by Shane Williamson motioned 2nd by – Jonathan Appiah

13. Round Mountain Volunteer Fire Department update (Discussion only).

Report on the purchase of the fireworks for the 4th of July.

Assistant Chief Robert Cromie-
52 Runs For the year, invoice for rescue 1.

14. Correspondance, awards and announcements. (Discussion only).

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15. General public comment. (Up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken by the board until specifically included on an agenda item (SECOND).

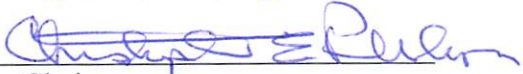
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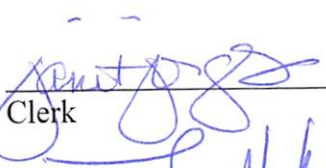
16. Commissioner/Manager Comments (This item is limited to announcements, brief discussions of public comments, correction of factual inaccuracies, direction to staff, or topics proposed for future board meetings. Lengthy deliberation of topics not on the agenda is prohibited by the Nevada Open Meeting Law)

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17. Adjourn meeting 7:07

Chair 


Vice Chair


Clerk


Member

Member