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LANCE GILMAN, an individual,

CASE NO. 18 TRT 00001 1E

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SAM TOLL, an individual; DOES I-V. inclusive; and ROE ENITIES VI-X. inclusive.

Defendant

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION IT IS ORDERED:

The Request for Submission of Supplemental Opposition and Supplemental Reply to Anti-Slapp Special Motion to Dismiss is denied until the Motion to Compel is resolved.

A new Request for Submission will need to be filed after the Motion to Compel is resolved.

June 25, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to NRCP 5(b), I certify that I am an employee of the First Judicial District Court, and I certify that on this 26 day of June 2018, I deposited for mailing at Carson City, Nevada, or caused to be delivered by placing a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order in the pick up box located in the clerk's office addressed to the following:

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Defendant

ORDER FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING ON MOTION TO COMPEL

An evidentiary hearing is necessary to determine:

- 1. Whether Mr. Toll was a reporter at the time the "residence and perjury" publications (see Order Granting Anti-SLAPP Spcl. Mot. To Dismiss pp. 7-8) were made; and
- 2. Whether the Storey Teller is a newspaper or periodical.

IT IS ORDERED:

The parties file by July 13, 2018 a joint hearing statement that: (1) identifies all witnesses each side intends to call at the hearing and a description of the testimony the witness is expected to provide; (2) a list of exhibits each side intends to use and attach a copy of any exhibits that have not already been provided to the Court; (3) any new points and authorities on the issues - the

parties are not to restate what they have already provided; and (4) estimate of time each party believes is necessary for examination of his own and the other party's witnesses, and closing argument. The hearing brief will not exceed 10 pages.

June <u>25</u>, 2018.

James E. Wilson Jr.
District Judge

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LANCE GILMAN,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

SAM TOLL,

Defendant(s).

JOINT HEARING STATEMENT

COMES NOW, SAM TOLL and LANCE GILMAN, by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby file the following Joint Hearing Statement pursuant to the Court's June 26, 2018 Order for Evidentiary Hearing on Motion to Compel.

For the Plaintiff:

- 1. Witnesses
- The Defendant, Sam Toll. a.
- b. The Plaintiff, Lance Gilman.
- Vanessa Stephens, Storey County Clerk/Treasurer. c.
- d. Nicole Barde.

- e. Gerald Antinoro.
- f. Greg "Bum" Hess.
- g. Jim Miller.
- h. Karen Woodmansee.
- i. Elaine Barkdull Spencer.
- j. Any and all witnesses listed by the Defendant.
- k. Rebuttal witnesses as necessary.

2. Exhibits

a. See Attached Plaintiff's Exhibit List

3. Points and Authorities

"[W]hen facts acquired by a journalist in the course of gathering the news become the target of discovery, a qualified privilege against compelled disclosure comes into play." Shoen v. Shoen. 5
F.3d 1289, 1292 (9th Cir. 1993). "Rooted in the First Amendment, the privilege is a recognition that society's interest in protecting the integrity of the newsgathering process, and in ensuring the free flow of information to the public, is an interest 'of sufficient social importance to justify some incidental sacrifice of sources of facts needed in the administration of justice." Id. An individual may invoke the journalist's privilege if the person had "the intent to use material—sought, gathered or received—to disseminate information to the public and such intent existed at the inception of the newsgathering process." Id at 1293. The news shield statute provides no protection for information gathered in capacities other than a journalist's newsgathering and dissemination activities within the journalist's professional capacity. Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. 88, 993 P.2d 50 (2000). Defendants bear the burden of showing that they may assert the privilege. Planned Parenthood Fed'n of Am., Inc. v. Ctr. for Med. Progress, No. 16-CV-00236-WHO(DMR), 2018 WL 2441518, at 13 (N.D. Cal. 2018) citing Shoen v. Shoen, 5 F.3d at 1296.

In Nevada, to invoke the privilege an individual is required to be either a reporter, former reporter or editorial employee of any newspaper, periodical or press association or employee of any radio or television station (emphasis added). See NRS 49.275. In the absence of one of those

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labels an individual is not entitled to invoke the privilege to protect either the information he obtained or the source of the information.

There is nothing contained in the four corners of the statute that applies to the Defendant in this matter. As the Court is aware, the Defendant writes for the Storey Teller. According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Clearly, this is not what was envisioned by the legislature in enacting NRS 49.275. See Beaver County Employers Retirement Fund v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc., No. 16-MC-80062-JSC, 2016 WL 3162218 at 3 (N.D. Cal. 2016) (Media Shield doesn't apply to journalist because "its decision to publish is based on its needs; specifically, whether it has decided to take a short position in the target of its investigation, and not on whether the report is newsworthy. Newsworthiness and its needs may overlap, but the primary motivation for the Defendant's publication is to disseminate the negative information so that it can profit on its short position"). See also Shoen v. Shoen. 5 F.3d at 1293 (the Court found against the Defendant because the Defendant did not have the intent at the inception of its newsgathering process "to use material—sought, gathered or received—to disseminate information to the public). See also In re Fitch, Inc., 330 F.3d 104, 108-109 (2d Cir. 2003) (the court held the media shield did not apply to the defendant reasoning that the defendant's "information-disseminating activity [did] not seem to be based on a judgment about newsworthiness, but rather on client needs").

In addition, there is nothing providing for a blogger such as the Defendant in the statute. "It is well settled in Nevada that words in a statute should be given their plain meaning unless this violates the spirit of the act." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. 88, 94, 993 P.2d at 50, 54 (2000) citing McKay v. Bd. of Supervisors, 102 Nev. 644, 648, 730 P.2d 438, 441 (1986). "[N]o part of a statute should be rendered nugatory, nor any language turned to mere

surplusage, if such consequences can properly be avoided." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94, 993 P.2d at 54-55 citing Paramount Ins. v. Rayson & Smitley, 86 Nev. 644, 649, 472 P.2d 530, 533 (1970) (alteration in original) (quoting Torreyson v. Board of Examiners, 7 Nev. 19, 22 (1871)). Thus, "[w]here a statute is clear on its face, a court may not go beyond the language of the statute in determining the legislature's intent." Diaz v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court ex rel. County of Clark, 116 Nev. At 94-95, 993 P.2d at 55 citing McKay, 102 Nev. at 648, 730 P.2d at 441. As stated, there is no mention of a blogger on the internet in the statute. See Galloway v. Truesdell, 83 Nev. 13, 26, 422 P.2d 237, 246 (1967) (The maxim 'expressio Unius Est Exclusio Alterius', the expression of one thing is the exclusion of another, has been repeatedly confirmed in this State). The Defendant has never made a showing how he qualifies for the protections afforded by NRS 49.275. Therefore, the Defendant is not entitled to the protections set forth in NRS 49.275. Compare Obsidian Fin. Grp., LLC v. Cox, 740 F.3d 1284 (9th Cir. 2014), wherein the court in its ruling essentially said a blogger could be a journalist; however, the case did not involve any type of media shield issues. It involved issues of defamation, and whether a blog post involved matters of public concern, and thus were not actionable absent proof of negligence in a case against a non public official/figure. Id. The instant case is about whether the Defendant is a journalist for purposes of invoking the media shield.

In the case of *Too Much Media*, *LLC v. Hale*, 206 N.J. 209 (2011) the New Jersey Supreme Court analyzed New Jersey's Shield Law to decide whether the newsperson's privilege extends to a self-described journalist who posted comments on an Internet message board. In its' exhaustive analysis, the *Hale* Court noted that New Jersey's Shield Law (like Nevada's) is among the broadest in the nation and protects all significant news-gathering activities. However, the *Hale* Court noted that the focus was not what the law protected but whom it protected. In holding that *Hale* was not protected, the Court noted that the site upon which Hale posted her comments was an internet

message board which was not "news Media" because it was not disseminating news to the general public.

In the instant case and as just stated, the Defendant writes for the Storey Teller. According to the "About Section" of the Storey Teller, "the [Storey Teller] was created to provide a source of irritation to the Good Old Boys who operate The Biggest Little County in the World with selfish impunity forever." Therefore, the Storey Teller by its own admission was not created for the purpose of disseminating news to the general public. As in *Hale*, since the Storey Teller is not "news" because its purpose is not to disseminate news to the general public, the Defendant is not a reporter, or editorial employee and is precluded from invoking the privilege.

Although the news shield statute provides an absolute privilege to reporters engaged in the newsgathering process, there may be certain situations, e.g., when a defendant's countervailing constitutional rights are at issue, in which the news shield statute might have to yield so that justice may be served. See *Id*; Aspen Financial Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark, 129 Nev. 878, 313 P.3d 875 (2013).

Additionally, it has been held that a Court will not allow a media defendant totally to avoid accountability for defamatory utterances through manipulative use of the shield law. See Las Vegas Sun, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court In and For County of Clark, 104 Nev. at 513, 761 P.2d at 853. The shield law creates a protective environment for the reporter who is engaged in obtaining, preparing and collecting information. Id. It does not create a special privilege for news media litigants, however. Id.

4. Time for Examination of Witnesses and Closing Argument

a. The Plaintiff estimates 2 days for his case.

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For the Defendant:

1. Witnesses

Expert Witnesses

- a. Barry Smith, Executive Director of the Nevada Press Association, 102 N. Curry St., Carson City, Nevada 89703, 775.885.0866, 775.885.8233 (fax). Mr. Smith is the executive director of the Nevada Press Association and is expected to testify to the Storey Teller's membership in the Nevada Press Association and provide his expert opinion that the Storey Teller is a newspaper or periodical and that Mr. Toll is a reporter.
- b. Patrick File, Assistant Professor, Media Law, University of Nevada Reno, Reynolds School of Journalism, Mail Stop 310, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557, (775) 784-6531.

 Mr. File is an Associate Professor of Journalism at the Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada at Reno and is expected to provide an expert opinion that the Storey Teller is a newspaper or periodical and that Mr. Toll is a reporter.
- c. Angela Mann, 5800 Twin Springs Road, Reno, Nevada 89510, 775-475-0515. Ms. Mann is a 40-year career journalist and former owner of the Comstock Chronicle. Ms. Mann is expected to testify as to whether the Storey Teller is a newspaper or periodical and whether Mr. Toll is a reporter.

Lay Witnesses

- d. Sam Toll, c/o Luke Andrew Busby, Ltd. 316 California Ave 82, Reno, NV 89509, 775-453-0112. Mr. Toll is the Defendant in this matter and may testify that he is a reporter and that the Storey Teller is an online newspaper or periodical.
- e. David Thomas, 1935 Saddleback Rd. VCH, 89521, 775-847-9604. Mr. Thomas is a long-time resident of Storey County and may testify as to his knowledge of whether the Storey Teller is a newspaper or periodical and whether Mr. Toll is a reporter.

August 2, 2017, Storey Teller article, "National Night Out a Sweltering Success."

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z. August 11, 2017, Storey Teller article, "VCH "Town Hall" Learns About TRIC Pipeline Proposal."

aa. April 29, 2018, Storey Teller article, "Tesla and TRIC – The Story Behind the Numbers, Part 1."

bb. Wikipedia Online Newspaper Page

cc. Sam Toll Press Badge

3. Points and Authorities

Nevada's News Shield Statute, now codified in NRS 49.275, first became law in 1969, following a 1968 conflict between Warren Larude, the then editor of the Reno Gazette Journal and William Raggio, the then Washoe County District Attorney.\(^1\) To make a long story short, Raggio was seeking the identities of University of Nevada students who were described in a news story as smoking marijuana, and threatened Larude with jail should he refuse to reveal his sources \$Id\$ at 2-3. The first version of Nevada's Shield law was passed in 1969 via Senate Bill 299, and was signed into law by then Governor Paul Laxalt, after being persuaded by Larude to change his position on the bill. \$Id\$ at 57. NRS 49.275 was then codified in the Nevada Revised Statutes in 1971, and then strengthened in favor of protecting journalists by amendment in AB 381 in the 1975 session, which bill was signed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan. The version passed in 1975 is the same that we have in 2018, though the medium through which news is transmitted to the public has changed in ways that storied Nevada Governors Laxalt and O'Callaghan could not have imagined.

Statutes should be interpreted so as to effect the intent of the legislature in enacting them; the interpretation should be reasonable and avoid absurd results. Las Vegas Sun v. District Court, 104 Nev. 508 (1988) overruled on other grounds by Aspen Fin. Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark, 129 Nev. 878(2013).

The leading rule for the construction of statutes is to ascertain the intention of the legislature in enacting the statute, and the intent, when ascertained will prevail over the literal sense. The meaning of words used in a statute may be sought by examining the context and by

¹ See Ward, Matthew Travis, "The Untold History of Nevada's Shield Statute" (2014). UNLV Theses, Dissertations, Professional Papers, and Capstones. 2310. Available at https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/thesesdissertations/2310

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considering the reason or spirit of the law or the causes which induced the legislature to enact it. The entire subject matter and the policy of the law may also be involved to aid in its interpretation, and it should always be construed so as to avoid absurd results. Department of Ins. v. Humana Health Ins., Inc, 112 Nev. 356, 360 (Nev. 1996) citing Moody v. Manny's Auto Repair, 110 Nev. 320, 325, 871 P.2d 935, 938 (1994) (quoting Welfare Div. v. Washoe Co. Welfare Dep't, 88 Nev. 635, 637-38, 503 P.2d 457, 458-59 (1972)).

Words in a statute should be given their plain meaning unless this violates the spirit of the act. McKay v. Board of Supervisors, 102 Nev. 644, 648 (Nev. 1986).

Two related 2014 Eighth Judicial District Court cases found that the *Mesquite Citizen*, an online only news source similar to the Storey Teller, and its reporter Barbra Ellestad, qualified for the protections in NRS 49.275 in opposing a subpoena. (*See Virgin Valley Water Dist. v. Johnson et al*, March 24, 2014 Order on Motions For Civil Subpoena Duces Tecum. Case No. A-11-636082. Eight Judicial Dist. Ct.; and *State of Nevada v. Michael Winters*, March 24, 2014 Order on Motions to Quash Criminal Subpoenas Duces Tecums and Motion for Order to Produce. Case No. C265475. Eight Judicial Dist. Ct. in Exhibits 5 and 6).

The Nevada Supreme Court has made it perfectly clear that the News Shield Statute confers upon "journalists" an absolute privilege from disclosure of their sources and information. *Aspen Fin. Services, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial Dist. Court of State ex rel. County of Clark*, 129 Nev. 878, 883, 313 P.3d 875, 878, 129 Nev. Adv. Op. 93, 2013 WL 6224478 (2013).

Interpreting the News Shield Statute to only apply to the types of newspapers and periodicals that existed at the time the law was passed is plainly contrary to the spirit of the law as expressed in the *Aspen Fin. Services* case. Reading Moby Dick on an iPad or an Amazon Kindle does not make Moby Dick not a book. Reading the online version of the Reno Gazette-Journal does not make the Reno Gazette-Journal not a newspaper. Reading an online newspaper like the Mesquite Citizen does not make the Mesquite Citizen not a newspaper or periodical. The same goes for the Storey Teller, which is undeniably an online news source for citizens of Storey Page -9-

Attorneys for the Defendant

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit "1": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated February 2, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/02/21/team-storey/

Exhibit "2": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated February 26, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/02/26/papers-collide/

Exhibit "3": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated February 26, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/02/26/long-live-the-king/

Exhibit "4": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 15, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/03/15/30-reasons-to-retain-our-sheriff-or-not/

Exhibit "5": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 17, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/03/17/reason-2-to-retain-sheriff-antinoro/

Exhibit "6": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 25, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/03/25/letter-to-the-editor/

Exhibit "7": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 30, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/03/30/recall-antinoro-financial-statements-released-142034-65/

Exhibit "8": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 28, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/03/28/storey-county-republican-committee-votes-to-approve-resolution-opposing-the-recall-of-sheriff-antinoro/

Exhibit "9": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 1, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/01/what-is-a-sheriff-really-worth/

Exhibit "10": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 1, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/01/stand-against-corruption-part-three-a-letter-to-the-editor-from-sheriff-antinoro/

Exhibit "11": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 7, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/07/trics-don-norman-vows-not-to-influence-sheriff-selection/

Exhibit "12": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 8, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/08/letter-to-the-editor-recall-expenses-top-160000/

Exhibit "13": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 9, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/09/stand-against-corruption-part-6-how-team-gilman-used-alinskys-playbook-with-shameless-mastery/

Exhibit "14": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 9, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/09/stand-against-corruption-part-7-highland-resident-has-enough/

Exhibit "15": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 12, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/12/the-election-is-over-we-all-lost-nicole-barde/

Exhibit "16": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 14, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/14/new-numbers-in-recall-effort-spends-6989-per-vote/

Exhibit "17": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 17, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/17/googles-move-to-tric-adds-more-burden-on-storey-county-taxpayers-shoulders/

Exhibit "18": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 18, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/18/muths-truths-and-the-department-of-good-news/

Exhibit "19": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 24, 2017, and located at the internet address http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/24/letter-to-the-editor-recall-election-consequences-robert-maccario/

Exhibit "20": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 29, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/04/29/mr-chips-goes-to-washington/

Exhibit "21": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 1, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/01/letter-editor-cajun-john-wayne-says-lance/

Exhibit "22": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 2, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/02/spokesman-gilman-casts-bait-editor-swallows-hook-line-sinker/

Exhibit "23": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 2, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/02/mr-thompson-

defends-indefensible-hook-line-sinker-time/

Exhibit "24": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 11, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/11/judy-black-case-exploitation-not-good/

Exhibit "25": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 20, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/05/20/lance-gilman-vows-pay-antinoros-ethics-fine/

Exhibit "26": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 21, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/06/21/electile-dysfunction-public-bardeblog/

Exhibit "27": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated July 3, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/07/03/its-deja-vu-all-over-again-yet-another-property-tax-rollback-promise/

Exhibit "28": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated July 21, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/07/21/easier-lower-taxes-raise-fantasy-land/

Exhibit "29": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated August 6, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/08/06/tric-corporate-welfare-passes-100-million-dollars-latest-pipeline-deal/

Exhibit "30": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated August 8, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/08/08/news-sites-pants-fire/

Exhibit "31": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated August 11, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/08/11/town-meeting-learns-tric-pipeline-proposal/

Exhibit "32": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated August 12, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/08/12/blatant-abuse-the-last-grasp-for-power-letter-to-the-editor/

Exhibit "33": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated September 21, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/21/storeycounty-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/

Exhibit "34": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated September 23, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/23/solutions-storey-county/

Exhibit "35": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated September 23, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/23/tric-executive-shoves-foot-in-mouth-the-storey-teller-helps/

....... Exhibit "36": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated October 13, 2017, and located at the internet address of

http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/13/corporate-welfare-checks-roll-tric/

Exhibit "37": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated October 14, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/14/tric-executive-shoves-foot-mouth-storey-teller-helps-2/

Exhibit "38": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated October 16, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/16/teller-files-criminal-complaint-storey-county-da-sheriff/

Exhibit "39": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated October 18, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/18/storey-county-commissioner-October-17-meeting-nicole-barde/

Exhibit "40": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated October 19, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/10/19/tric-executive-shoves-foot-in-mouth-part-three/

Exhibit "41": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 7, 2017, and located at the internet address

http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/12/november-7-2017-storey-county-commission-meeting-bardeblog/

Exhibit "42": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 12, 2017, and located at the internet address of

http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/12/annual-spaghetti-feed-hit-usual/

Exhibit "43": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 12, 2017, and located at the internet address of

http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/12/virginia-city-honors-veterans-with-parade/

Exhibit "44: Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 13, 2017, and located at the internet address of

http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/13/tric-executive-shoves-foot-in-mouth-part-three-2/

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Exhibit "46": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 19, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/19/sunday-word-of-the-day-profit/

Exhibit "47": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 21, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/21/vt-depot-the-spectre-of-eminent-domain-theft/

Exhibit "48": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 22, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/22/cmis-tailspin-continues-q3-sec-

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Exhibit "49": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated November 26, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/11/26/priority-sunday-wotd-essay/

Exhibit "50": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 12, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/12/cmi-exhibits-at-aema-in-sparks-stock-price-falls/

Exhibit "51": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 14, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/14/storeyteller-sued-by-storey-county-commissioner-lance-gilman/

Exhibit "52": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 15, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/15/gilman-sues-teller-bardeblog-responds/

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Exhibit "56": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 22, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/27/gilman-to-pay-property-taxes-in-2018/

Exhibit "57": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 30, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/30/storey-teller-legal-defense-fund/

Exhibit "58": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 30, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/30/free-radon-test-kits-for-storey-county-residents/

Exhibit "59": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated December 31, 2017, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/12/31/respect-sunday-word-of-the-day-essay/

Exhibit "60": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 18, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/18/open-letter-governor-sandoval-lacy-j-dalton/

Exhibit "61": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 19, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/19/political-social-mixer-red-dog-january-25th/

Exhibit "62": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 20, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/20/tric-sells-remaining-property-blockchains-llc/

Exhibit "63": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 21, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/21/tric-pipeline-financed-stakeholders-mostly/

Exhibit "64": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 21, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/21/self-aggrandizment/

Exhibit "65" Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 28, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/28/whisper-campaign-sunday-words-day/

Exhibit "66": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 30, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/30/usps-responds-virginia-city-highlands-mail-issues/

Exhibit "67" Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated January 30, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/01/30/scso-incident-report-january-9th-21st/

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Exhibit "69": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated February 13, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/02/13/republican-lincoln-day-breakfast-February

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Exhibit "72": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 3, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/03/03/barde-announces-candidacy-for-storey-county-commissioner/

Exhibit "73": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 15, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/03/15/meatloaf-mcguffey-rolls-up-sleeves-to-get-to-the-hard-work-as-re-election-times-nears/

Exhibit "74": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated March 16, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/03/16/storey-county-local-political-races-finalized/

Exhibit "75": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 2, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/02/hillside-elementary-school-fundraiser-set-for-april-19th/

Exhibit "76": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 13, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/13/judge-dismisses-7-of-8-charges-in-gilman-v-toll/

Exhibit "77": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 22, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/22/1-6 billion in taxable sales/

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Exhibit "79": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 25, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/25/your-tax-dollars-at-work-in-storey-county-in-2017/

Exhibit "80": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 29, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/29/stonewall-the-sunday-word-of-the-day-essay

Exhibit "81": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated April 29, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/04/29/tesla-and-tric-sales-tax-abatements/

Exhibit "82": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May17, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/17/storey-county-commission-meeting-may-15th/

Exhibit "83": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 17, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/17/kids-day-in-the-park-a-hit-at-miners-park/

Exhibit "84": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 18, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/18/commissioner-mcbride-back-it-up-or-back-it-off/

Exhibit "85": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 23, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/23/storey-county-c-e-rt-volunteers-aid-area-seniors/

Exhibit "86": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 24, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/24/the-miracle-in-storey-county/

Exhibit "87": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 26, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/26/storey-county-candidate-forum-held-in-virginia-city/

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Exhibit "89": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated May 28, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/05/28/meet-the-candidates-june-2nd-in-the-highlands/

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Exhibit "92": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 17, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/06/17/sunday-word-of-the-day-victory/

Exhibit "93": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 23, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/06/23/storey-county-arrest-blotter-june-11-17/

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Exhibit "95": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 23, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/06/23/no-medical-weed-in-storey-county-again-commissioner-meeting-report-for-june-19th/

Exhibit "96": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 24, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/06/24/sunday-word-of-the-day-opportunity-o-zone

Exhibit "97": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated June 29, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/06/29/storey-county-republicans-lance-gilman-and-kris-thompson-support-liberal-steve-sisolak/

Exhibit "98": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated July 3, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/07/03/the-teller-needs-your-help/

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Exhibit "101": Copy of the Defendant's blog at the Storeyteller Website, dated July 10, 2018, and located at the internet address of http://thestoreyteller.online/2018/07/10/nevadas-attorney-general-exonerates-sheriff-antinoro/

Exhibit "102": E-Mail dated July 10, 2018 from Sam Toll "Editor" to Mr. Field regarding Why

isn't Sam Toll running for commissioner?

"Team Storey"

1. Feb21

Editor

When you review the minutes of Storey County's Commission meetings, you will find the record peppered with the phrase **Team Storey**. This phrase is typically surrounded by the flowery praise of a county employee or department whose exemplary service requires attention as they pat themselves on the back for conducting what the average working stiff might simply consider the reason the county taxpayers write them a check every two weeks.

Coined by Dean Haymore, **Team Storey** is meant to describe how well the county and its employees perform and interact as they go about the business of operating the biggest little county in the world to the remarkable benefit of its residents.

During the past six years, Storey County residents have watched as **Team Storey** has devolved into one of the more embarrassing pissing matches in state memory. This contest reached firehose velocity when, in November, Lance Gilman assembled "**Team Gilman**" to oust the twice elected Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

Gilman directed two employees; Kris Thompson (whose legal residence is a duplex shared with Lance Gilman at the Mustang Ranch if you can believe that) and Rich Crombie, (who lives in Reno), and a Carson City attorney to organize an effort to recall Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

Team Gilman then went about hiring a perky group of canvassers and dispatched them to all corners of the county to convince the public to sing on to the high crimes and misdemeanors as outlined in the petition declaration:

Sheriff Antinoro should be recalled. He has a track record of mistreating women. An independent sexual harassment investigator hired by Storey County found that Antinoro engaged in multiple acts of sexual harassment. The County scheduled sexual harassment training because of his conduct, but he skipped it.

Antinoro's personnel decisions have cost the County \$144,000 in settlements with former employees, plus thousand of dollar more in time for staff at the County to handle the numerous claims by his employees.

He stipulated with the Ethics Commission to settle a charge of using his office to obtain unwarranted personal benefits during the 2014 election. Recently, a panel of the Ethics Commission determined just and sufficient cause existed to refer a second charge to the full Commission for adjudication. This alleged violation of the ethic laws relates to his use of official Sheriff's stationary to endorse a political candidate.

Antinoro was incompetent in handling the Judy Black homicide scene and investigation, prematurely calling it an accident. He mishandled evidence which required the DA to exhume the remains in order to retrieve critical evidence for a murder trial.

We deserve a Sheriff who protect and serves the citizens not himself. Recall Sheriff Antinoro.

Residents of the rural Highlands cried foul as the canvassers entered their private property to knock on the doors and shake a hand. In the east end of the county, stalwarts of "Team Antinoro" objected to a group of canvassers working the River District as they failed to comply with the rules set forth by the Home Owners Association (HOA) requiring canvassers to obtain permission from the HOA before collecting signatures from the residents.

During this initial confrontation, the Sheriff's office was contacted (irony) to settle the dust and one of the canvassers was cuffed and stuffed for an outstanding warrant. After a howl of protest from Kris Thompson and **Team Gilman**, an emergency Temporary Restraining Order was granted to allow the canvassing of the River District to resume over the protests of the River District HOA's legal council.

Team Gilman and Team Antinoro then took to the ChatGrouposhpere to duke it out over the electrons. Using a community blog as its soapbox, members of the chat group would type one or two whispers of support for Team Antinoro which would be quickly answered by Team Gilman's Kris Thompson and his zephyr-like yammerfests.

Kris beat the iron yammer and tong repeating over and over the high crimes and misdemeanors of the villainous Sheriff. The banter, at times entertaining and at times downright nasty, finally hit a level of mean spirited verbosity that the Chat Group's moderator was forced to suspend discussion of the matter until after the recall effort was decided.

About this time Mother Nature decided to have her input and shifted the focus from **Team Gilman** and **Team Antinoro** back to **Team Storey**. She unleashed what some (mostly California transplants who never drove in the stuff) called "Snowmageddon"; grizzled Nevadans simply called it snow. Panic and chains were employed; the snowplows were dusted off as things more practical were tended to.

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Team Storey vs. Team Antinoro

As it came down to the wire and February 8th rolled around, a Hail Mary play was called to gather the last-minute signers. That is when **Team Storey** circled the wagons against the Sheriff. Pat Whitten (County Manager), Austin Osborne (Assistant Manager) and Gary Hames (Fire Chief) signed up against **Team Antinoro** on the same sheet. Bum Hess stuffed the ballot by convincing people to sign up with separate addresses. County Employees in the Courthouse, diligently hoping to remain in the good graces of their masters, lined up and signed up. As the

last sheets were handed around and notarized, the final paperwork was readied and delivered to the Secretary of State.

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Bum Hess games the system signing up Chavone Gable Twice on the same sheet, despite item (7).

In the end, 597 signatures were delivered. 594 were accepted as the final tally of collected signatures; well above the 477 threshold required by law to move forward. Once the list was processed, the 400+ page pdf of all the signatures was posted and made available to the public by Highlands stalwart Nicole Barde.

This document revealed some remarkable information. The roster of canvassers included some interesting names; Bum Hess, Maggie Mahan, Mrs. Thompson and former Sheriff Jim Miller. Bum Hess was famously arrested by **Team Antinoro** for felony assault and Jim Miller, so anxious to replace former protege Antinoro, is rumored to have already given County Manager Pat Whitten his uniform size.

As the roster of signers of the recall petition is scrutinized, it is no surprise that **Team Gilman** and **Team Storey** pretty much merged together. The names of County leaders, former and current, is remarkable. And disappointing.

Make no mistake, this Recall is an unashamed effort to return us to the romantic "good old days" when Del Carlo ran the county under the direction of Joe Conforte. The Team Storey Cabal needs a Sheriff who will use the color of authority to put the hammer down on anyone daring to stand up to the Courthouse or the folks on Toll Road. In the glory days, if a citizen stepped out of line and took umbrage with one of the tentacles of the County Octopus, they could count on a visit from the badge of intimidation.

Sheriff Antinoro has demonstrated over and over again his brand of policing does not include, contrary to the incessant yammering of Kris Thompson on the ChatGrouposhpere, systematic harassment and intimidation. Those days are six years in the rear view mirror with the retirement of Jim Miller Jr.

In fact, Antinoro's community based approach could be exactly what this country needs today. If you look at recent headlines of Police/Citizen violence over the past few years, a little more of the type of service delivered in our community by the Deputies of the Storey County Sheriff's Office might produce a more healthy relationship between the Police and the communities they serve.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, Team Storey continues to consider themselves the New England Patriots while the rest of the known world sees them for who they really are: the Washington Generals.

You made it this far. Thanks for reading.

Seriously.

Think this sucks and we're full of horsefeathers? Think this rocks and you think we are on point? Take the time to leave a comment. We want to hear your take.

Papers Collide

1. Feb26

Editor

Papers Collide

As if we needed another illustration of the mob-GOB-sters* flexing their Jackboot of Tyranny to crush the larynx of free speech in Storey County, Pat Whitten gleefully announced that The (unreadable) Virginia City News and The (cheerleaders of **Team Gilman** and **Team CMI**) Comstock Chronicle have joined farces.

A combined paper will emerge from the rubble on March 3rd.

With this merger, the second to last chapter of the Team Storey Kampf has been written.

The only thing standing in the way of **Team Gilman's** Final Solution is the ouster of twice elected Sheriff Antinoro.

News of the "newspaper" merger should give all Lovers of Liberty in Storey County and the Free World shudders of terror, delivered by Taser.

Think about it for a minute.

Our Founding Fathers considered a robust, yeoman Free Press essential to the business of government; the fourth pillar. Stalwart journalists should wade fearless through the slop-trough of flowery praise and jovial back-patting that is a joyful accompaniment at nearly every biweekly **Team Storey** slap-fest (aka County Commissioner Meeting).

Stalwart journalists ask not just tough questions but even tougher follow-up questions.

With fearless (yeo)men and women on the job, our Forbearers knew the type of behavior on display at **Team Storey** love-ins would forever be on the defensive and eventually die a well deserved death.

Sadly, all we can expect to hear are pom-poms loudly rustling...

* as El Rush-bo would say, "For those of you in Rio Linda, GOB = Good Old Boys and Girls".

Long Live The King

1. Feb26

Editor

This piece was submitted by a resident of Storey County who wishes to remain anonymous. If you would like to submit a piece and post with or without revealing your identity, please email to editor@thestoreyteller.online or annie.mouse@thestoreyteller.online. Why sit on your hands when using them to type your mind is so much better. For your hands and your community.

Long Live King Lance

by Annie Mouse

That's essentially what almost 600 Storey County citizens said when they signed the petition to recall Sheriff Antinoro. King Lance must be celebrating in his whorehouse with his concubine (that's their stated address on the petition), now that his dream of ENTIRELY controlling Storey County is about to come true.

THAT's what this recall petition was about – it was Lance showing Antinoro who has the upper hand in Storey – NOT the LAW, not the SHERIFF, but a County Commissioner. This started years ago when Lance fleeced his investor by not making his payments to him on the

loan the man had made to help build the Wildhorse brothel. Essentially, Lance shut down the Wildhorse, saying it didn't exist anymore, and christened the property the Mustang Ranch. Quite clever wasn't it? By making the name change, he told his investor to "Take a hike. The Wildhorse doesn't exist anymore." Funny thing is, the courts didn't agree and the investor won. But, in the meantime, because Lance had shut down the Wildhorse and reopened it as the Mustang, he thought he didn't need to go through the investigation that the Nevada Revised Statutes require for the opening of a new brothel. He didn't want to follow the law. The County Commissioners even agreed with him. Why should Lance, the man who's been a virtual Santa Claus (at least he tries to convince people he is) for Storey County, have to follow the law? Sheriff Antinoro said the law had to be followed and that the Mustang had to be closed for the required number of days, per state statute, for the investigation with which ALL brothels must comply. King Lance was furious. He secretly plotted payback.

So, King Lance ran for County Commissioner. What did it matter that he owned the largest business in the county; surely St. Nick couldn't ever have a conflict of interest, could he? He had a glorious campaign – spent over \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS on it. Never has a candidate spent so much on a campaign in this county! But, he ran huge advertisements in the newspapers – publishers LOVED him! He had BBQ's – the people LOVED him! He had rallies with food, chocolate, and speeches about how King Lance was going to bring the financial prosperity he'd accumulated to all the voters. Virginia City was going to be transformed! He'd share his secrets for success with the shop owners and earnings would soar. Tourists would jam the boardwalks every day of the year because of his promotional skills. We'd have the BEST schools, the BEST roads, and BEST of ALL, we'd have LOWER property taxes because the wealth of taxes his

Golden Goose generated – Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, or TRIC (appropriate, huh?), would be so copious, that every property owner in Storey would reap the benefits!!!!!

Remember all that? It was only about five years ago. Surely you remember? Did King Lance make good on his promises?

But, the voters believed Lance. They munched on his BBQ, they consumed his crudite', they chowed down on his chocolate, and they ATE HIS LIES! King Lance was elected. Once in office, when King Lance was asked about these promises, he always had excuses; but he did have groceries for seniors, and checks for charity functions. They helped King Lance keep up his Santa Claus image.

2016 rolled around, and King Lance was up for re-election but would anyone run against him? OF COURSE NOT! Who has at least \$35 THOUSAND DOLLARS to try to compete with King Lance? Who has spent the last four years raining money and groceries around the county? NO ONE, because no one has that kind of money, and most importantly, NO ONE has the POWER that King Lance has acquired during his time in office.

Now, King Lance was ready for retaliation against the Sheriff who had dared to cross him years ago. He had a list he'd made of Antinoro's transgressions (who cared how true, embellished or fabricated they were), from IMPRINTED PENS no less, to sexual harassment, a bungled murder case, inflated budgets, \$144 THOUSAND DOLLARS the Sheriff had stolen from the county. King Lance licked his lips in anticipation of the delicious dish of revenge he'd serve. Last year, Antinoro had the audacity to do the regular inspection of King Lance's brothel workers' paperwork. How DARE he set foot in the King's realm without invitation!

The retaliation came in the form of a recall petition. At the top was the list of all of Antinoro's sins. He was a CRIMINAL and MUST BE RECALLED! King Lance assembled a group of lackeys that were his Recall Committee. All were underlings who'd proven their allegiance to him. Some were characters who were of ill repute and hated in the county. Pawns were sent out to get signatures. "Yes, Antinoro ASSAULTED women! He STOLE money from the county! He had PENS PRINTED with his name on them using YOUR MONEY. He ABETTED in a MURDER case!" — Anything was said to get petitions signed.

As he lay in his bed at night, King Lance mused smugly on how all his plans were working. The petitions were signed, sloppily and with many errors, but it was Storey County, wink, wink! There would be a recall election, and how his Committee would MALIGN Antinoro even MORE – he wouldn't be able to show his face ANYWHERE! "Ha ha! Antinoro will be OUT, and I, er myself and my fellow commissioners that is, will appoint a NEW Sheriff!!! Of course he will be of my choosing, do my bidding, and never say 'Peep!' unless I ask, and then I will tell him how long and how loud. I WILL FINALLY RULE ALL OF Storey County! I can't believe how EASY it was to get those sheep to do what I want. Those groceries and checks were all worth it. When I'm termed out in 2020, maybe I'll run for U.S. Senate...." Sleep overcame King Lance, as he turned over and snuggled closer to the warm Rubenesque body next to his. "You're so smart, I think you could be President, Lance. I really do." she cooed.

You made it this far. Why not jump in the mosh pit and add a comment. Even if you are dancing alone, dance.

30 Reasons to Retain our Sheriff (or not)

1. Mar15

Editor

A reader suggested we run a section dedicated to reasons to retain the Sheriff. They submitted the first one. If you have one you would like to submit, do so via email at editor@thestoreyteller.online. If you have a reason he should not be retained, send it along. We all benefit from Free Speech and the sharing of ideas.

Reasons to Retain our Sheriff #1

1. Vote "NO" because you don't want the County Commissioners to choose the next Sheriff. You can choose your next Sheriff in a year and a half, in the next regularly scheduled election; but in this recall you will only be deciding whether or not to recall Sheriff Antinoro.

Think about it, what if the Commissioners choose someone you don't support, they will have a distinct advantage in the next election as an incumbent (they'll only serve until that office is decided again in 2018 and the new Sheriff sworn in). Also, we wrote that "the Commissioners" will choose the Sheriff if the recall is successful, but we all know that "the Commissioners" are really Lance Gilman, Roger Norman, and Kris Thompson; McBride and McGuffy will rubberstamp whomever they choose.

A "NO" vote is your voice, that you DON'T want a dictatorship in Storey County.

If you have a reason to or not to Retain Sheriff Antinoro, send it in and let's talk about it.

Reason #2 to Retain Sheriff Antinoro

1. Mar17

Editor

Reasons to Retain our Sheriff #2

"Vote "NO" to demonstrate to the King of TRIC who likely funded this recall that in spite of his money, nodding bobble headed other County Commissioners, and the constant slurs & misrepresentations of his multiple convicted DUI disbarred henchman that not everyone in this county can be bought and sold to enhance his business interests and salve his bruised ego. Sheriff Antinoro is literally being destroyed for having the audacity to do his job and he deserves our continued support...VOTE NO!!!"

This reason to retain Sheriff Antinoro was provided by a Highlands resident. If you have a reason to or not to retain the Sheriff, let us know

Letter to the Editor

1. Mar25

Editor

I have lived in Storey County a long time, back when DelCarlo was Sheriff but Conforte then owner of the Mustang Ranch was the boss. Everyone bowed to Conforte. His madam was even a county commissioner. Our Sheriff department was a joke and continued being a joke until Antinoro was elected to Sheriff. Now a certain faction move into Storey county and proclaimed RICHES FOR ALL STOREY COUNTY RESIDENTS. But first let's get our cronies elected onto the Board of Commissioners then find a like minded person to be Sheriff, someone who will turn a blind eye to activities in the North.

Some people in Lockwood area seem to be easily swayed by big talkers. Remember how Blake Smith / Corde Vista had them convinced he could stop their flooding problems and give them a grocery store to boot. Blake Smith and his attorney Mark Amodei (yes that Mark Amodei) fought the rest of the county residents in court. Amodei called us ignorant because we didn't want 5,000 more residents with schools & playgrounds built ontop of the land where rocket fuel & other hazardous materials were tested and they had no idea where the water for that development was going to come from. We were so ignorant that we won. Now it's time for us to ban together again and get rid of all of these factions. We have an elections coming up. Let's work together to find 2 new commissioners (maybe a woman or two). If we work together we can make this county really great.

I resent Lance Gilman & his puppet Kris Thompson moving into my community poisoning the well. We as a community will fight you every step of the way.

Kris don't respond to me. I've had enough of your hyperbole.

If anyone in the Highlands needs a ride to vote, email me privately. Let's show the Gilman carpetbagging group the door.

Jeanne from the Virginia City Highlands

Recall Antinoro Financial Statements Released – \$142,034.65 spent to unseat Sheriff thus far

1. Mar30

Editor

As required by law, the Committee to Recall Sheriff Gerald Antinoro filed the report of financial contributions and expense report on Monday March 27th. The report can be found online here.

The meat of the report is here:

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Petition Sufficient: Call Issued for Special Election

Report #1 — Due 4 days before Early Voting for the Special Election Period: From filing the Notice of Intent through 5 days before Special Election

Report #2 - Due 4 days before the Special Election

Period: From 4 days before the beginning of Early Voting by personal appearance, through 5 days before the Special Election

Report #3 - Due 30 days after the Special Election

Period: From 4 days before the Special Election through the day of the Special Election

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Petition Not Filed or Insufficient Petition Filed before the Expiration of the Notice of Intent: No Special Election

Report #1 — Due No Later than 30 Days after the expiration of the Notice of Intent Period: From filing Notice of Intent through 30 days after the expiration of the Notice of Intent

If Court Hears Challenge to Petition and Orders No Special Election

Report #1 — Due No Later than 30 Days after Court determines No Special Election

will be held

Period: From date Notice of Intent is filed through date of Court's order

CONTRIBUTIONS SUMMARY	This Period	From Beginning of Report Period #1 through End of This Reporting Period
Total Monetary Contributions in Excess of \$100	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.G0
(See page 1 of instruction sheet)		
Total Monetary Contributions in the Form of Loans Guaranteed by a 3rd-Party in Excess of \$100 (See page 1 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Total Monetary Contributions in the Form of Loans that were Forgiven in Excess of \$100 (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Total Amount of Written Commitments for Contributions in Excess of \$100 (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Total Value of In Kind Contributions in Excess of \$100 (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 142,034.65	\$142,034.65
6. Total Value of Written Commitments for In Kind Contributions in Excess of \$190	\$ 0.00	\$0.60
(See page 2 of instruction sheet) 7. Total Amount of all Contributions of \$100 or Less (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 20.00	\$20.00
(See page 2 of instruction sheet) 8. Total Amount of All Contributions (Add Lines 1 through 7) (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 142,054.65	\$142,054.65
EXPENSES SUMMARY		
Total Monetary Expenses Paid in Excess of \$100 (See page 2 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.60
10. Total Value in Kind Expenses in Excess of \$100 (See page 3 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
11. Total Amount of all Expenses of \$100 or Less (See page 3 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
12. Total Amount of All Expenses (Add Lines 9 through 11) (See page 3 of instruction sheet)	\$ 0.00	\$0.00

AFFIRMATION

MUST SELECT AT LEAST ONE:

- I Declare Under Penalty of Perjury That the Foregoing is True and Correct.
 - I Declare Under an Oath to God that the Forgoing is True and Correct*
 - * A declaration under an oath to God is subject to the same penalties as declaration under penalty of perjury

Kris Thompson	03/28/2017
Signature	Date

The report is interesting in the information it reveals.

Contributors of the over \$142,000 are:

Tahoe Reno Industrial Center 127,557.01 in Legal (\$43,557) and Consulting (\$84,000)

Lance Gilman Mailing (\$5200) and Signs (\$1640)

Kris Thompson Mailings, Press Releases and Ads (\$7637.54)

This figure reveals the players in the recall, TRIC (Don Norman and Lance Gilman), Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman and Storey County Planning board member Kris Thompson are throwing a ton of cash into this effort.

And anyone familiar with the history between Antinoro and Gilman can see, with the amount of cash Gilman is throwing at the effort, how serious and perhaps desperate he is to oust the Sheriff from his job.

Sheriff Antinoro has cost Gilman millions of dollars by insitsing Gilman hold himself to the same level of accountability as the rest of us in the community; the fact that Gilman is willing to throw another \$142,000 on top of those millions reveals the just how much he wants the Sheriff out.

Based on our estimates, this number is about 80 times more that Sheriff has spent on his efforts to retain his seat.

Depending on the outcome, this election will signal a turning point in Storey County politics; a return to the good old days of Del Carlo and Conforte when the county was bought and paid for by one man or a new era when we the people decide who buys what.

Storey County Republican Committee votes to approve resolution opposing the Recall of Sheriff Antinoro

1. Mar28

Editor

March 27th - Virginia City Highlands

Tonight the Storey County Republican Committee met to discuss a resolution concerning the Recall of Sheriff Antinoro. In attendance were officers and members of the Storey County Republican Party Committee and dozens of guests including Sheriff Antinoro and Laura DeSimone (the future Mrs. Antinoro), former Commissioners Bill Sjovangen and Greg "Bum" Hess, current Commissioner Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson, president of the Committee to Recall Gerald Antinoro.

The Resolution reads:

"Whereas the Bylaws of the Storey County Republican Central Committee state that the purpose of the Party is to "promote sound, honest, and progressive government;"

Whereas sound government is achieved through the separation of powers, with checks and balances between offices;

Whereas honest government is achieved through the election of individuals by the people, because the elected office holder is then accountable to, and therefore respectful of, the people;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Storey County Republican Central Committee opposes the recall of the Sheriff as constituted because it compromises the principles of sound, honest, and progressive government by:

Not honoring the right of voters to directly choose the person to fill the Office of Sheriff;

Eliminating the Sheriff's direct accountability to, and consequent respect for, the people by forcing a County Board of Commissioners' appointment;

Be it further resolved that the Storey County Republican Central Committee shall communicate and distribute this resolution as appropriate."

Before the resolution was opened up for comment and subsequent vote, several questions were raised about the process of selecting a replacement Sheriff.

The first question was asking if a replacement had already been selected. Committee Chair Jim Hindle directed the question to Commissioner Gilman.

"Following the election, if there is a replacement, there will be someone named for about four weeks to continue the operation the office. Then there will be a selection committee formed that will be of the public. Everyone who is interested (in being selected Sheriff) will submit an application within all of the county. That committee will perform a selection process and the final appointment will be done by the Commissioners. The county manager and the District Attorney are formulating the process that will be handling the process. It will be an ongoing process and a community process.", explained Commissioner Gilman

Additional questions asked if all of the Commissioners signed the Recall Petition (Jim Hindle confirmed that two of the three Commissioners signed). Further questions asked if the election it was to be conducted as normal election and this was confirmed.

After the questions were answered, the topic was opened up to statements first in opposition (there were none) and then in favor of the resolution.

Those in favor of the resolution included Andrew Poe who commented, "We have very few branches of government within the county and the Sheriff's office is one of those important branches. We think we need to maintain all the separation of power that we have available to us and keep the selection of the Sheriff in the hands of the people and with the votes of the People."

The statements of the committee members were finished sooner than expected and Clay Mitchell put forth a motion (seconded and approved) to open the discussion to non-committee members. The guests opposing the resolution were invited to speak first and Kris Thompson suggested that if the recall was unsuccessful the Republican Party could potentially suffer defections due to blowback by the approval of the pending resolution: "I ask you to consider this. This is not a Republican verses Democrat issue. The people that are pushing the recall, the most involved folks supporting the recall, the people resourcing it and the vast majority of the nearly 600 people who signed the petition are Republicans. They are in our party. They are Republicans. A vote for this resolution would disenfranchise them."

Several guests spoke in favor of the resolution including this reporter who, representing the Libertarian Party of Storey County, advised the audience the Nevada State Libertarian Party has drafted and approved a nearly identical resolution. "It isn't often that the Democrats, Republicans and Libertarians see eye to eye on things. The Declaration of Independence makes reference to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness; the very next sentence refers to the consent of the governed: a just government given it's authorization from the consent of the governed. This man (pointing to Sheriff Antinoro) has been given the consent of the governed twice. We consider it questionable the timing of this recall election, as being concerned with taxpayer dollars, it will end up costing the Taxpayers of Storey County perhaps \$25-30,000. We (the Nevada Libertarian Party) have a similar resolution and we concur with the notion that you pass your resolution"

In closing, Secretary Clay Mitchell spoke to the issue of why the committee is addressing this matter at in the first place: "As a local Republican Party, we have bylaws and we have a

platform. We have things that we stand for. That's what we are. We aren't a party like we get together and drink together, we are are a party because we have similar views and ideals. When something relates to those ideals, something that is in our platform and in our bylaws. For us not to say something about it means we are not engaged in our community. There is one line particularly in out platform that stands out to me; "the most effective government is government closest to the people. I truly believe that. I believe strongly that, as Andy mentioned, in the checks and balances and it's for those reasons that I recommend we approve this resolution.

Once the comments were over the matter was put to a vote of the committee members and was overwhelmingly approved by a vote of 24-3.

If this is any indication of things to come, the effort to recall the Sheriff will be defeated and it's unseemly polarization of the community will come to a welcome conclusion.

What is a Sheriff Really Worth?

1. Apr1

Editor

After the <u>financial disclosures of the recall committee</u>, as residents and taxpayers of Storey County, we all have an interesting dilemma to consider given the recall election:

1. We have a Commissioner that is our great benefactor, he is willing to organize a recall (after denying he was involved), obtain support from many of the former members of the county government AND willing to "invest" over \$140,000 to protect us all from other government officials.

OR

2. We have a Commissioner that wants to make sure the county government is running to his benefit (not solely, but primarily). How much is it worth to him and the people supporting this recall? What type of return on investment would be reasonable for a \$140,000 plus investment? How valuable is it to have significant influence if not outright control on the Storey County Sherriff's Office? What is a Sherriff worth?

OR

3. Is this recall just a personal grudge directed at the current sheriff? This option is even more scary than #2. If it is a personal grudge- is this thought process and judgement we want from people making decisions on our taxpayer's money? This recall election is supposed to cost us, the taxpayers about \$25,000- \$30,000 - all for a personal grudge?

Unfortunately, life experience does not give option #1 much credibility, but if it is option #2 or #3, what does that mean to this recall and future elections?

What is a Sherriff worth?

Today we now know some people would be willing to invest over \$140,00, other people's names, time and energy to influence the outcome on who is running the SCSO. We now have and approximate value of what a Sherriff worth!

What is a Commissioner, DA, etc. worth?

What about our upcoming elections, what is a Commissioner, DA, etc. worth? If some someone would spend \$140,00 plus for a sheriff position, is a Commissioner seat now worth \$250,000 plus?

Will we let our elections be "purchased" by any individual or group with the most money? Will candidates now have to seek out a corporate sponsorship in order to effectively compete? If a candidate has to curry favor with "big money" sponsors to get elected, do you think they will still

answer to us the taxpayers?

Defeat this recall- keep the taxpayer in control- don't let anyone buy your vote.

Bob Maccario

Stand Against Corruption Part Three – A Letter to the Editor From Sheriff Antinoro

1. Apr1

Editor

By Sheriff Gerald Antinoro

For those following the recall, here's an update. Today I was contacted by a local reporter and asked about my ads and signs that say "stand against corruption." I was asked why I felt there was corruption involved in the recall effort. To that, first I offer the definition of the word:

Corruption – dishonest or illegal behavior especially by powerful people, often to acquire personal benefit. Corruption may include many activities including bribery and embezzlement, though it may also involve practices that are legal in many countries. Government, or 'political', corruption occurs when an office-holder or other governmental employee acts in an official capacity for personal gain.

So first off, the people leading the recall effort. They are some of the most "powerful" people in the county since they are behind the big developments. They file lawsuits against me for doing the job the people elected me to do when those actions happen to be against their personal interests. They fabricate information, misrepresent the facts, and bastardize the legal system endeavoring to remove me from office and silence the voice of the people who elected me to office – twice. Its smells like corruption to me. And regardless of their claims of noninvolvement, the recall mouthpiece has repeatedly said these developers are funding the effort and put their names out there in writing.

I was recently referred to as "Teflon" by at least one detractor – a childish reference that nothing sticks to me. Nothing sticks because they have nothing except their manufactured and false claims. Then there are county employees. This is not all inclusive as there are many great county employees here who are just trying to get by. But there are some who know the truth and for whatever reason, refuse to speak it. Some actively fabricate their claims or position; others just spinelessly sit by when they know and are in positions to speak the truth. – again, it smells like corruption – giving into the big money special interests.

The same reporter made inquiry into a recent death in the county claiming to have information it was not of natural causes. Is this one more stab at trying to reinforce the bogus claims of the recall people? Let's just see what comes next.

TRIC's Don Norman vows not to interfere in Sheriff Selection

1. Apr7

Editor

<u>In a move reeking of irony and rotting fish, Don Norman of TRIC told Pat Whitten that he has no further intention of interfering with Storey County politics.</u>

Lance Gliman wrote a similar letter suggesting that after he and Norman poured 142k into the effort to recall Antinoro and pouring lies and garbage into the mailboxes of Storey County voters, they are now going to assume the role of benevolent Switzerland should Antinoro be recalled.

Given that the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center gets way more in county resources than they and their tenants contribute, it is remarkable that Don Norman should think he would have a say in anything relating to the county.

TRIC is a drain on county resources and especially reliant on the Sheriff's office; 40% of the calls made by the Sheriff's Office were in the north end of the county. With all the traffic, accidents and moving violations generated by the workers at TRIC, we can only wonder why Mr Norman thinks he has the right to any type of influence over any part of the process.

Team Gilman would have never subjected the citizens to the polarizing effect of the recall effort had it not been for the Washoe County resident who thinks he knows what is best for the taxpayers who shoulder the tax burden of Don Norman, Lance Gilman and the rest of the tax escapers at the

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April 4, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Pat Whitten County Manager Storey County 26 B Street Virginia City NV 89440

SUBJECT: Exclusion from Appointment Process

Dear Mr. Whitten.

As the decision-maker for Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRI), I am giving a commitment on behalf of myself and TRI that if the "For Recall" side prevails in the upcoming election on April 11-2017 we will not endorse, support, nor oppose any candidate seeking appointment as the interim County Sheriff between April 11, 2017 and November 6, 2018.

As you know, we are bringing in the top companies in the world to TRI, including tech and internet global leaders, data centers, and cutting edge manufacturers like Tesla. It is crucial in order for us to compete with Texas, Arizona, California, and New Mexico that our county department head positions, including the Sheriff, be filled by skilled professionals with the highest ethical standards. When we bring in prospective buyers they vet our County staff, just as they do our industrial park.

I am hopeful this action on my part will set the stage for the appointment of interim sheriff who is top notch, and beholding to no one but the law, high standards of ethical behavior, and appropriate treatment of his or her employees and members of the public.

Thanks very much.

Very truly yours, Jon Royn Morman Thanks, Mr. Norman, but the actions on your part have been poisonous to our community. They represent a reprehensible display of low standards, unethical behavior and an inappropriate intrusion of the members of the public.

If you were truly concerned about your prospective tenants vetting Storey County leadership you would insist Lance Gilman resign as our Commissioner and focus his attention where he is most qualified; attending to the sexual comfort of visitors and residents of the Reno area.

Letter to the Editor – Recall Expenses top \$ 160,000

1. Apr8

Editor

The second Recall Contributions and Expenses Report has come out. After the shock of learning of the massive amounts of money being spent from the first report, this report has no big surprises.

It is odd that Gilman and Thompson both continue to use the 56 Wild Horse Canyon address. On Thompson's financial report with the Secretary of State, he uses USA Parkway. And this is not Gilman's registered voting address.

Gilman has also personally added ten grand in just the last week! All on mailers! He now has a 10% financial personal stake in this recall. The total to date spent is now \$160,775; of this \$16,840 is directly from Mr. Gilman. Mr. Thompson spent \$8,858.

TRI is the primary funding source for this Recall, spending over \$135,000 or 84%. What return do they expect on this substantial investment?

TRI has provided roughly \$50,000 in legal services and over \$80,000 in consulting, which I believe was for the hired signature gatherers. If these expenses have been for the good of community, what other projects have they spent five or six figure sums on annually for our community before? Does TRI care about the community, or are they just willing to spend vast sums of money to influence the voters? And why do they want to influence us? Just something to think about, as this huge influx of money swirls around.

What is the general public's financial contribution? A meager \$20, or .01%. This recall has no apparent financial support from the community. It is being funded by a corporation and two individuals connected to it.

If a person does not meet with the approval of TRI, how could they possibly fund a campaign to run in an election against an opponent that could be funded so generously? Is this what our future elections will entail? TRI is showing that it has tremendous funds to spend to promote their interest and the interest of management. A bit scary, IMO.

This Recall effort has spent more money than any election campaign in Storey County. \$15,000 was spent on the last election by the sheriff, which was perhaps a record at that time. The recall spending is over ten times as much.

Truly, how much is a sheriff worth? How much is an elected official worth?

Please make sure that you vote.

Kay Dean

Stand Against Corruption Part 6 – How Team Gilman used Alinsky's playbook* with shameless mastery.

1. Apr9

Editor

Submitted by Las Swanson

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What would prompt Team Recall to repeatedly make the blatantly false statements their campaign is based upon? Because there is no basis of truth in their statements and because a great deal of effort and expense has gone into their effort and the careful manufacture of those statements, there must be a strong motivation. In a careful examination of all possible motivations, only one stands out; retribution.

Let's boil this long story down. Sheriff Antinoro is elected by the voters. Sheriff Antinoro applies the law equitably. This offends some who are accustomed to the long established Rules of Play as established by the Good Old Boys network which is alive and well in Storey County. The Sheriff becomes the target of the Good Old Boys (GOBs) due to his unwillingness to play by their rules and bow to their will. During the next election, the GOBs are unable to unseat Sheriff Antinoro. It is possible the GOBs will be unable to unseat Sheriff Antinoro in the upcoming 2018 election so they devise Plan B which is comprised of the following steps:

- Discredit the Sheriff with innuendo, insinuation and false statements.
- Hold a recall election at an estimated expense of \$25 to \$30K paid by the citizenry.
- Install our own man in the office of Sheriff.

Never mind the expense of \$25,000 to \$30,000 will be paid by the citizenry. Never mind that there will be an incredible lack of continuity of service to the community whilst Team Recall runs the sheriff's office with their interim sheriff until they can choose their appointed man for an official transition. What is important here is that Team Recall must prevail despite any cost to voters or community.

What seems to be apparent is that a small, vocal group backs this recall effort funded (to the tune of \$142,054 according to the recent RGJ article) by TRI. They have garnered some support from those who may wish to stay in the good graces of the GOBs, retain their positions with the county, have an axe to grind against the equitable application of the law by Antinoro or may just have been misled or pressured.

What is NOT apparent is the exact basis of this recall effort. As I've been unable to find a basis of truth in any of the accusations falsely leveled and then repeatedly referred to by Team Recall, I'm at a total loss as to how exactly this effort, largely funded by TRI, justifies their recall.

Those opposing the recall include anyone who is fully informed on the issues, those who think for themselves, those concerned with what is best for the county as a whole instead of what is best for the GOBs and those who recognize the conflict of interest created if the twice elected sheriff is recalled and the GOBs are permitted to install their own man as sheriff. Any system of checks and balances, as provided for by our system of government, will be eliminated and the GOBs will control the entirety of Storey County. The will of the voters, as expressed in the past two elections, will be cast aside by the GOBs who will be installing their own candidate in the office of Sheriff.

If Team Recall REALLY had a legitimate reason to inflict the expense of a recall election on the voters of Storey County and usurp the will of the voters, I'm certain they would have used it. Instead, all they could offer were the poorly constructed and horribly transparent false accusations (at best) and lies (at worst) in their desperate bid to install their man in office so he may run as the incumbent in the upcoming regularly scheduled 2018 election.

Vote to recall your twice elected sheriff if you want to encourage manipulation of your local government by those with deep pockets, huge egos, a lack of integrity or a total disregard for what is best for the county.

A vote to retain your twice elected sheriff is a vote to also retain your voice as a voter.

Do not let the GOBs take your vote away and silence your voice.

For those unfamilar with Alinsky, go here and here.

Stand Against Corruption Part 7 – Highland Resident Has Enough

1. Apr9

Editor

Let assume that what the Recall Committee has written is factual- a great leap on everyone's part.

Life is simple – people shouldn't lie! Especially when they are responsible for other peoples' money- like a Commissioner.

For example in the RGJ dated March 22. Lance is quoted as saying "Gilman said his businesses were not involved in any of the allegations made against the sheriff. But he confirmed he signed the petition to remove Antinoro from office.

Yet- in the financial disclosure to the Secretary Of State on March 28

TRI - \$127,557.01, Lance Gilman - \$6,846.00, Kris Thompson - \$7,637.64

And now we see another 10K.

Then, RGJ – April 7 "Gilman has repeatedly stated that he was not involved in the recall effort. But he did spend a total \$6,840 on mailers and signs, according to the contributions report filed in late March. As recently as two weeks ago, Gilman told the RGJ his only involvement in the recall was to sign the petition requesting it."

These statements in the RGJ by Lance Gilman the commissioner are not grey- they are black and white lies. They are Inexcusable.

The Recall Committee's (Lance Gilman) continued name calling and grossly inaccurate posts.... Inexcusable.

Just as Bill Sjovangen's using profanity in front of someone's granddaughter at the Republican Committee meeting when things didn't go his way.... Inexcusable. (Did I miss his apology?)

If this is what the leadership of the Recall does and represents- it should pretty much tell everyone the lack of validity of this special election.

<u>Reasonable people</u> can let slide an occasional honest mistake with information and even an occasional "I misspoke", accompanied with a sincere apology. But the leadership of this recall has traversed far beyond a simple error in judgment or misunderstanding. They are in the "knowingly blatant disrespect for truth and Storey County residents" arena.

This is why we are hearing more and more – it is Lance Gilman, the commissioner who should be recalled.

I would add, as a resident and voter all I want is Truthfulness & Transparency from our elected

officials.

Truthfulness- I want to know when I am told something I can count on it being accurate. Keep in mind- omission is a lie. To hear Commissioner Gilman tell residents about <u>all</u> the wonderful benefits we are going to get from the TRI development – but omit "not for 8-10 years" is NOT Truthful. This is what happened at the 10 acre meeting last year. Thank goodness one commissioner got up and gave the actual timing.

Transparency- I have no problem with any business person earning a good living in this county-Heck I'll help them. But transparency is a must! When bringing business to this county AND expecting county support it – does it pass the "smell" test for both the business and our public officials? Is in in the best interest of ALL the taxpayer or does it benefit just a few?

Is crystal clear and transparent to all of us that our public officials made the decision in the taxpayer's best interest, and they only benefit to the same level any other taxpayer will?

Is that too much to expect?

Robert Maccario Virginia City Highlands resident

The election is over. We all lost — Nicole Barde

1. Apr12

Editor

RECALL DEFEATED BUT WE ARE ALL LOSERS......WELL EXCEPT FOR LANCE GILMAN

By Nicole Barde

As the community tries to recover from the activities leading to the crushing defeat of the recall petition....we are, as a community, ultimately the losers.

Win, lose or draw the only winner in this is, as always, brothel owner, TRI principal and Commissioner Lance Gilman.

Despite the recalls defeat he will still make money off of the women working at his brothel, he will still make money on the companies moving into TRIC, his real estate company will continue to make him money, and he will continue to shape, form and drive Storey County's "TRI FIRST" strategy to continue to put money into his pockets. I say "his" pockets because the county has yet to see the avalanche of riches promised by TRI.

All of this SCREAMS conflict of interest as a Commissioner and Lance's signing of the recall petition and liberal financing of the recall campaign proves, at least to me, that he can't separate the personal from the office to which he was elected. It is my hope that the people who voted against the Sheriff recall and some of the others see this as well.

Anyone who truly loved this community, as Lance Gilman professes, would not have put its people thru this ordeal. He would have thought first of how to accomplish the "moral" task of bringing accountability to another elected official without hurting the people in this small community.

Lance Gilman is nothing if not smart and creative.....he could have attempted this task with surgical precisioninstead he chose a scorched earth approach to utterly destroy one individual and didn't care about the collateral damage that his tactics caused. It was a vicious and unrelenting campaign.

The losers, and the collateral damage of that campaign, are the citizens of Storey County. Regardless of how we voted...we lost.

Lance wins but some of us have still lost our Constitutional right to free speech.

Even before this latest assault on our civility and peace many, many people were afraid to speak out against anyone in power for fear of retribution or retaliation.

That did not change with this recall election. Some people felt pressured to sign the recall petition and didn't feel that they could refuse or speak out. One resident who had no connection to the county structure whatsoever said that they were afraid to disclose their thoughts on the recall to a poll taker on the phone because they didn't know who they would be reported to and what would happen to them. Lance and the county officials win here since the system of fear and intimidation is still intact. Congratulations Lance.

Lance wins but we have lost friends and neighbors over the polarizing effects of a constant barrage of partial facts, made up facts, omitted facts and hidden facts that were presented as "evidence" and then rained down on the heads of the citizens.

The whole recall publicity campaign was pure Joseph Goebbels (Nazi propaganda minister) who said "It would not be impossible to prove with sufficient repetition and a psychological understanding of the people concerned that a square is in fact a circle...."

What is the truth? This has been the cause of many arguments, nasty exchanges, strained friendships and suspicion. The recall machine didn't care about the truth, they just wanted to throw enough s*it out there to create doubt.....who cares about collateral damage.

Judy Black is still dead, the presumption of innocence is out the window and a fair jury pool anywhere in the next 3 counties is not likely. Melanie Keener can file a harassment suit if she is so inclined. Those are the truths that stand out to me, the rest was just part of the scorched earth tactic which has left my community torn up. Congratulations Lance.

Lance wins but I have to wonder if our elected officials are making decisions on our behalf and in our best interests. All but 2 in the Storey County management structure signed the recall petition. The exceptions are DA Ann Langer who is not a resident, and Commissioner Marshall McBride. I don't know what Marshall's motives were but I thank him for not wanting to drag us thru this misery. The rest just followed Lance's lead on this....conduct unbecoming.

Lance, I hope that you stop now, allow the community to heal and move on....you need to move on, you've been defeated three times on this issue.....just stop. Follow the rules and you'll be OK. As for the Sheriff....follow the rules and you'll be OK.

I'll close with one of my favorite quotes.....and my hope for our community:

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic cords of memory will swell when again touched as surely they will be by the better angels of our nature."

- Abraham Lincoln

Team Gilman spent \$ 6989 per vote on the Recall, new numbers reveal.

1. Apr14

Editor

Robert Macarrio wrote on the Highlands Chat Group the astonishing fact that Team Gilman spent \$266 per vote.

He based his calculation on the fact that with the second of three required Contribution and Expense reports filed on April 7th, TRIC, Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson spent \$ 160,754.65 on the recall effort. If you divide the money spent by the (ironic) number of votes supporting the recall, 601, you get 267.48 per vote.

However, the way we see it, his calculation does not consider all the variables. Here is how we calculate the cost per vote. Let's start here:

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When the signatures were submitted there were a total of 597 individuals who put their name on the line. Those names became the "pool" of signatures that the random sample of 500 names would be selected.

During the verification process, 89 names were disqualified from the pool due to several factors including not being signed in ink or not having voted in the 2014 election or being duplicate signatures.

Consider all the disqualified people signing the petitions other than those who signed twice would theoretically be included the 601 people who voted for the Recall because they would be motivated to show up and register and vote and sign in ink and be counted.

Since there were 19 duplicate signers, the total number of people signing the Recall Petition at the February 8th date stands at 578 (597-19=578).

In the time between the 8th of February and the 11th of April, Team Gilman sent a half dozen venomous mailers and ran full page ads galore in the local fish wrap. Pasted up signs, pressed the flesh bent elbows and used juice from "influential former and current community leaders" including Greg "Bum" Hess, Jim Miller, Pat Whitten, Gary Hames, Dean Heymore, Austin Osborne and the usual suspects in and around the courthouse.

With all that money, influence, twisting arms and pressed flesh, Team Gilman managed to muster 23 additional votes. Twenty. Three. Votes.

Think about that for a minute. \$ 160,754.65 dollars spent/23 new voters = \$6989.33 per voter.

That is, for all intents and purposes, Seven Grand per vote.

In-freaking-credible.

From where we sit, the take away from this election is two fold:

One, *The people have spoken*. We are not passive sheep or timid mice. We will not allow piles of cash, baseless yammering and threats and intimidation to thwart *Our* will.

Two: There is a massive, Grand Canyon-like disconnect between the entrenched elite who park their fannies at the Courthouse and the rest of Us.

The rest of us are tired of being taken advantage of and taken for granted. We are tired of being kicked around. We are tired having our pockets picked. We are tired of being threatened with Red Tags and Inspections and other bureaucratic penny ante nonsense for believing in and doing the right thing.

We are tired of hearing about how spectacular things will be just as soon as the oceans of cash start "gushing into county coffers" while every department needs to cut cash to make up for the shortfall in the 2017-2018 budget cycle as revenues free fall.

This election will serve as a reminder to all parties: We the People are the ones with the power in Storey County, not the folks we elect and hire to conduct business on our behalf.

We have retaken control of the hen house and are returning to our rightful place in the drivers seat.

Here a message from We The People in the drivers seat: Sit down, shut up and hang on.

It's about to get real.

Stay Tuned

Google's move to TRIC adds more burden on Storey County Taxpayers shoulders.

1. Apr17

Editor

In a move that will add to the burden of Storey County Services and add nothing to the already plummeting revenue stream, Google bought some land from Lance Gilman and Don Norman. Locating in the merry TRICsters tax avoidance business incubation site, we expect to see a mondo data center. And since the Silver State has looser laws than the Golden State dealing with the speed limit of self driving cars it is expected to host a testing track for Waymo, the Alphabetowned company. The purchase of the 1,210 acres within the TRICster compound as reported by **The Wall Street Journal on Monday**. This follows the filing of documents detailing the transaction late last week which you can see **here** and **here**. Interesting documents were also listed for the Mustang Ranch conglomerate as well, but that is fodder for another story.

From Techcrunch:

"The purchase of land doesn't mean Google is breaking ground on a new data center immediately; the report says there aren't any plans in the books to start construction right away. But with increasing emphasis on its cloud-based business, it's unlikely the company will sit idle on plans to build new data center infrastructure for long.

More interesting might be the WSJ's assertion that several people suggested Google might use the site as a future testing facility for Waymo's autonomous vehicles. Nevada is in the process of passing legislation that could see it eventually allow self-driving tests with potentially fewer restrictions than are in place for testing in California, which might make it a good site for high-speed testing of vehicles, above the 35 MPH cap currently in place in Google's home state.

The theory that Google could use the land for testing of vehicles is based mostly on the regulatory conditions in Nevada, and its co-backing of the bill currently making its way through the legislative process, as well as the fact that the parcel of land is much larger than would be required for any single data center. Still, it's an interesting possibility, and one that makes sense if Waymo wants to continue expanding its real-world testing capabilities."

This announcement further highlights the reality that TRIC' lead negotiator and Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman wears hats on both sides of the negotiating table allowing Google to cut the sweetest deal possible at the expense of the chumps, the Storey County Taxpayers.

Stay Tuned		

Misty Van Havel pointed out that the above article was taken from a techcrunch article, not the WSJ as indicated. I made a mistake in the reference and should have done a more direct quote using a backlink and quotes. In my rush to get to an eye appointment in Reno (which showed up late for) I rushed the story out without taking the time to properly format it.

Lame.

Thanks for calling me out on that.

To your point about the burden to the county, in this case I promise you past performance is indicative of future results. I am in the process of requesting the documents to back up my claim. In the mean time Silver Slate aka Google aka Alphabet has in fact enriched the Storey County General Fund 0.001103655172414% of the \$29,000,000 sale price of the land or \$32,006.15.

While 32k is something, I think we all can agree it is right next door to nothing.

Muth's Truths and the Department of Good News

1. Apr18

Editor

Conservative Blogger and newsletter generator Chuck Muth of Las Vegas postscripted this nugget at the bottom of his effort this week. Lance Gilman considers himself a big wheel and seeks praise at every turn. This is the kind of attention he is getting after polarizing our community and subjecting us to 4 additional months of election agony two days after the Clinton-Trump fiasco ended.

Mad Props, Commish.

From Muth's Truths:

* Department of Good News: Sorry I missed this last week (so many stories; so little time), but Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman's effort buy a recall of Sheriff Gerald Antinoro – contributing a staggering \$142,000 to the effort – and then handpick his replacement...failed.

Gilman is the wealthy landlord for the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, home of new taxpayer-subsidized Tesla battery factory. Nevertheless, Sheriff Antinoro reportedly has – get this – treated His Highness and his business interests the same under the law as any other citizen.

That's irked Gilman, who appears to believe that all citizens are created equal – but he should be treated more equal than others. Chalk one up for the good guys.

The debacle we emerged from a week ago today is not the kind of thing our county should be making the news with. Sadly, the most equal member of Storey County (if you believe he actually lives at 5 Wild Horse Canyon) cares more about himself than the county he represents.

Letter to the Editor – Recall Election Consequences

1. Apr24

Editor

For every action (force) in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction.

Principia Mathematica Philosophiae Naturalis - Sir Isaac Newton 1688

This excellent letter to the editor hit our inbox today and we are delighted to share it with you. Smells like blowback...

Elections Have Consequences – Even Recall Elections

Can we ever believe Commissioner Gilman?

Life is simple – people shouldn't lie! Especially when they are responsible for other peoples' money- like a Commissioner.

RGJ dated March 22. "Gilman said his businesses were not involved in any of the allegations made against the sheriff. But he confirmed he signed the petition to remove Antinoro from office."

March 28 – Financial disclosure to the Secretary of State:

TRI – \$127,557.01, Lance Gilman – \$6,846.00, Kris Thompson – \$7,637.64

There was another 10K in subsequent filings and the final report is due out shortly. Gilman's business partner, Don Roger Norman is "TRI" and Kris Thompson is a Gilman employee at TRI.

RGJ – Arpil 7 "Gilman has repeatedly stated that he was not involved in the recall effort. But he did spend a total \$6,840 on mailers and signs", according to the contributions report filed in late March. As recently as two weeks ago, Gilman told the RGJ his only involvement in the recall was to sign the petition requesting it."

What does your life experience tell you? People only lie once? Not typically, usually when you catch someone lying, it's just the tip of the iceberg. And consider this – he represents 1/3 the votes of our Commissioners who are supposed to represent us, the taxpayers of Storey County.

All of us can cut a little slack for someone who inadvertently "misspoke".

But his **BIG LIE** was no accident; they were calculated statements to mislead taxpayers. And any reasonable person should ask "what other lies have not been exposed?"

Elections DO Have Consequences – Even Recall Elections.

First and foremost, Commissioner Gilman should submit his resignation immediately for the BIG LIE as part of his apology the taxpayers AND costing us \$25,000- \$30,000 (At the same time, we will accept a check from him, but need two forms of ID, hopefully they have the same residence address).

If not an immediate resignation, The **BIG LIE** is easily grounds for recall, but one would hope he would not put the county through another expensive fiasco like he just orchestrated and we all had to endure.

Let's go a step further. Let's review this petition to see what other County officials signed. Such a review is appropriate, not as a call for retribution but to reveal where our elected and appointed officials stood on this issue. As a matter of fact, anyone of reading this would probably eagerly and honestly defend anyone's right to sign the petition.

But a County official, be elected or appointed, who signed this recall petition was either in collusion with the Commissioner knowing of his **BIG LIE**, or has a gross lack understanding of the politics in this county or possesses a serious lack of judgement. Any one of these demonstrates a lapse duty; to focus their unwavering dedication to the best interests of their employer – the taxpayers of Storey County.

Second, After the immediate resignation of Commissioner Gilman for the **BIG LIE**, It's time for a serious review of the County official who endorsed this recall fiasco and supported the **BIG LIE**. These County officials knew exactly what they were doing- if they didn't, it's time to seriously question their competence and/or loyalty to their employer- the taxpayers of Storey County.

Finally, it's obvious with no one CURRENTLY in our county government willing to challenge the **BIG LIE** (other than our sheriff) we need to demonstrate our resolve in the voting booth. We need to inject a fresh perspective into Storey County government. We have all heard the expression lately- "time to drain the swamp". We should expect nothing less than the truth and full transparency regarding our county operations.

Respectfully,

Bob Maccario

Mr. Smith (and Mr. Jones) go to Washington. Storey County taxpayers foot the bill.

1. Apr29

Editor

The Storey County Commissioners and County Manager Pat Whitten sent Commissioner Lance Gilman and County Lobbyist Greg "Bum" Hess to Washington D.C. January 17th – 22nd.

The trip to D.C. was authorized so Gilman and Hess could lobby for the zip code bill that died in committee last year. The zip code reconfiguration will help Storey County capture sales tax revenue lost to Washoe County. For products purchased and Nevada Sales Tax is collected, most computerized systems use the Zip Code to assign the tax liability. Since TRIC uses the Sparks Zip Code, Storey County loses out on nearly all the sales tax revenue collected.

This is bad for the taxpayers of Storey County as we have to shoulder the burden not relieved by this lost revenue stream. Meanwhile, Washoe County taxpayers rejoice as their tax burden is reduced.

Washoe County wins.

We Lose.

So it is a good idea to get this resolved. And it is the perfect job for an effective lobbyist. However...

A careful examination of the the dates of the trip caused the eyebrows of the storeyteller. online editors to raise and notice a happy coincidence: Donald Trump was Inaugurated on January 21st.

We put in our records request on February 16th for the receipts spent on the festivities (filled on April 19th). On March 7th, Greg "Bum" Hess strolled to the podium of the Commissioners meeting and delivered this update on his tireless lobbying for Storey County. Is this another happy coincidence? Would he have delivered his little soliloquy had he not gotten wind of the public records request? Is there a reason that Lance Gilman let two meetings go by and did not remark about their furious skid greasing?

Listen to Greg lay it on here:

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Let's get this straight...

They met with our Nevada representatives (something they can do in Nevada) and stood next to the "personal secretary" of "The Cajun John Wayne" as Donald Trump became the 45th President of the United States. Oh, and they discovered the Muckers are nationwide. Um....

Impressive. Lobbying. Skills.

On the way out of town they checked out the girls lining up for the million woman march (a million bullets dodged as Hess and Gilman had already checked out of their hotel rooms...)

To recap, we paid \$ 7611.50 for them to attend Donald Trump's Inauguration....

Seriously?

Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones have parlayed their positions in county governance to become wealthy and vastly wealthy. Yet they don't have enough cash to pay their own way?

In-Freaking-Credible.

I have been to D.C. several times, but never on Inauguration Week. My sources tell me it is pretty much like the week that precedes Super Bowl; business as unusual. If you want to schedule meaningful work, you're in FantasyLand.

The aforementioned happy coincidence makes the storeyteller. online editors ponder aloud:

"If Mrs. Clinton had become President of The United States on Inauguration Day, would Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones finally hunker down and figure out how Skype works?"

Spending money at the government level is all about priorities. In Washington D.C. and on B Street.

\$7611.50 represents just under a quarter of the annual salary of a new deputy. Or a quarter of a new patrol vehicle.

What are the priorities in Storey County?

On a positive note, Greg picked up his bar tab...

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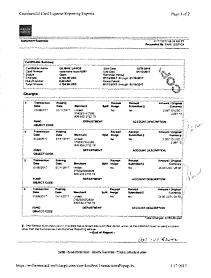
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Letter To The Editor – Cajun John Wayne says, "Lance who?"

1. May 1

Editor

I have listened to the <u>recording supplied by thestoreyteller.online</u> multiple times. I wanted to make certain that I heard Bum correctly, and had another person also listen. Bum claimed that the Louisiana John Wayne (Clay Higgins) is now supporting our zip code bill, and that he hadn't in the previous session.

How is this possible? Clay Higgins was just elected. The term beginning in January 2017 is the first term he has served. It is impossible for someone who has not been in Congress before to support a bill or not. What is Bum talking about???

I decided to pick up the phone and call Congressman's Higgins office. Believe it or not, I spoke with his assistant, Jordan. And she had NO idea what I was talking about, when I asked her about a bill that Mr. Higgins was going to support regarding a new zip code for our sales tax issues. Also, she stated that the office did not ever expect to speak with Mr. Gilman or Mr. Hess again. Odd, for someone who was going to support a bill for us, don't you think?

As the conversation continued, Jordan explained that she did indeed meet Bum Hess and Lance Gilman...she bumped into them on the street!!! Really. And that there was absolutely NO policy related discussions at all. None. She did point out to me that there is another Mr. Higgins in Congress, and that perhaps that was the individual that did not previously support the bill. However, I would hope that our paid lobbyist would know the difference between the two men.

So, according to the assistant of the Congressman that is now going to support our zip code bill, Lance and Bum didn't even offer one word on policy during the time they spent with her. On this taxpayer funded trip. So, the County paid lobbyist decided not to use this opportunity to raise any policy issues, according to the person he spent time with. He later claimed in a Commission meeting to do just that. I am confused. Really confused.

A couple of suggestions. If the County began following these, there might be less confusion in the future. And more accountability.

FIRST. REQUIRE a log of the meeting, participants and conversation topics for <u>all</u> employees to complete whenever they attend outside meetings or events in the field. Can be attached to the expense report to document the value received for the money spent. Can also be used to inform other departmental employees of any new information or processes. I am actually shocked the County Manager does not require this currently. It is a valuable tool and also helps prevent the abuse of travel funds. I believe the Commissioners should require this, effective immediately.

SECOND. Lobbyists for the County should be required to submit a regular report, posted on the

<u>County website</u>, for all the bills in the current session, the contacts made to legislators, etc. Each taxpayer should be able to easily learn what work is being done for the County. Bills could be prioritized on the list, and once input, the updating would take no time at all. If the current lobbyist is incapable of providing this service, then applications could be taken to find a person who would be transparent and informative and willing to communicated their efforts to the people who are paying for it. Once again, I believe the Commissioners should require this, effective immediately.

My opinion and conclusion, especially after talking with Jordan, is that this trip was NOT work related. The biggest highlight, according to Bum's report to the Commissioners, was meeting the above mentioned assistant. Yet, according to her, they never once brought up any policy related items in their discussions. I believe Storey County taxpayers should be fully reimbursed for the expenses of this trip. Commissioner Gilman, please resign and focus on TRI.

Kay Dean

Spokesman for Gilman casts bait, Editor swallows hook, line and sinker

1. May2

Editor

This tit for tat went down on the highlands chat group between yours truly and Commissioner Lance Gilman's spokesman, Kris Thompson. I'm sharing it here for those who don't frequent that ecosphere. Since it was a blow by blow response to his email, I am changing the color Kris's defense of Commissioner Gilman and my reply to each point.

Bait Sniffed. Hook Set.

On Apr 30, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Kris Thompson via Groups. Io wrote:

Well the readers now have seen that despite our best efforts it looks like Antinoro's spokesperson just can't let it go, that we just can't have peace no matter what we do. This post is an example of a sore winner, someone who has to be spiteful no matter what.

How did Jerry become part of this? Since you drug his name into this mosh pit, Jerry is a big boy and doesn't need to hide behind Breck' apron strings or anyone else.

Lance, on the other hand, sends his annoying yapdog out to piddle all over the public square.

Sore winner? Try sore posterior. The soreness comes from burning \$7611.50 of taxpayers cash so two fat cats can attend the victory lap in D.C.

If you want peace, resign from public office and stay home at the Brothel.

County revenues are down and payroll is shooting though the roof. Paying two fat cats to ooze around D.C. is not responsible governance.

If Greg and Lance want to go, by all means, go. If Pat Whitten wants to pay their freight, he can pony up out of his personal war chest not ours.

Otherwise they can peel off a few benjies from their personal roll and have a blast.

I urge her and the other Antinoro team members for the second time to please just let the dust settle from the election. Let's move forward and try to do something together as opposed to continuing to throw spitwads from the cheap seats. If they are bound and determined to continue open warfare then we can certainly oblige but we hope this isn't necessary. Both sides have made their point with the public during the election, there was a result that we respect, and now let's please look forward not backwards.

Open warfare? Again, if you and Lance want peace, remove yourselves from public office

and stick to TRIC and the Brothel.

If you want to cook in the County kitchen, expect some the heat when you pour boiling water all over everyone.

As far as open warfare is concerned what are you going to do, start typing in all caps? Yikes! Send the Sheriff over to my house at 2:00 am to do a no knock like the good old days? You wish. Call my mom? Please Do. I learned to write like this from her.

You and your boss have provoked the good citizens of this community with your vile scree over these past four months. And you just discovered the marshmallows you used to steamroll and bamboozle have been replaced by folks who are not having it anymore. You paid over \$160K for this. You will get your money's worth. With compound interest.

Looking forward, we expect Commissioner Gilman to perform with the best interests of all Storey County and not those of his band of merry TRICsters.

He can start performing by coming thru on promised property tax rollbacks and the fabled TRIC gusher we have been hearing about for years and years and years.

The trip to Washington by Lance was on behalf of the County. There was hardcore lobbying regarding the zip code bill in congress and meetings with Senator Heller and congressional staff regarding the same. It's good for the county to show the flag on this key issue where the county has so much to gain. This is an issue with hundreds of thousands of dollars, perhaps more, are at issue. The cost of the trip to the county is minimal compared to the potential gain. The squeeky wheel gets the attention in DC.

The weak sauce dripping from this paragraph insults the collective intelligence of everyone in the county. It was hardcore partying happening that week, not lobbying. According to Greg at the podium, He and Lance stood next to the personal secretary of the Cajun John Wayne, a freshman who has as much clout as a flea as he was sworn in about ten minutes before Trump. But they didn't stand next to the actual Cajun.

Lance and Greg picked the wrong week to visit D.C. to get anything of substance done other than lubricating squeeky wheels with 100 proof, steak and lobster.

Some of us readers were born at night, but none of us were born last night.

Besides that Lance paid OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET for entry fees to the events, for the inauguration ball, then republican ball, the republican breakfast meeting, the Nevada caucus meeting, and most of his own meals, and his ground transportation. Out of his pocket. And he never asked for reimbursement on this.

Um, Duh.

Lance should have done what any responsible quadrillionaire public office holder who has the best interests of a community facing a revenue shortfall and deficits at heart; pay his own way to the dance.

And Lance didn't publicize that he spent a lot of his own money on this trip. Yet this kind of uninformed dishonest viciousness is what lance gets in return.

Uninformed Dishonest viciousness? Part of my public records request was for the log of meetings, participants and conversation topics discussed. Management 101 and an lead pipe cinch for my employees when they went into the field. Pat Whitten told me he doesn't require one. Go figure.

Fun fact about reporting facts; the facts don't lie. They might sting but they aren't dishonest.

Please Krislance, inform us. Provide the taxpayers of Storey County a detailed calendar of this trip showing the people they met with, the times of those meetings and the specific conversations relating to the bill that took place. Show us the results made from those conversations. Show us the telephone logs of the follow up phone calls Lance personally made to the Ragin' Cajun or anyone else and the nature and results of those conversations.

I'll eat my keyboard on the corner of C and Taylor and give you a week to draw a crowd if you can pony up anything that could be mistaken for actual proof of progress on the zip code bill directly attributed to the "hardcore lobbying" of January 17th-22nd.

I'm not sure anyone would want to work in a County job when you have these kind of jackals always trying to nip at your heels.

It comes with the territory of elected public office. It's called accountability. Look it up.

Moving forward, know this. The people of Storey County are more ferocious than Jackals. We aim a little higher than your heels. And we don't nip.

Do your job and we'll happily keep an eye on you from the porch.

Thanks to the readers for considering my post.

Godspeed

Mr. Thompson defends the indefensible. Hook Line & Sinker time again

1. May2

Editor

So rather than subject the readers of the Highlands Chat Group to an endless loop of blather, I figured I'd bring it here where fewer people will be offended. Kris Thompson, the yapdog for Commissioner Gilman wrapped us in Tin Foil and used lots of Trumpimisms like huge, massive, very huge, very focused key players and hurled some mud mixed with other organic matter.

This will respond to Breck, Mr. Toll, and Ms. Dean, aka the "Tin Foil Hat Club." According to them, there was no lobbying on the Washington trip, and Lance and Bum did nothing while there. That's their claim.

Tossing insults. You already lost this intelligent discourse scrimmage.

However, as I said the last time you pulled this card, it's aluminum foil. This term was coined about the same time as the CIA invented conspiracy theory in an attempt to discredit people who were on to them.

What's the Frequency, Kenneth?

First, readers should consider what kind of indicator it is that not one of this group complimented Lance on landing one of the biggest companies in the world, Google, to come to into this County and invest hundreds of millions of dollars, perhaps billions, in capital investment, and create thousands of jobs. This was all over the world financial media and hailed as a major coup for Nevada and this region. But they just couldn't find it within themselves to give Lance even just a small compliment for this huge massive achievement. Obviously, they have an agenda here to do whatever it takes to smear and tear down people running the County Government. They are nothing more than political terrorists. They destroy reputations and good government leaders just for the sake of inflicting destruction.

Congrats, Lance. 6% real estate commission on 29.1 million is \$ 1,746,000. Storey County was supposed to get 1% commission (\$291,000), but according to the Storey County website, we got 32,000. Whiskey Tango Foxtrot does this have to do with the fact that the chumps paid the freight for Lance to answer Heller's invitation?

And as far as your terrorist threat, now I am in the same company as my personal hero Thomas Jefferson. We both stand against tyranny and corruption. I'll take that as a complement from the drunk disbarred tax dodger. After a strong coating of antibacterial and antifungal cream. You'll never know what you might catch swimming in his pool.

This crew has not done anything of significance to help build in this county. As far as I know, they haven't brought in any permanent jobs or businesses, and they don't do much in terms of

real financial support for the needy. Perhaps they can tell us about all the jobs they have created, businesses they have brought in, or financial help they've given to people in this County in need. But they don't care about that — it's not their focus. They get enjoyment out of trafficking in smears about those who are working hard to help this County. Mind you they won't jump in and help, but they love lobbing insults from the cheap seats against those in the arena wrestling every day to make improvements in our lives.

Perhaps other parts of your anatomy are as short as your memory, so let me help you remember to stay on point. Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum went to Washington to watch the The Donald put his hand on the bible. All the while the nonstop party happening in every corner of the District. Even Hugh Gallagher had the integrity to label the expense report "Trump Inauguration" and not "Hardcore Lobbying"

But let's get to the essence of this issue – the trip to Washington DC by Bum Hess and Lance Gilman. First, Bum is the lobbyist for Storey County. We, the taxpayers, pay him to lobby for us both at the federal and state level on legislation. It's his job. Lance is a County Commissioner and is a main player the Economic Development component of the County Government. He was there to represent the County as a senior County leader. He was given a personal invitation by Senator Heller to attend the inauguration.

Then why for the love of mike did we pay for him to accept this invitation?

Not only did Lance and Bum attend a huge number of meetings, conferences, and functions related to the inauguration while they were there, but they had very effective focused meetings with key players. Lance is also on one of President Trump advisory Committees.

Um, Wow. What committee is that? How to manage and run an efficient Brothel? What were the key players playing with during these meetings?

More specifically, first they had a lengthy private lunch with retired Congressman John Porter, who is the Storey lobbyist in Washington. Mr. Porter's main staff personnel attended also to listen in. In this meeting, Lance and Bum covered all the major issues where we want action in Congress, including the zip code issue.

Like this topic hasn't been discussed for the last ten years? Did Lance and Greg cover any new ground that hasn't been covered in the last decade?

Lance and Bum also had a private meeting with the senior Nevada senator, Senator Dean Heller and his staff in his office. Senator Heller extended the office meeting and took them to a working lunch in the Senate cafeteria. Again, they talked through all the legislative issues, including the zip code issue.

Oooooh! Lunch at the Senate Cafeteria! Why not wait for Heller to come to his home state (like all Senators do regularly) and connect with him in Reno. You know like in his office at 400 Virginia Street. Then Lance can take his company Yukon and use the county credit card for the tank of gas and spring for lunch in a local restaurant. Everyone wins.

Lance covered about half of his trip expenses out of his own pocket. I would bet Lance spent

more out of pocket on this one trip than the tin foil hat club has spent on behalf of Storey County projects over the last decade.

Name Calling. Lose a turn. Why didn't he expense the entire trip if it was legitimate? Because is wasn't.

And a word about the staffer Ms. Dean called. This lady, who is a very experienced Congressional staffer, and her congressman could have been of great help. Then you have Ms. Dean calling her out of the blue in an accusatory manner interrogating her about Bum and Lance and how do you think that goes over? If you were that staffer, would you wonder what the heck is going on in Storey County? Do you think Ms. Dean's interrogation helps getting the zip code bill passed, or getting help in Congress?

It was probably as effective as the Lance and Greg show standing next to the "(two weeks on the job) experienced Congressional Staffer" And yes, just like the rest of the world, she is bewildered by the strange goings on in Storey County. At least now she knows the Muckers are a thing.

Here's the part that should be appalling to the readers in light of the accusations being smeared across this blog. Did this crew ever have the basic decency to pick up the phone and call Lance or Bum to get the facts about the trip before they launched their smear campaign? Did they have the courtesy to email Lance or Bum to get an explanation? Did they ever show up at a commission meeting to ask for more information? No, of course they didn't. They don't want the truth and they could care less about the truth.

We see in others that which we know best about ourselves.

This crew should consider redirecting their efforts away from ripping anyone and everyone in the County government and instead try helping this county. Do something positive for once. Pitch in and help the rest of us trying to move the County forward. Come to a commission meeting and offer your help on a project.

We are doing something to move the county forward. We are demanding accountability for corrupt officials squandering taxpayer money. And insisting Commissioner Gilman Resign and stick to the girls working at the Brothel and his band of merry TRICsters.

Thanks for the readers for considering this post.

So long and thanks for all the fish.

The Judy Black Case – Exploitation Is Not Good

1. May11

Editor

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1 the action or fact of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work: the exploitation of migrant workers.

2 the action of making use of and benefiting from resources: the Bronze Age saw exploitation of gold deposits.

3 the fact of making use of a situation to gain unfair advantage for oneself: this administration's exploitation of the fear of crime.

Here on May 11th I reflect on the effort to Recalling Sheriff Antinoro that ended one short month ago today.

Doing so I consider:

The stunned reaction in the community the day the petition was filed.

The instant polarization in all corners of Storey County.

The Team Gilman henchmen unleashed on the community to cajole 594 signatures from election weary residents.

The tedious signature verification process.

The "Recall Campaign", unleashing a relentless torrent of clumsy letters, each one more remarkable than the last.

The \$160,000 gushing from TRIC, Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson.

Kris Thompson's ravings on the Highlands Chat Group.

The stunned look on the faces of Pat Whitten, Austin Osborne, Jessie Fain and other County officials gathered at the courthouse with the million dollar parking lot as Vanessa Stephens read the election results.

The jubilant cheer erupting from the crowd of Antinoro supporters as the election results were announced at the Delta Saloon.

The plea of Kris Thompson insisting we become happy shining people holding hands and

pretend none of this actually happened.

It was like a bad dream you just couldn't wake up from. And here we are.

I moved back to the Comstock I July of 2016 after a 32 year absence. I watched the 2014 election from Placer County and saw second hand the effort to discredit Sheriff Antinoro in the 2014 election cycle. I did so through the clear words of Angela Mann when The Comstock Chronicle was an actual journalistic endeavor and not a pathetic Comstock Mining Company/TRIC Public Relations pom-pom it is today. I read about the endless dissection of the handling of the Black case with all the accusations of mishandling the investigation.

Two weeks after the election I sat through the Judy Black hearing as District Attorney Langer made her case against Brett Black. Sitting through the first day of the hearing and seeing the gruesome pictures of Judy Black's corpse, I was struck by the picture of her naked torso displayed on screen for all to see. I remember flashing on the "anonymous" smear letter containing the leaked coroner's report and thinking, "I wonder if Lance Gilman would have hesitated for a New York second sending this picture of Judy Black in his hit piece if he had access to it?".

Let's be honest about the facts. Sheriff Antinoro very well may have made critical errors in his investigation at the scene. He may have been in error in not arresting Brett Black that morning. He very well may be guilty of sticking to his guns, unwilling to acknowledge a mistake, and making matters worse by digging his heels in the sand. The case could and has been made he made mistakes in his handling of the Judy Black investigation.

As wrong as Sheriff Antinoro may have been, Lance Gilman's exploiting the tragedy of Judy Black to exact his vendetta against Sheriff Antinoro is so much more wrong.

Disgustingly. Sickeningly. Vastly. More. Wrong.

Anyone with a functioning moral compass should hold these acts as contemptible. Yet some consider Lance Gilman as he sees himself; the benevolent benefactor generously dispensing milk and honey into cups overflowing for all who dwell in our silvery slice of heaven.

To exact retribution against Sheriff Antinoro by exploiting this woman's personal tragedy in such a recklessly inhuman manner speaks to the heart Lance Gilman's character. As Storey County residents we must ask ourselves: does this man place the needs of the county and the well being of it's citizens ahead of his own self-interests?

As I work on a couple of pieces digging into TRIC and Mustang I hope to bring this point into question; Who does Lance Gilman serve?

Stay Tuned.

Gilman pledges to Pay Antinoro's Ethics Fine

1. May20

Editor

Brothel Owner Lance Gilman told thestoreyteller.online he will cover the 1000.00 fine incurred by his ethics investigation request filed against Sheriff Gerald Antinoro.

In an exclusive press release sent to The Teller, spokesman Kris Thompson said, "TRIC and The Mustang Ranch want to help our community heal after the polarizing recall effort we forced residents in our good county to endure this Spring. We realize spending \$160,000 to unseat the Sheriff to achieve our own personal vendetta was both mean spirited and downright ugly. For this we are deeply sorry. In the spirit of moving peacefully and constructively forward, we have pledged to not only pay the 1000.00 fine imposed on the Sheriff as a result of our petty complaint but also to reimburse Storey County for the estimated \$30,000 spent on the Recall Election. He will also return the \$7600 Storey County taxpayers paid for the trip to the Donald Trump Inauguration Party he and his valet enjoyed earlier this year."

But that's not all.

Mr. Thompson's press release continued: "Mr. Gilman wants to silence his critics and prove to the community he has turned over a new leaf. Therefore, he will finally honor campaign promises made over the last six years. Commissioner Gilman will distribute the entire 29,100,000 purchase price of the property Google bought earlier this year to the residents of Storey County. On July 4th, 2017, we will be holding a Independence Day festival at the Mustang Ranch where we will deliver a check for \$7100 to every man, woman and child in Storey County along with a frozen turkey and a brass ring good for one free ride on the Mustang Ranch Merry-Go-Round."

"I want the people of Storey County to know that I am a man of integrity and my word is more valuable than gold. This County has been very, very good to me and I want to deliver on promises I made over and over to the good people of Storey County regarding the cash that would be gushing around here. I want to thank them along with the entire **Team Storey** Team for helping Mr. Norman and me becoming the wealthiest people who do business in Storey County but don't actually live here" said Mr. Gilman.

In related news, Corrado de Gasprias announced on Friday the discovery of what he calls "the worlds largest Gold and Silver deposit, a modern day El Dorado!" under C Street. He announced that CMI has been granted the necessary permitting by county manager Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners. Digging under the Delta Saloon will start as early as June first.

For more information, contact Comstock Mining Inc.'s and TRIC's public relations officer Elaine Spencer-Barkdull of the Comstock Chronicle at comstockchronicle@gmail.com.

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Electile Dysfunction in Broad Daylight – The BardeBlog

1. Jun21

Editor

In her usual witty manner, Nicole Barde dissects yesterday's Storey County Commissioners meeting with deft and astute clarity. The meeting was at times entertaining and at times ice-pick-in-the-eye-socket fun.

Nicole's depiction of Jack McGuffy's remarks are spot on.

For the first time in Jack's tenure, Lance Gilman let Jack say anything other than reading the agenda items into the record. What he said and how he said it was nothing short of remarkable.

I owe my readers the breakdown of the last meeting which I am dreadfully late on delivering. Thank you for your patience...

I will not let this meeting go by without commentary as well because the audio is nothing short of remarkable.

Stay Tuned!

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Summary of the June 20, 2017 Storey County Commission meeting

IN AN ASTONISHING DISPLAY OF ELECTILE DYSFUNCTION, COMMISSIONER JACK MCGUFFEY DEMANDED THAT THE COUNTY ROLL BACK PROPERTY TAXES AS HE PROMISED IN HIS 2014 CAMPAIGN FORGETTING THAT IT WAS COMMISSIONER LANCE GILMAN'S CAMPAIGN PROMISE IN **HIS** ELECTION OF 2012 AND IN **HIS** UNIVERSAL PROCLAMATION OF DECEMBER 2014 AND EVERY PUBLIC EVENT THEREAFTER.

LET THE RE-ELECTION GAMES BEGIN!!!!!!

By Nicole Barde

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It's Deja Vu All over again; Yet Another Property Tax Rollback Promise.



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Editors note:

There is a fair amount to digest below, so sit back and enjoy the ride. Or you can check out your InstaGram and Facebook memes.

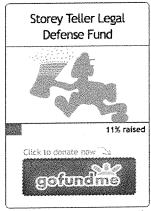
First, The Tax Rollback Back Story...

The final Commissioners meeting of 2014 was noteworthy for a number of reasons. Bill Sjovangen and Bill Maddox were finally taking their rightful seat in the rear view mirror. Jack McGuffey's fanny was getting it's first taste of the plushness of his freshly minted Commissioners seat. However, in light of events during the two most recent Commissioner meetings, the most noteworthy statements made by the county leadership cabal on December 2, 2014 discuss; 1) Property Tax Rollbacks and 2) Compensation Study to enrich the bank accounts of the most deserving people in his realm, those holding "Key Storey County Management Positions"* That's right. Since Storey County was the richest county in the world in 2014, it was proposed to both roll back taxes and giving raises to the top tier of salary earners. If you could bet on one of these two things happening, which one would you (literally) put your money on?

Mustang Ranch Brothel Owner, TRIC Real Estate Salesman and County Commissioner Lance Gilman began by going on the record with the first of his two announcements; that *he was directing county employees to conduct a study* on the happy notion of rolling back property taxes in light of the crushing economic success of TRIC's signing Tesla** and other companies to the Center. Below I have provided the audio of his welcome effort:

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Let's hone in on this part:

"Its my belief that the time is right to put a plan in place for all residents of Storey County to share in the financial success of TRIC and this Tesla transaction. It's my opinion that all too often government simply grow and grow and grow and government always seems to need more money, and to raise more taxes and fees and to create more regulation.

So I'm suggestion today that it is a plan of all of ours here to establish an atmosphere in our little Storey County that government be only as large as it needs to be in order to provide the key government services that we all need desire and want. We definitely need to protect our public to a high level and that taxes and fees should be lowered when the circumstances allow government to do that.

Growth in the size and scope of government and higher taxes is not the inevitable result of success by private business owners in a local community and economy. I believe it's time to start sharing our wealth."

I have been banging on this drum every chance I get because, as is customary with the elected political elite, the talk doesn't match the walk.

I don't have enough fingers and toes to keep track of the times I have heard that Storey County is the richest county in the entire United States. As an eternal skeptic my reply is: Got Facts? I am pretty sure Douglas County crushes us here in little 'ol Nevada. For those of us in the audience who have been to Connecticut or the Hamptons, I am pretty sure there are individual households there with more liquid assets tied up in the silverware drawer than we have seen around here since like 1872.

As a person who believes Taxation Is Theft

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6b70TUbdfs), the notion of rolling taxes back warms the icy regions of my two-sizes-too-small heart; I hear about cutting taxes and get all juicy. People tell me that this statement has been made by Mr. Gilman since the campaign of his first election in 2012. Sadly, we sit here in 2017 with the same empty words and no tax rollback. Jack McGuffey is heard claiming he ran on the same tough on taxes platform. Listen to 2014 campaign forums between Nicole Barde and Jack McGuffey here.

(http://www.savestoreycounty.org/archive/2014/2014_1001_forum/forum_commissioner_lockwood_2014_1001.mp3) and here

(http://www.savestoreycounty.org/archive/2014/2014_1001_forum/forum_commissioner_highlands_2014_1015.mp3) to see if you can find the place where he can be heard making such statements. I am told that in no ad he ran or in any exchange he had publicly can such a statement be heard. If you have a copy of the paper that makes such statements, send it my way so I can correct this piece. Please.

On the heels of the December 2, 2014 proclamation, Santa Claus Gilman delivered this Christmas letter to his willing subjects:

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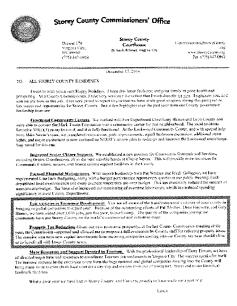
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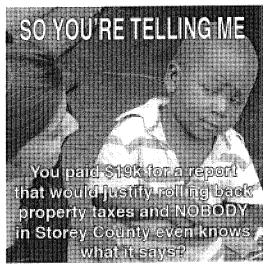


Happy Holiday's, Subjects!

In fact after the 60 days had come and passed (actually a little over a year and 60 days), on April 19th, 2016, Nicole Barde made note of the lack of follow through on the part of the Commissioners by asking about a report that Kris Thompson, Gilman operative, referred to on the Virginia City Highlands Chat Group. The interaction during public commentary at the end of this meeting is revealing:

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So according to Kris Thompson, TRIC executive and not County Commissioner Gilman dropped nearly 20k to produce a report whose express purpose was to justify tax rollbacks for Storey County Taxpayers and not one person holding "Key Storey County Management Positions" has a copy? Has seen a copy? Has even a foggy notion of what the report contains?



Mmmmmk, if you say so.

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Here is what Mustang Ranch Tenant and TRIC underling Kris Thompson's post on the Chat Group said (my comment in red. I edited half the post for brevity, the original can be found he (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/message/44543)re (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/message/44543)).

This will respond to Ms. Barde's post where she claims Lance has been "overselling" the economic success of Storey County, and that his statements at the hearing on the budget about the economic outlook are different from those statements he made last year, and she even includes one statement he made in 2014. Storey County in the last 15 years has been wildly successful, going from the poorest County in Nevada, to the richest as far jobs/resident (more than 1.5 jobs per resident) (considering there are 4500+/- residents, that represents 6750 jobs total in the count; since people have jobs outside TRIC, Big Whoopie Ding Dong) and capital investment per resident (but not where it counts; in wealth). And up until this year it has looked good. The agenda item under discussion was the budget for NEXT YEAR. Not now, not three months ago, and not 2014. Next budget year beginning July 1, 2016 (I call pants on fire. The agenda item has never borne fruit. As the facts contained in the audio you will hear below reflect, today we are in Budget Year 2018-19, sans rollback. Flaming. Pants).

This may be a shock to Ms. Barde, but the economic outlook for next year is not identical to this current year or to last year. Sales and construction cycles are not identical year to year (yes,

Then Ms. Barde claims Lance's request a year and a half ago to look at some tax relief for residents has been declared dead. Not true. At Lance's request and direction, we at TRI spent \$19,000 with an independent outside consultant doing our own study of ways for Storey County residents to get some tax reductions without harming revenue to the County from businesses at TRI. Lance put his money behind his statements (money behind statements but not actual action; in Texas they call guys like Lance "All Hat, No Cattle"). In addition, Lance fully supports the comptrollers recent idea for a tax rebate program and will continue to push for it. He thinks residents, who are stakeholders in the success of the County, should be able to realize benefits from the economic success in the County. Lance feels that if businesses in the County, the County government, and County employees are sharing in the success by seeing increases in their revenue, so should residents see some reduction in their tax obligations to the County (to date this remains pure fantasy)

So that pretty much covers most of the back story.. Whew!

Now we fast forward to the June 20th, 2017 Commissioner Meeting where Nicole Barde coined the term Electile Dysfunction (you can read her BardeBlog Post here (http://www.bardeblog.com/so-whats-going-on/206-summary-of-the-june-20-2017-storeycounty-commission-meeting) and what I wrote about what she wrote here (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/06/21/electile-dysfunction-public-bardeblog/)) First off, here is Commissioner Jack McGuffey's reading his prepared proclamation evoking the ghost of the December 2nd 2014 Proclamation of Commissioner Gilman (in doing so, he raises his head off the table for the first time since elected and launches his re-election campaign):

Jack here by demands that we roll back the taxes now, today, on June 20th, 2017, so the rollback will take effect on July 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 tax year thus delivering on his Lances's campaign promise. As you can hear, Lance is behind him 100%. OooRah! Let's do this thing!

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But there is a teeny problem. It's called the Law. Controller Gallagher is not really sure we can actually do it. Let's listen here (this clip is 16 minutes long and the last 5 or so contains an exchange that reminded me of Bud Abbot and Lou Costello's immortal comedy skit "Who's on First? (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTcRRaXV-fg)"). Thus a special followup meeting had to be scheduled so everyone could figure out what end is up:

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So the stage is set for the special meeting on Friday June 30th, the last day of the fiscal budget. The leadership cabal has set up a meeting to make good on the mythical December 2nd, 2014 Property tax rollback. A meeting at the last minute of the last day of the budget year without any discussion of Revenue Projections, Budget Contingencies or anything that could be mistaken for sober planning.

Jack flashes some leadership cred and suddenly we have a special meeting set up when Whitten and Langer won't be able to attend. What could possibly go wrong? Well as it turns out, Nothing. Because Hugh was right. You simply can't monkey with the budget after it is submitted by it's deadline.

Here is Comptroller Gallagher with the bad news for Jack's re-election campaign and the editor of The Teller asking why it took so long to wait to the last minute of the last hour on the last day for the Property Tax Rollback to happen anyway... gilman-and-kris-thompson-supportliberal-steve-sisolak/#comment-1034)

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So there you have it. As Jack points out, at least we aren't raising taxes...

Once again, the Commission commanded that a resolution be made at the next available Commission meeting to have a plan for a plan to reduce the property taxes yet again. Happily, they said they wanted to do the tax roll backs over ten years. Juicy.

Quick timeline review:

- December 2, 2014 commission meeting Lance Gilman commands the staff to do a study on a tax rollback – nothing happens
- In the same meeting a compensation study is commissioned to increase the pay of key Storey County Management positions – this happens
- December 17, 2014 Lance Gilman sends out his Yuletide proclamation of abundance declaring that "the massive near term capital investments" of TRI companies should result in tax decreases – nothing happens
- April 2016 Kris Thompson declaring that Lance Gilman has privately funded a \$19,000 study to determine how to to give Storey county residents a tax cut – nothing happens, the report's existence is denied by the commission.
- June 20, 2017 Jack McGuffey demands an immediate tax rollback so he can meet his prior campaign promises which results in a special meeting being called to determine if it can be done in the 2017/018 tax year – nothing happens

June 30, 2017 during the special tax meeting it is determined that no tax rollback
can be made in this tax year and that a resolution needs to be made in the next
meeting to plan for a plan to roll back taxes over 10 years. Will something
meaningful in terms of a juicy tax cut actually happen this time? (spoiler alert:
nothing happened)

It kinda feels like we're all just little mice chasing a piece of cheese on a string tied to the end of Lance Gilman's finger; we can't quite seem to catch it since it's a moving target. Time to demand the tax rollback that has been promised for so many years. If county management can find the money to bloat the payroll, add bodies to the employee count and give itself juicy compensation increases, they can reduce our taxes. If the county can pay Gary Hames over \$24,000 a month, they can reduce our taxes. If the county can afford to buy and pay for a \$1 million dollar parking lot and other real estate purchases, they can reduce our taxes.

If the merry TRICsters truly made Storey county "the richest place on earth" then the "Key Storey County Management Positions" can reduce our taxes. Or is it perhaps that those TRICsters only made a few people rich and the person who, in his yuletide letter, claims to serve us actually has it backwards?

Any way you slice it, here we sit, in last place. As usual.

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* Part Two of this story will dive into the compensation of "Key Storey County Management Positions". Fun!

** If you think Tesla would have set up shop in the land of the merry TRICsters with out Governor Sandoval signing over Storey County Tax Revenues for 10 and 20 years, you simply aren't paying close enough attention.

Mad Props to Jed Margolin for his excellent site (http://www.savestoreycounty.org/archive/) without which this article would not be possible.

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Effluent Pipeline Deal Could Cost Storey County Taxpayers up to \$60 Million

The August 1st Commissioners Meeting agenda included a proposal for Storey County Taxpayers to borrow \$35 Million Dollars to purchase 19 miles of pipeline for the TRIC General Improvement District to transfer effluent purchased from Washoe County. TRIC will upgrade their existing plant on their own dime and Storey Count and Nevada State Taxpayers will build the pipeline from Sparks to the TRIC. TRIC will then sell the liquid gold to water hungry clients like Google and Switch to cool server farms that they currently run (Switch) or will build (Google).

This pipeline "deal" once again confirms to anyone paying attention that Commissioner Lance Gilman does not serve at the pleasure of Storey County Residents Voters. Rather, we and our pocketbooks serve at the pleasure and plunder of Lance Gilman, Don Norman and the band of merry TRICsters.

This pipeline "deal" proposes the use of taxes that would otherwise be spent to benefit all of Storey Count instead of being diverted to directly benefit Commissioner Gilman's enterprise.

Nicole Barde has been the Lone Ranger in her reporting of County Commissioner Meetings since she started in 2015. In her breakdown of the August 1st meeting (which 1 encourage you to read here

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(http://bardeblog.com/2017/08/01/summary-of-the-august-1-2017-storey-county-commission-meeting/)), she delivers a lengthy in-depth and dead on point dissection of the latest effort of Brothel Owner, TRIC Executive and self serving crony County Commissioner Lance Gilman to once again have Storey County Taxpayers forfeit \$35 Million Dollars of future tax revenue from a "special tax area" so he and Don Norman can make even more money.

In the real world projects like this pipeline "deal" would normally be borne by the developer as part of the improvement of their development. But here in the surreal world we call Storey County, **the chumps** errr... Storey County Taxpayers gleefully divert tax revenue directly into the band of merry TRICsters pockets.

Ms. Barde accurately called this Corporate Welfare, I call it reverse graft. In the alternate reality call that exists in the Courthouse, it's a "public-private partnership-investment-thingy".

If nothing else, you have to admire the ginormity of the brass balls these hucksters clang around in broad daylight.

I read Ms. Barde's piece and was almost finished with my assessment of the deal when I read TRIC employee, and Lance Gliman roommate Kris Thompson* defend the proposed swindle and personally attack Ms. Barde's piece labeling her as "progressive, anti-business and liberal". I will break down his post in a separate piece but you can read it for yourself here (https://vch.groups.io/g/main/topic/responding_to_ms_barde_s/5741061? p=,,,20,0,0,0::recentpostdate%2Fsticky,,,20,2,0,5741061). In his defense of TRIC, he uses his Houdini like attention deflection skills to cleverly avoid the facts that Ms. Barde revealed. All while attacking her by painting her as a bleeding heart, knee-jerk, commie pinko, sjw libtard.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I want to make one thing perfectly clear before I deliver my assessment of this hustle.

I am not a Progressive Liberal. Not. Even. Close.

I like to tell folks I am a Reformed Liberal, but technically 1 am Classical Liberal (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Classical_liberalism). A Libertarian.

I read works by F. A. Hayek (http://product.half.ebay.com/_W0QQprZ52642953), Bastiat (http://bastiat.org/en/petition.html), von Mises (https://www.mises.org/), Albert Nock (https://www.mises.org/library/our-enemy-state-2), Lysander Spooner (http://www.lysanderspooner.org/), Hans Hoppe (http://www.hanshoppe.com/), Jeffrey Tucker (https://liberty.me/members/jeffreytucker/) and Tom Woods (http://tomwoods.com/).

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One of the most rewarding things I have done in the last 30 years is being able to represent the Libertarian Party at High Schools in Placer County including the school where three of my children graduated; Del Oro High School. Placer County's Office of Education registers seniors to vote with their Rock the Vote program where they invite all registered political parties to introduce their party to freshly minted voters.

In my 5 minute Libertarian Party Platform overview, I include the following passage:

> "When I moved here in 1983, I got a job at an Apple Dealership. This was before the Apple Store that you are all used to. A local businessman opened a dealership and sold Apple Computers to hobbyists. I met Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak four days before the Macintosh Computer was released in 1984. I bought my Macintosh 128k Computer from Jobs and brought it back to Rocklin and proceeded to sell the pants of it.

> In 1986 I quit selling computers and founded The Electric Page in downtown Sacramento. Within 5 years I had 50+ employees, owned an 8,000 square foot building and had a 5 million a year run rate.

And I did it without any help from the government."

Small Government Free Market Capitalist Entrepreneur. Not. A. Liberal.

Back to the Pipeline Hustle

When this deal is approved by Marshall McBride and Jack McGuffey, TRIC will have accomplished another spectacular job of bamboozling Storey County officials. It will mean that Storey County and Nevada Taxpayers have dumped \$100 million dollars of what can only be described as "reverse graft" directly into the pockets of the band of merry TRICsters.

The details of this deal legally encumber 2.1 million dollars of "future tax revenue" to pay for the pipeline that is the legal property of the TRIC GID.

When I was at the podium expressing my "activist"** opinions on this matter, Storey County Manager Pat Whitten told me that they are trying to use tax revenue provided by SB1, Tesla-like business stimulation legislation passed by the Nevada Legislature

(http://mvprogress.com/2016/01/06/legislators-sum-up-recent-specialsession/) designed to lure now defunct Tesla wannabe Faraday Futures (https://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/11/automobiles/faraday-future-north-lasvegas-jia-yueting.html). Mr. Whitten suggested the State of Nevada would pay half of the \$2.1 Million dollars with money in the Faraday Futures pool leaving the balance coming from "future tax tax revenues from new business". Mr. Whitten said on record this revenue would not be available if they didn't try to capture the money.

Being the eternal skeptic, I am in the process of confirming this claim by contacting the State of Nevada. So far I have had no luck getting confirmation, but I am only two rounds of voicemail into the process. I will report my findings in a followup article.

Jeremy Aguero of Las Vegas consulting firm Applied Analysis (http://appliedanalysis.com/) said in his presentation the projections beyond three years are conjecture. I suggest they lie somewhere between Wild Speculation pure Fantasy.

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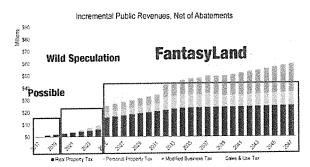
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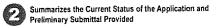
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I call these projections speculative fantasy mindful that we are one Orange Tweet or North Korean Missile into Seoul away from a major deviation from the ice cream and lollypops shown in the charts above. The debt, however dwells firmly in the real world. If the tax revenues fall short, the taxpayers of Storey County are obligated to pay the loan. That is why they need Storey County Commission Approval.

The last point I want to make on this is to remind sober minded residents of Storey County that encumbering us with this debt takes the cream off the top of the annual flood of mythical revenue from the Oceans of Cash floating in the Sea of TRIC. The first Million Dollars goes to buy the TRICsters a pipeline to transport the liquid gold they will make a killing on.

- Shaun Griffin of the Community Chest could use a million dollars to pay for the Community Center instead of begging for nickles.
- Stacey Gilbert could use a million dollars to build a new Senior Center.

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- · With a million dollars we could build a new pool.
- A Million Dollars to use to benefit the Storey County Residents anywhere.

But no.

Commissioner Lance Gilman wants that money to pay for infrastructure to benefit his band of merry TRICsters.

Final thoughts on Reverse Graft and Creative Math and the pipeline deal.

In her piece, Ms. Barde places the debt we already owe for the TRIC boondoggle at \$67 Million once this pipeline "deal" is rubber stamped and rammed up our checkbook. Yet my headline puts the number at breaking the \$100 Million Dollar mark. How do I get \$100 million out of \$67 Million?

I include the \$42 Million dollars the TRICsters pocketed when they sold USA Parkway to the State of Nevada. Yes, Pat Whitten and the County Commissioners gave Lance and the TRICsters our little stretch of the roadway, got a maxed out \$45 Million "Interest Free" credit card and the TRICsters sold the road to NDOT for \$42 million (https://lasvegassun.com/news/2015/mar/26/some-call-him-hypocrite-gilman-others-want-alterna/).

Mad Props on world class negotiating skills, "Team Storey"!

An elected official is supposed to selflessly serve the interests of all their constituents to the best of their ability, not the other way around.

This pipeline "deal" is the latest effort to benefit TRIC at the expense of every person in Storey County and should make everyone stand up and voice outrage.

If our current County Leadership fail to recognize this for what it is and approve it, it's time to demand a change of those leaders.

Marshall McBride is our only hope to shoot this hustle down. If you think Lance should finance his own projects, call or email Marshall and let him

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Please call him and tell him the Teller sent you

- * According to public records, Commissioner Gilman and Planning Department Board Member Kris Thompson are bunkmates in a double wide trailer near the swimming pool at the brothel Commissioner Gilman owns. Riiiiiight.
- ** Kris Thompson called Sam Toll and Nicole Barde anti-business activists during public comment on August 1st, 2017.

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Ray McPartlin (http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/08/06/tric-corporate-welfare-passes-100-million-dollars-latest-pipeline-deal/#comment-261)

Beyond outrageous...there must be a better word. Someone help me out. When are the citizens of Storey county going to wake up to this corruption?

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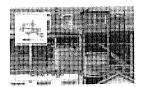
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The Teller Responds To Accusations Of Lying

1. Aug8

Editor

In a recent tirade on the Virginia City Highlands Chat Group, TRIC Employee Kris Thompson accused me of lying in an article (which you can read here) that took TRIC to task on requesting the good people of Storey County to underwrite a \$35 Million Dollar effluent pipeline that will allow TRIC to sell "liquid gold" to TRIC tenants.

While my piece took the position that the residents of Storey County should no longer give money, loan money or send future tax revenues to TRIC Executive, Brothel Owner and Storey County Commissioner Lance Gilman, I use the facts to form the basis of my thesis. When I research my articles, I use actual audio and contact the County to obtain Public Records. Since I started The Teller I have contacted the County with Public Records requests numerous times. Some have been filled, some have not.

Mr. Thompson called me an anti-business activist and a flat out liar.

Referring to investigative journalism and the honest efforts to report the facts as lies is a classic ploy to discredit that work. I will continue to reveal what is going on in this county with facts. I fully expect the folks who would like those facts to remain hidden to continue to discredit this work.

I responded to these accusations with the notion that I am 100% pro-business, a principled conservative and someone who sees businesses as needing to rely on the savvy of their founders and the success of their business plans and execution. They need to survive without the advantage of taxpayer dollars.

I also invited Mr. Thompson to point out to me and the citizens of Storey County anywhere in my piece the use of deliberate lying and/or disinformation so I could correct and accurately report facts which is the purpose of The Teller. To date I have not heard from him.

In an effort to show that the Storey Teller reported accurate facts, I am including the audio of the Storey County Commissioner Meeting of August 1, 2017 so folks can hear for themselves the actual words being spoken. In addition, public comment from myself, fellow "activist" Nicole Barde and Mr. Thompson are also included so the uncensored audio allows you to hear for yourself what the actual facts are and fact check me, if you are interested.

To see the handout that was discussed, click here.

Listen to the Audio of the Workshop here:

The audio of the presentation made by Jeremy Aguero of Las Vegas consulting firm

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VCH "Town Hall" Learns About TRIC Pipeline Proposal

1. Aug11

<u>Editor</u>



Jay

Carmona Leads the Meeting

Virginia City Highlands resident Jay Carmona organized a meeting at the Firehouse to learn more about the TRIC Pipeline Proposal that will use county tax revenue to repay over 29 years. The Governers Office of Economic Development is working with Storey County Commissioners. TRIC landowners and TRIC itself to take advantage of funds originally set aside for a now defunct Southern Nevada Business Development Center put in place by SB1 during a special Legislative Session in 2015.

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stin was not wearing any hats during the presentation.

County Planning Director Austin "I wear lots of hats" Osborne presented information to a full house of concerned Storey County Residents. His presentation described the process, the players and the repayment plan. His presentation included analogies with Coffee Cups, maps and a well delivered description of the process and the funding. Like any infrastructure deal, there are a myriad of details. This deal is particularly intricate as it involves two counties, 5 agencies and 70 separate entities not to mention scads of easements over the 13 miles of pipeline.

Jack McGuffey, Storey County Commissioner representing the Highlands, was seated in the front row and heard first hand the concerns of his constituents. After a 30 minute presentation by Mr. Osborne, the community asked a full hours worth of questions.

Included in any infrastructure deal is the detail of how to pay for it. Based on the tone of the questions asked, this was why the folks showed up. Questions for Mr. Osborne were all over the map and they focused on who would own the pipeline once completed (not us) and how the pipeline proposal would be paid for (by us).

The biggest takeaway from this meeting should be:

The pipeline will directly benefit TRIC and Center occupants with industrial water they will use to build and grow their businesses with.

- The pipeline will be paid for with Storey County Taxes dollars, not with money from TRIC or businesses who are claimed to be "on the hook" for these payments by Commissioner Gilman's Spokesman Kris Thompson.
- TRIC and the General Improvement District they operate will sell the water, presumably for a profit.
- If the businesses and TRIC paid for the pipeline themselves, Storey would enjoy 100% of the tax revenue.

The most significant thing we learned was the fact that, according to Mr. Osborne's estimate, the county receives \$3.5 Million Dollars from TRIC. This pipeline will cost the county 1.05 Million provided there are no cost overruns. Therefore, once completed, our net take from TRIC will go from \$3.5 Million Dollars to \$2.45 Million Dollars

Current Tax Revenue: \$3.5 Million

Payment for pipeline: \$1.05 Million

Our new Net Net: \$2.45 Million

While our tax revenue may go up next year, they may also go down. Either way we lose on this deal no matter how hard it is spun, packaged or bowtied.

The questions asked by the residents of Storey County left no question as to the sentiment of those in attendance felt. A petition sheet was passed around and not one signature of support was collected.

Yet with everyone in attendance opposed, I will not be surprised when the two Commissioners vote to approve this swindle next Tuesday.

The Audio of the Meeting is over an hour long. If you are remotely interested in what the county is proposing and would like to hear how your neighbors feel about it, you really should listen.

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However you feel about this deal, let your commissioners know. If you can show up to the next meeting on August 15th, meet us there. If you can't, call the people listed below and tell them

how you feel. Fill up their voicemail box.

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Blatant abuse? – the last grasp for power? – Letter to the Editor

1. Aug12

Editor

Robert Maccario of the Virginia City Highlands submitted this Letter to the Editor. He suggests that If the Commissioners give TRIC our money to directly improve the profitability of the Park and it's clients with zero direct benefit **and** they approve "Item 13" then it's time to "**Recall them All**".

We stand with Bob.

Blatant abuse? - the last grasp for power?

Thursday night's meeting was well orchestrated for taxpayers- thank you Jay! The absence of marketing spin was greatly appreciated. I do appreciate Austin Osborne's participation. With his honest comments like "in Theory" and "hopefully" he made it perfectly clear he was not there to "sell" SB1

But SB1 Is only one issue threatening Storey County taxpayers.

#1 Let's start with SB1.

According to Austin, this is a \$35,000,000 Bond, Storey County taxpayers are going to be held partly responsible for repayment. It is marketed as a private industry/government partnership. It is to build a water pipe from Sparks to bring effluent water to TRI. We are told increases in tax revenue will pay for it. Heard that somewhere before? Still waiting for property taxes to be adjusted because of our windfall tax revenue from TRI?

If TRI thinks this is such a good deal, why don't they do it with their money? Is it possible it just has to do with using someone else's money when possible? If it is such a good deal and taxpayers decide not to do it- they will do it with their dollars, as it should be.

"it will be paid for by "THEIR" tax dollars. There is no such thing as "THEIR" tax dollars.

They are not paying the Bond off directly, nor on the line for the Bond. All tax dollars come into the County. The County pays the debt service with **OUR** tax dollars.

OBTW- if there is a surplus of tax dollars, we, the taxpayers get to keep it. Below is an example of how these great promises have been working:

"As the Broker of Record, L. Lance Gilman received a 6% real estate commission on 29.1 million or \$1,746,000 and according to the Storey County website, we got \$32,000 in real property transfer tax. Peanuts."

As presented, this will attract more companies out to TRI because of the water. Therefore, the water will make the property more valuable.

The question is; if the property is more valuable, what percent of the increase value do the taxes represent? As a simple example if the tax were 4%, then seller would get 96% of the increased value. Why would taxpayers go at risk with this Bond for a 4% payback that may only cover the debt service, BUT the Seller gets 96% of the increased value?

We were told that the water in OUR pipeline belongs to TRI. I have no idea of the logic behind why it is "THEIR" water.

TRI is going to resell the water to the companies at TRI. If this really is private business/government partnership, we the taxpayers should have the right to charge a usage fee on **OUR** pipeline to cover **OUR** portion of the Bond, ongoing maintenance AND expect a reasonable return on **OUR** investment.

#2 NEXT- Item 13 at the next Commissioner meeting, as was mentioned at the Thursday night meeting;

#13 Discussion only, No Action). Workshop on revision the County Manager's job description on possible alternatives including approving an {sic} ordinances, enacting policies, or using a contract.

A quote from an involved taxpayer:

"County ordinances have the force of law. The Commissioners want to give the authority to make law to a county employee who will be able to do that out of sight of the public."

2. Several questions arise:

Why Would our Commissioners want to give this power to an unelected county employee?

What could possibly be the motivation for our Commissioners to give any employee the ability to make law without being held responsible to the taxpayers?

Why would any county employee think they should have this power?

The motivations are highly suspect on <u>all three</u> counts.

Unless at the direct orders of the Commissioners for the county employee to put this on the agenda, it should be immediate grounds for termination of the employee.

It is not the way democracy should work- anyone with any ethics in that position could resign

under protest before putting this on the agenda. An ethical employee could count on the taxpayer's support!

NOTE to TAXPAYERS- the above is only the information we know about- could it just be the tip of the iceberg?

For clarification;

1. Does Kris Thompson speak for TRI as an employee OR are his comments to be taken as Commissioner Gilman's point of view and his stand on these issues?

"TRI owners put \$100 million in cash into Storey County building infrastructure betting on the come" – Kris Thompson

Isn't Storey County at risk for \$45,000,000 - and we don't share in the profits?

"The track record of this County in attracting global leading businesses (including Google, ebay, amazon, jet.com, zullily, Walmart, Berkshire-Hathaway, etc etc) is unsurpassed in the world over the last decade." – Kris Thompson

"unsurpassed in the world over the last decade" – So are the broken promises to the taxpayers regarding the windfall our benefits. So far, who has been the big winner?

"all residents of this County can be very very proud-"

Can we pay our property taxes with a note saying "I'm very very proud to owe you this money?

1. As this commentary started-Blatant abuse? - the last grasp for power?

If our Commissioner vote in favor any of these actions-

MAYBE IT'S TIME TO MAKE SURE IT IS THEIR LAST GRASP FOR POWER.

If there are favorable votes on either one on these issues from our elected officials, It's time to marshal the energy of concerned taxpayers in Storey County. A VALID RECALL action should be immediately considered by the taxpayers.

Bob Maccario - Virginia City Highlands

Should we Recall them All?

Let them know how you feel.

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Storey County Commissioners Meeting Report

1. Sep21

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I am cross posting Nicole Barde's usual yeoman report on the highlights and lowlights of the most recent Storey County Commissioners Meeting held at the Courthouse with the Million Dollar Parking Lot on September 19th, 2017.

I found this meeting remarkable on several counts.

A Special Use Permit was approved for a Chemical Plant that has the ability to shut down Highway 80, Interstate Rail Service and the Power Plant that supplies power to Northern Nevada and parts of Northern California in the event of an incident. And it's within sight of the Truckee. There is a reason plants of this type are in China and Taiwan and not in the USA, they are *VERY* dangerous.

Pat Whitten continues to consolidate his stranglehold on County Power and Money. This latest move allows Mr. Whitten to use his cloak of invisibility to use taxpayer money to improve TRIC. All future developer improvements, shouldered by developers everywhere on the planet except here in "The Richest Place On Earth", made at TRIC that will be added to our 45 million dollar bill will now be Administered at the pleasure and delight of Pat Whitten. This should be the responsibility of a Taxpayer Watchdog not a TRIC lapdog.

Illustrating the need for a watchdog not a lapdog, yet another "worthless" stripe of land was given to TRIC so they can wrap it into other land and sell the package at a tidy profit. This would be a great deal for everyone if we got to remove money from the \$45 Million debt. Instead, it is a *spectacular* deal for the band of merry TRICsters and their client. The Storey County Taxpayer gets the routine sphincter massage with the splintered end of a telephone pole. Again.

The County is going to use Eminent Domain (the point of a gun) to steal a historic county landmark from a 40 year Storey County Resident with zero transparency as to what they plan on doing with it. Storey County has a checkered history of buying historic properties (The VCTC parking lot aka Black and Howell and the abandoned Gold Hill Train Depot) and getting the best value for *all* Storey County Taxpayers. While current and former Bank of America employees may consider this kind of thing sport, we find it the most disgusting display of government aggression next to murder.

As I like to say (borrowing a term from the original Gonzo Reporter), When the Going Gets Weird, The Weird Turn Pro.

This meeting reveals yet again Storey County's unique brand of professional weirdness...

I will post on these items separately in the coming week as each one demands it's own drill down.

Stay Tuned.

Editors Note: We have gotten emails, calls and had people chase us down on C street asking me why we haven't posted anything meaty in nearly a month. Rest assured we haven't stopped working on the Teller. However, events have conspired forcing us to focus attention elsewhere. Much to the dismay of the people who think they own this county and the delight of the people who actually do, we are back.

Whoop!

By Nicole Barde – **Bardeblog.com**

Summary of the September 19th 2017 Storey County Commission Meeting

AS THE SOUP NAZI WOULD SAY......NO SOUP FOR YOU!!!!

THE JACK MCGUFFEY DEMANDED -LANCE GILMAN PROMISED PROPERTY TAX RELIEF/ROLLBACK/WINDFALL ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN FOR THE CITIZENS OF STOREY COUNTY...... WELL..... IT IS ALWAYS HAPPENING FOR TRIC AND THE COMPANIES LOCATED THERE.....JUST NOT FOR THE REST OF US.... WE'LL BE LUCKY IF OUR TAXES DON'T GO UP...BUT STAY TUNED FOR MORE ACTIVITY WITH NO RESULTS ON THE PROMISE THAT KEEPS ON SLIPPING.

AT LEAST <u>SOMEONE</u> IS (ALWAYS) GETTING TREATED WELL BY STOREY COUNTY.... FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A MONTH ANOTHER FREE LAND GIVEBACK TO TRIC IS JUST WONDERFUL FOR TRICNOT SO WONDERFUL IS THE POTENTIAL EMINENT DOMAIN LAND THEFT FROM REGULAR CITIZENS BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE FREIGHT DEPOT IN VC.

Read the full article here:

 $\underline{http://www.bardeblog.com/so-whats-going-on/219-summary-of-the-september-19th-storey-county-commission-meeting}$

Solutions For Storey County

1. Sep23

Editor

Yesterday I got called out for complaining about Storey County Politics. Ron Fields asked me to quit bellyaching and offer up some solutions. So I did.

Mr. Fields, great post.

Thank you for the kind words about my writing.

I remember being in a meeting with Steve Jobs in the mid 80's where he tossed someone for bellyaching. "Here at Apple if you want to complain you had better present three well thought out solutions or you can get your *bleeping* *bleep* out of here."

I wrote down eight solutions in five minutes and took an hour fleshing them out.

But before we get into that...

A parking lot to keep your shoes from getting muddy? I am all for it. However, Commissioner McBride leased Storey County Taxpayers some of the dirt under that asphalt to the tune of \$18k for years before finally selling it to us for \$200k in July. VCTC board member Ron Gallagher netted \$160k for dirt next to McBride's. A million dollars is roughly 8% of the 2017-201 budget. A budget in which all departments were asked to trim 10% from their submitted figures during the 2017-2018 budget cycle.

A million dollar parking lot is a kick to the crotch of all Storey County Taxpayers and should completely piss off any genuine principled conservative.

So what would I do?

First, I would start by removing Lance Gilman from his powerful position as County Commissioner. When I was a kid, nobody would have stood still for a New York minute if Joe Conforte was on the Commission and he wielded a tenth of the power that Gilman has today. Corruption, as plain as the noses on all of our faces.

I was at the Nevada State Capitol yesterday and the elected State Official I met with talked for 20 minutes about what a laughing stock our county is with Gilman pulling the strings. The conflict of interest that exists with him on the County Commission is part of what drives me to do what I do.

All conflicts of interest need to be cut out of our county with a chainsaw (for more conflicts of interest, keep reading).

Second, I would roll back all the graft Lance Gilman has red carpeted for Roger Norman and burdened Storey County Taxpayers with. With the pending effluent pipeline, we will be on the hook for another \$35 Million. Now that the county has consolidated the power for approving new debt into the hands of Pat Whitten, I fully expect the \$30 Million of the project that TRIC GID is supposed to pay for to by transferred onto our backs behind closed doors. That would put our portion of the graft at \$105 Million.

Imagine having \$105 Million to spend in the county; we could have 105 new parking lots!

Or we could have a new Pool. And a new Community Center. And a new Senior Center in all four communities. And four new parks in all four communities. And money left over for emergencies.

But instead Lance and Roger have the \$105 Million (OK, technically it's not \$105 Million yet, only \$80 Mil) and we hold the bill.

When I talk to other County Commissioners around Nevada, they roll their eyes at amount of Developer Improvements shouldered by Storey County Taxpayers. They say, "That's what you get when Lance sits at both sides of the table."

Third, I would review all the power and authority that has consolidated into the County Managers hands and delegate some of it to department heads and elected officials who serve at the pleasure of the voters and not the Commissioners. Transparency. Distributed powers. Checks and Balances, Bedrock American Values.

Fourth, I would implement an independent citizen review board to review and administer all infrastructure deals at TRIC, overturning the recent County Commissioner resolution that concentrated that power to the County Manager. I would require this board to meet in all areas of the county to get input from all citizens. I would hold these meetings in the evening so that people who work for a living would have an opportunity to provide input.

Had this watchdog agency been in place in the past, we might have avoided paying for a highway interchange **in Washoe County**, a rail spur, the fiasco that had Storey County Taxpayers give USA parkway back to the Lance and Roger show so they could sell it to the Nevada Taxpayers for a cool \$42 Million profit and not reduce our debt a red cent. This agency would oversee the constant land giveaways that seems to go on all the time and get fair value for the transfers.

Fifth, I would use modern technology to both push transparency to and pull feed back from the citizens. Twitter is a spectacular tool and has been used to completely revolutionize forward thinking communities, not just to entertain the President and torment the media.

Check our this article to consider the possibilities of twitter and streamlining local government —> https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/jun-spain-run-by-twitter/

Sixth, I would invest in and deploy tools like the ones available at opengov.com to help run the county more efficiently and transparently.

Check out this link for a look at some of the affordable yet powerful tools they offer ->

https://opengov.com/reporting-and-operational-performance

Spend some time on opengov.com and your mind will really be opened to the beauty and grace of honest government and you can see what other counties across the fruited plains enjoy.

Seventh, I would appoint an independent citizen review board to review and approve or deny all future real estate purchases. Our County Manager is threatening to deploy eminent domain to steal property from a 40 year Storey County resident which will likely cost the county upwards of \$4 million dollars to buy and renovate. All without a plan that anyone but himself and the County Managers have any idea what it is (if they even have such a plan).

Meanwhile, the abandoned Black and Howell money pit is used as a parking lot for a single county vehicle, the Gold Hill Train Depot languishes abandoned and the County now wants to go into the Opera House business.

And let's not forget that we could have purchased the Camel Races arena when it was unimproved mine tailings several years ago for next to nothing. Instead, under the "leadership" of the VCTC board and the crack negotiating skills of our County Manager, we paid to improve privately owned land, we lease the land from the land owner and we pay the land owner .60 of each ticket sold at every venue.

And who is that business savvy land owner? None other than VCTC Board Chairman Scott Jolcover.

The County calls it "smart business, a solid public and private partnership".

Not me. I call it what it is; in your face graft, greed, corruption, conflict of interest and plain 'ol criminal.

It is one of the countless reasons they, the people in the State Capitol, the people in Washington DC and the grafters themselves, are all laughing at us.

Us. The Storey County Taxpayers.

The chumps.

Eighth, I would dismantle the VCTC and return it to the free market. The abysmal performance of the VCTC is exemplified by the inability to bust out a balance sheet that reflects financial reality.

Month after month after month, year after year...

Snow shoveling 10% of the County Budget into a furnace to directly benefit less than 100 C Street merchants, many of whom don't reside in the county, don't own the real estate their shops are in and do not approve of or are satisfied with the job they do is a waste of taxpayer money. Meanwhile the rest of us chumps who pay the bills do not directly benefit a whit from it.

Not. A. Whit.

Fun Fact: Street Vibrations is not a VCTC thing and is the most successful event all year in terms of raw dollars pumped into the economy. Can you say free market?

Let the merchants run their own show, and if they can't figure it out on their own, let them fall on their own faces. If they don't want to pay for it, let it fail. Don't use Storey County tax dollars to prop up a boondoggle.

These are the first eight ideas I came up with five minutes of casual thought and an hour of scribbling.

I'm sure if other readers of this email list were to put five minutes to the test they could come up with some great ones of their own.

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TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – The Storey Teller Helps.

1. Sep23

Editor

Mustang Brothel Resident and TRIC Executive Kris Thompson recently ripped Nicole Barde's coverage of the September 19th Storey County Commissioners Meeting (which you can read here) as "dishonest". Ms. Barde is fully capable of defending herself so rather than taking umbrage with Mr. Thompson's dirty pool with her, I chose to rip apart his "facts".

I will be pushing a piece this weekend with my take on the Meeting (probably in three parts) but I thought I would share the commentary in case readers of the Teller don't subscribe to the Virginia City Highlands email chat group. I first present Mr. Thompson's tripe, then follow it with my own.

Enjoy.

This will respond to Ms. Barde.

Ms. Barde's summary is completely dishonest.

I hope the readers know by now that what Ms. Barde says in her summary has no connection to the truth of what actually happens at the meetings.

First off, her claims are contradictory. Her first claim is that the "fix is in" between TRI and the County government because there was a very small land reconveyance. But then she criticizes Lance because he has not yet been able to coerce the County into giving property owners a property tax rebate – eg so she is saying here that Lance doesn't control the County?. Well which is it????

The Tax Rebate issue is not dead. Lance is pushing for it personally and I am as well. The County government has had enough money to benefit senior employees with higher salaries and retirement buyouts and to increase County union pay and benefits. Some of this perfectly appropriate of course. For decades our County lagged behind others in employer salaries and benefits. And it is a good thing it's being fixed. And lord knows the County employees work hard and are good and professional at what they do. But when I hear the argument that there isn't any money, not one penny available, to reward residents, I have a hard time buying it.

The County has a number of options available here — There are legal ways to provide tax reductions for residents only, and the county has been given that concept. The County has been told that rebates would be legal as well. And there are other options available. There is a workshop scheduled for next month and I look forward to seeing what happens there.

The "free land giveaway" to TRI, is simply a reconveyance of very thin strip of land in a drainage area to allow an incoming business to put a slope there so their building pad is stable. It's called a slope easement." TRI is not charging the buyer for this strip of land. TRI originally gave this land to the County free of charge. But this allows the County to charge taxes on the land to the incoming buyer. So let's summarize — right now, the land is doing nothing and the County does not make revenue from it. After this transfer the County gets a new business on the land adjacent which will produce revenue and can gain property taxes. It's a no brainer.

Ms. Barde would love to see Storey County government turn into a new San Francisco. She is a radical liberal. Another Nancy Pelosi in the flesh. She thinks business is the enemy. She believes the government should be large and overbearing. That the private sector should have to beg the government for action, that if a business needs action or services from the government that the business should be punished financially and pay through the nose for whatever they might need. In her mind, there is no such thing as economic development, unless its the government grabbing more from the private sector.

If she had her way there would be no TRI. No one would have ever made a deal on her terms. Readers here will remember how she ranted that the Tesla deal was a terrible mistake, and that it never should have happened. That would be news to the 5,000 workers that are today on site at the Gigafactory, and their families who are benefiting from those great jobs.

Can you imagine if someone like her was in a responsible position at the County. Businesses thinking of coming to Storey County would have one meeting with her, where whatever they would be asking for would be nitpicked and nitpicked, and they would walk out the door, shake their head, and never come back.

Last, it's remarkable at how Ms Barde can nitpick just about anything. And with all that nitpicking, she never offers any real solutions or alternative approaches. She doesn't want solutions, she wants problems for her own personal gain politically.

Thanks for considering my post.

Kris Thompson

This will respond to Mr. Thompson.

While I can't speak for Ms. Barde, I can tell you I am a principled conservative who looks at welfare recipients without small children to support with distaste.

Principled conservatives look at white collar welfare recipients like Tesla and TRIC, companies who can afford to pay their way but choose to freeload on taxpayer money, with venomous contempt.

Unlike the RINO's in Storey County government and among the ranks of the band of merry TRICsters, genuine principled conservatives view the continued corporate welfare at TRIC, soon to eclipse \$110 Million with the pipeline "deal", with vile disgust.

My initial assessment of the remarkable Commissioner Meeting conducted in the Courthouse with a Million Dollar parking lot on September 19th, 2017 can be read here —> http://thestoreyteller.online/2017/09/21/storey-county-commissioners-meeting-report-nicole-barde/

I double dog dare you to compare me to Nancy "don't know whats in it till we pass it" Pelosi.

The fix is in between Storey County Government and TRIC and has been for years.

Anyone paying attention sees this for what it is; as disgusting an example of collusion between government and business to benefit individual elected officials and the businesses at the expense of the Taxpayers anywhere in these United States.

Readers of this chat group will not need take your or my or Ms. Barde's assessment of what went on at the Commissioners meeting but will get to hear you telling the commissioners that this "worthless" stripe of land is essential to cutting a real estate deal with an active buyer.

I like to use indisputable facts of what transpired to tell the story.

Stay Tuned.

As a taxpayer, I am delighted that you are conducting business at TRIC because at some point, once the abatements expire, Storey County perhaps may benefit one day.

Perhaps.

But lets look at the latest land swindle err... reconveyance carefully:

If your proposed land deal is contingent on Storey County Taxpayers giving you the stripe of land, then that land is not worthless. It has value to you and to your client.

In the free market, something is worth only what someone else is willing to pay for it.

While you claim that you are not charging your client for the stripe of land, If you cannot close your pending deal without the stripe of land being part of the deal, it has value.

Having value, at the very least, giving the "worthless" stripe back to TRIC should incur a modest deduction from the \$45 Million of developer improvements (corporate welfare) we somehow got snookered into owing you and your band of merry TRICsters.

Anything.

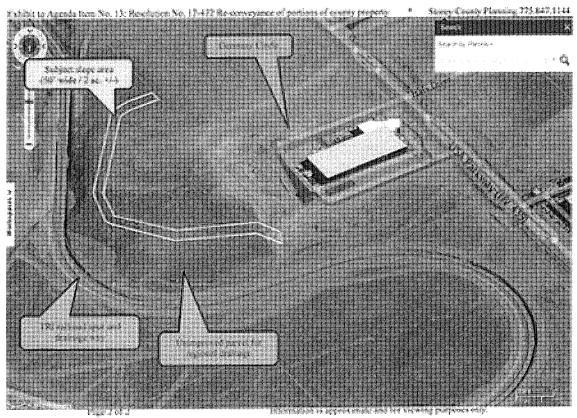
Even if it's only 5 bucks.

That is how a this principled conservative who looks at freeloaders and thieves of taxpayer money with disgust sees things.

For the readers information, here is what this stripe of land looks like:

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And now that Pat Whitten has the power to approve more corporate welfare and can add to the \$45 Million dollar TRIC welfare account behind closed doors, I'll bet you 5 bucks that the our debt to the TRICsters will double by the time Pat retires. My grandson is stoked.

Principled Conservatives fight waste, abuse and corruption with nuclear weapons, F-22's, Tanks, grenade launchers, M60's, Molotov cocktails, small arms fire, knives, sticks, stones and bare knuckles.

We certainly don't lift our skirts every time some gladhanded TRICster wanders by looking for a place to sniff out taxpayer handouts.

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P.S. I want to play centerfield for the San Francisco Giants as much as Lance wants to deliver on his promised tax rebates, maybe more so. I'm giving odds on me getting on an Opening Day Lineup Card before Lance's mythical Tax rebate check arrives in your mailbox.

Corporate Welfare Checks to Roll into TRIC – Again

1. Oct13

Editor

The Governors Office of Economic Development's (GOED) board meets in mid-November and the agenda contains an item that will consider GOED's effort to build an effluent pipeline from Sparks to the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC). Once built and fully deployed, this pipeline will carry 3.7 million gallons a day of effluent to thirsty server farms installed at Switch and those expected at Google.

The pipeline will be financed by a bond floated with the help GOED and SB1, a bill originally intended to help now defunct Faraday Futures and the APEX business park in Southern Nevada. The proposed pipeline will encumber both State of Nevada and Storey County Taxpayers with a \$35 Million bond. The bond touted as an innovative public-private partnership, will augment TRIC's General Improvement District's (TRIC-GID) \$30 Million loans for improvement to their existing water treatment facility to process the new inflow.

Promoters and Spin Doctors At Work

According to the polished sales pitch crafted by TRIC executive Lance Gilman, GOED assistant director Cory Hunt and stat spinner Jeremy Aguero from Applied Analytics, the bond is expected to be paid for by "future tax revenue from a special tax district taxing new businesses coming into TRIC over the next years." Yet despite the flowery projections of flush tax revenues, our sources tell us abated taxes from the entire park will have a hard time paying for this bond.

As small government-free market folks, we view the world through the lenses of what's best for the taxpayers and the community. When we look at this "deal" through those lenses, all we see is cronyism at its best. This pipeline represents another in a tall stack of corporate welfare checks cut by Storey County and Nevada to the wealthy band of merry TRICsters in the desert east of Reno. These TRICsters have used political power, influence and fear to shift the financial burden of legitimate developer expenses from where they belong onto the shoulders of the Storey County Taxpayer. Thanks to GOED, this latest "deal" will now include all Nevada taxpayers onto the list of chumps paying to enrich the pockets of Roger Norman and Lance Gilman

In the rest of the known universe, when a developer proposes a development, one of the first things to happen is an impact assessment. The county or city looks at the proposal and determines what type of infrastructure will be required for this development to be successful. Then the County asks the developer to come up with the money to pay for this infrastructure.

However, as history has shown us time and time again, Storey County doesn't pay much attention to realities that govern the rest of the known universe.

Before we continue with the pipeline bond discussion, some historical context of TRIC-Storey County is in order...

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Since 1859 and the discovery of blue mud, Virginia City has proven to be a place unique to planet earth. In the recent past, Joe and Sally Conforte brought infamy to Storey County when they opened the Mustang Ranch, the first legal brothel in the United States.

In the days leading up to the dot-com bust of 2000, Storey County was on the rocks; it was broke. Joe Conforte was on the lam and The Mustang Ranch was closed; Storey County's only real revenue stream had run dry. Talks were underway to dissolve the county and scrape it onto Carson City and Washoe Counties.

From out of the desert emerged developers Roger Norman and Lance Gilman. Together they took a pile of cash and started buying land. Lots of it.

They bought the McCarren Ranch and other holdings from Gulf Petroleum just east of Reno. By the time the dust settled, they amassed over 100,000 acres of prime Nevada desert dirt. They had a vision to build the world's largest industrial park. But to do it they would need help. And that help would come from Storey County.

Lance Gilman bought Conforte's Mustang Ranch on eBay and got Storey County's revenue stream flowing again. Building began at TRIC. Talks to split the county quieted.

Things were looking up in Virginia City. And the Norman-Gilman influence was growing. Roger and Lance were seen as saviours of Storey County staving off the imminent dissolution. Parades revelled down C Street.

As TRIC began to grow, Roger Norman forged a remarkable deal with Storey County. Due to the growth at TRIC, Storey County would be expected to provide new Fire, Police and Public Works services the County could not pay for. With a benevolent pen, Norman and Gilman would write checks for the needed services and infrastructure and put that debt on a no interest credit card that would only be paid back when the tax revenue started flowing out of TRI.

Fearing a future that had them losing their jobs by becoming a distant part of Washoe County. Storey County Commissioners signed onto this plan and TRIC began to burden County taxpayers with huge developer infrastructure bills in addition to legitimate county infrastructure expenses.

In the rest of the universe, the County paves a road and digs pipe to the developer's property line and the developer takes it from there. In Storey County, however, the Commissioners began to make sweetheart deals with County land in order to help out their cronies at TRI. Gilman helped push a selling feature to incoming companies known as fast-tracking; pesky formalities are dispensed with in favor of rapid approvals and inspections.

In a complex land swap shell game that ultimately resulted in the freshly minted USA Parkway. TRIC improved a portion of USA Parkway and gave the County the land and a bill for \$25 Million. This should have been a State NDOT expense but at the time the state didn't have the cash so TRI did it then saddled the County taxpayers with the debt.



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Lance Gilman. Brothel Owner, TRIC Executive and Storey County Commissioner

In 2012 Storey County voters elected Lance Gilman was as Storey County Commissioner. As Commissioner he solidified his power and control over County governance. Wearing hats on both sides of the negotiating table, Gilman began to lure more businesses into TRIC while delivering on promised concessions at the county level. Things started picking up.

Soon Gilman worked with GOED and Governor Sandoval to orchestrate the **Tesla deal.** Elon Musk, another guy who **wouldn't be in business without taxpayer wallets**, worked his magic in Nevada and is building the worlds largest factory on the backs of Nevada and Storey County taxpayers thanks to stunning tax abatements. Abatements that Tesla can and **has sold to other companies**.

When TESLA and other big-name companies began to move into TRI, the state realized that having USA Parkway completed to HIghway 50 should be a thing. Lance Gilman brokered a deal to sell NDOT the land and right of way so the NDOT could complete its construction. In order to do this he needed the county-owned portion of USA Parkway which, using his position as a freshly minted Commissioner, he got the County Commission to give him back for free.

TRIC then turned around and sold USA Parkway, in its entirety, including the portion it got for

free from Storey County to NDOT for \$43 Million. Rather than reducing the original debt for building the segment of USA Parkway by \$25 Million, Norman and Gilman's pockets filled with cash and Storey County Taxpayers were left with a pocket full of dirt. And a mountain of debt.

In Storey County, TRIC developer expenses now amount to at least \$45 Million (some estimates put the figure at near \$60 Million). And while almost all of the <u>record sales taxes Storey</u>

<u>County collects</u> from TRIC are abated, repayment on the TRI debt is happening. Thanks to the abated taxes, Storey County cannot pay the TRIC credit card without cutting budgets and services to the citizens, none of whom live in or own a piece of TRIC.

Behind the Scene Water Dealings

This brings us back to the GOED board considering the pipeline bond being on November 18th. This bond is the result of months and months of behind the scene wrangling with TRIC, Switch and Tesla legal staff and a myriad of players in the Truckee River water game. The City of Reno and Sparks, TMWA, TMWRF, TROA, Pyramid Lake Indians, NDOT, Washoe and Storey County and many others have all had arms twisted to accommodate TRIC and their high rolling clients.

The pipeline will provide new and existing businesses at TRIC with plentiful water they need to cool server farms and lubricate industrial processes. Google, Tesla, Switch and Panasonic could collectively float a private bond and pay for their water themselves with the money they drop on the way to the bank.

But because of the <u>failings of Faraday Futures</u> and precedents set by desperate Storey County officials, the burden of this pipeline will shift from where it belongs at TRIC onto the shoulders of Nevada Taxpayers.

This "private-public pipeline partnership" benefits the private partners at the expense of the public. In the free market universe, the one of voluntary exchange of goods and services that mutually benefit all parties, these pipeline bonds would fail.

In the alternate universe that is Storey County, the cronies win and the taxpayers lose. Every. Time.

Soon all Nevadans will be asked to pony up and join Storey County taxpayers the losers table.

TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – The Storey Teller Helps, Part Two

. Oct14

Editor

For those of you who read The Teller and do not read the Virginia City Highlands email chat group, this tasty banter happened on Friday the 13th between "Brothel Resident", TRIC Executive and Storey County Planning Commissioner Kris Thompson. Mr. Thompson once again tasted shoe leather, polished with something other than Shinola, as he responded to The Teller's pipeline post **which you can read here.**

Once again, I will put Mr. Thompson's response to my piece sprinkled with commentary and then my official response.

Fun!

This will respond to Mr. Toll. I'm not going to go through and explain all the false statements in his linked article. It's virtually all BS. It's simply 3 pages of tripe. Suffice it to say he is has posted in the past many statements and whole pieces that are just downright lies. When he's caught doing it, he later claims it's "satire." Sure.

(For those not smart enough to know the difference, I end every satire piece with a disclaimer. I usually toss in a VW sized hint in the mix for those smart enough to appreciate humor)

Readers should know that he has no idea about what he's writing about. None whatsover. But he doesn't care about facts or accuracy, his only goal is to smear others.

(Actually you can't make this stuff up, and if the facts smear you, shame on you)

The bottom line is that Mr. Toll (aka "Mr. Smear Merchant") apparently has nothing better all day to do than write fiction smearing others who are trying to take positive steps in our County and Ms. Barde (aka "Ms. Nancy Pelosi on the Comstock") want to change this County to make it look more like San Francisco.

(Name Calling = the final refuge of a scoundrel whose argument tank has run dry)

Storey County has succeeded in a true economic miracle, BECAUSE it did things differently. Doing things how San Francisco does it would have blocked, and still will block, any economic development. Our County rose from near bankruptcy with virtually no tax base, and nothing but sand and sagebrush out here, to a County that had \$1.6 in (in fully abated) taxable last year in just 17 years. Companies are fleeing California and choosing Storey County because of the exact kind of mindset that Smear Merchant and Nancy Pelosi on the Comstock are pitching. (Actually, it's because of the giveaway of Storey County Tax Dollars. If the band of merry TRICsters didn't

have our money to play with not one of these businesses would be here.)

And having been involved in every negotiation with the global companies buying land at TRI over the last 7 years, I can say without a doubt that the readers can be thankful that Mr. Smear and Nancy Pelosi on the Comstock were never in a position of authority in this County.

Those companies would have had one meeting with them and walked out and never come back. The meeting with those two would be two hours of nothing but political lecturing and nitpicking with those two. (It would be more like two minutes: No you can't use our tax money as a crutch to prop up your business plan. Bye Bye Now)

Think about how you would react coming in to meet these two in an initial meeting if you were a small business owner or decisionmaker for a global tech company looking around for a new site. Would you want to do business with these two? Can you imagine? (Can you imagine? Protecting taxpayer interests? The horror!)

There is intense competition to draw businesses into a state and County. They have many, many choices out there. To get the Tesla Gigafactory, little Storey County had to beat out Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California, where their headquarters and first manufacturing facility already is. Jerry Brown threw an offer of \$3.5 billion in tax abatements at them. Arizona threw an offer of half priced power forever at them. Rick Perry and Texas offered free land, free power and water infrastructure. You will recall that Rick Perry actually flew into California, loaded into a brand new Tesla and visited the Tesla factory in Jerry Brown's state, trying to woo them. And will all that, our little County prevailed and it was not even a close race. We prevailed because we are different, and because of the development agreement. That's the truth these two will never understand. ("Little Storey County". Aw Shucks! Big Govorner Sandoval's 1.2 Billion giveaway and lil' ol' Storey County)

Readers can be very very proud of the decision making by the County over since the formation of TRI. This public private partnership has created 10-11,000 good permanent jobs and temporary construction jobs in the middle of the desert in a County of 4,000 residents. It's an amazing feat. So while the Smear Merchant is lecturing all of us, and Ms. Pelosi on the Comstock is nitpicking everything everyone does, thank god we have professionals around who focus on getting things done and creating prosperity. (If it makes you proud to give Billionaires your credit card for cocaine and hookers, that is...)

Thanks for considering my post.

This is in response to Mr. Thompson:

I returned to my piece and realized, to my horror, that all the referenced links lost their blue link-color. That totally explains how Mr. Thompson missed the references to where I found the **facts**.

I fixed them. Now both Mr. Thompson and you, dear reader, can go back to the article and click on the **hot pink links** to see my sources for the **facts**.

On Oct 14, 2017, at 9:30 AM, Kris Thompson via Groups.Io < kpthompson2011=yahoo.com@groups.io> wrote:

I'm not going to go through and explain all the false statements in his linked article.

The reason Mr. Thompson won't "explain all the false statements" is because he can't.

There aren't any.

Everything in the piece came from verifiable fact.

Facts from verifiable sources (including those uttered in the public meeting record by Oracle Thompson himself).

Facts from public records requests.

Facts from interviews with public officials.

Facts from confirmed, provided sources.

If Mr. Thompson would like to debate me on the facts, I double dog dare him to.

I will debate him in a box.

I will debate him with a fox.

I will debate him in a tree.

I will debate him for you see...

The facts stand on their own.

I don't think for a New York minute any reader with the cranial capacity of a single celled organism doesn't see Mr. Thompson's 9 paragraphs anything other than what they are:

Smeary. Blather. Nearly. Void. Of... wait for it..... FACTS.

There are, however, two facts tucked in his scree:

- . The "miracle" that Storey County has become only benefits people who live in Washoe County; Misters Norman, Thompson and Gilman and the holders of those thousands of "world class" \$20 an hour jobs.
- . The \$1.6 Billion in one time, non-recurring, tax abated sales that Lance and his band of merry TRICsters parade up and down C Street will amount to just over \$4 million (0.0025% of the \$1.6b) of actual revenue into Storey County coffers in FY 2106-2107. As in peanuts. More like peanut shells.

Our payment on the TRICster Credit Card is going to be nearly \$5 Million this year.

That means that Lance the Magnificent and his band of merry TRICsters will cost Storey

County Taxpayers (us chumps) just about \$1 Million dollars in FY 2016-2017! (If you don't believe me, ask Hugh Gallagher for the facts like I did...)

And this new pipeline will cost us chumps at least another million on top of that for the next 30 years!

No Virginia, there is no satire anywhere near the pipeline that will soon be pumping seaming hot "effluent" up our wallets.

The joke is on **us chumps**, the taxpayers of Storey County, regardless of what Mr. Thompson smears on our shoes in place of Shinola.

Teller Files Criminal Complaint with Storey DA, Sheriff

1. Oct16

Editor

On March 28th, 2017, The Storey Teller filed a public record request with Assistant County Manager, Planning Director and all around busy guy Austin Osborne. In this request we asked for the zoning of the Mustang Ranch Compound, specifically to see if any section of the property was zoned residential. This residential zoning inquiry was the result of previous requests filed with County Clerk Vanessa Stephens and County Assessor Jana Seddon.

We asked Clerk Stephens for the proof of legal residences claimed by Leonard Lance Gilman and Kris Thompson required by Nevada State Law for anyone running for office or holding an appointed office. The request from County Clerk Stephens was fulfilled in one business day. It revealed that Leonard Lance Gilman resides at 5B Wild Horse Canyon Drive and Kris Thompson resides at 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

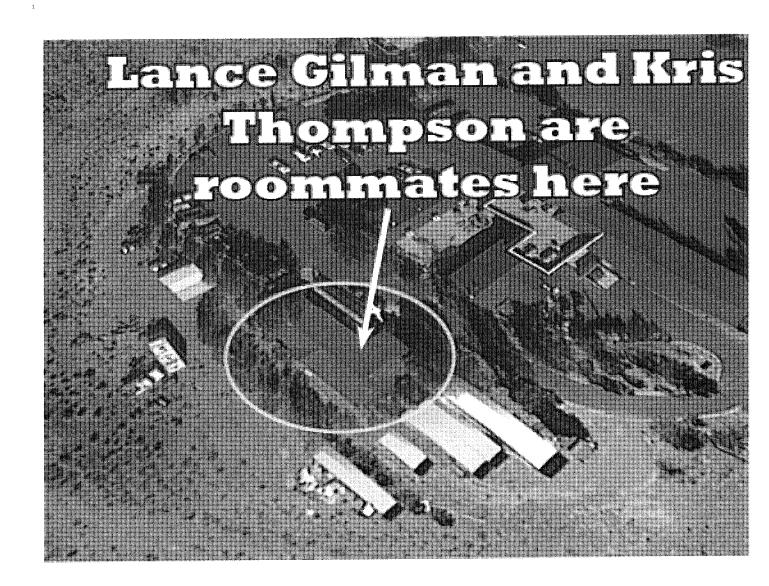
Since the United States Post Office does not show 5B or 56 Wild Horse Canyon as addresses in their system (they will return any correspondence sent there as "Address Unknown") we asked Assessor Jana Seddon where these addresses physically were. Her response, delivered in two business days, was remarkable; Lance and Kris reside in a dual wide mobile home located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch.

Let me say that again.

Lance Gilman, one of the wealthiest men in Northern Nevada, lives in a mobile home behind the swimming pool with his employee and roommate Kris Thompson. At a the brothel.

While many Storey County Resident were born at night, none of us reading this were born last night. Suggesting this is a fact stretches credulity around the planet. Twice.

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st be exciting living in an actual cathouse; think of all the interesting people you meet!

After I learned where County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson claim to live, I then sent my public record request to Mr Osborne. As stated above, this request was to determine the zoning of the Mustang Ranch and was filed on March 28. After several back and forth emails, included below, the matter went cold. I saw Mr Osborne on multiple occasions and asked him about the inquiry. I got the usual dismissive reason, "We're in the midst of the Budget" or "I'm in the middle of revising a statute" or "My dog ate my keyboard".

During the months of delay on the simple request of what is the zoning of the Mustang Ranch, I decided to stroll into the Community Development Department and ask them. Within 5 minutes I was holding the printout containing the zoning of the Mustang Ranch.

Nowhere on Mustang property is it zoned residential. So nobody can live there. And nobody can claim they live there. In order to live there, the property must be zoned.... residential.

Six months later...

On the six month anniversary of the initial, unfilled, public record request The Teller filed a criminal complaint with Storey County District Attorney Anne Langer and Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt. DA Langer advised me that since I was making a criminal complaint I needed to file the complaint with the Sheriff's Office before she could proceed.

The purpose of this complaint is to hold accountable County Commissioner Gilman and Planning Commissioner Thompson for committing perjury when they filed paperwork claiming to live

somewhere it is illegal to live. Since they took office illegally and since they don't actually live at Wild Horse Canyon Drive (or anywhere else in the county for that matter) and can't legally reside where they claimed they did, we conclude and insist they be prosecuted for perjury and removed from office.

My complaint also charged that Mr Thompson was most likely in violation of county ordinance 5.16.220 which reads in part:

5.16.220 Work card registration required.

A. It is unlawful for any person to work as an independent contractor or be employed or for a licensee to employ or allow a person on the premises of a licensed operation, unless the person is the holder of a valid current work card issued by the sheriff. Customers of the brothel are exempt from this requirement.

Because brothel work cards are not public record, I can only make the claim without actual proof. The Sheriff's Office issues the work cards so they will immediately know if Mr Thompson holds one.

Once the Criminal Complaint is completed I will share the results with you, kind reader.

Below, find the public documents and emails filed with DA Langer, AG Laxalt and Sheriff Antinoro.

Stay Tuned...

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September 28th, 2017

Ms. Anne Langer
Storey County District Attorney
205 South C Street
P.O. Box 496 Virginia City, NV 89440
Mr. Paul Laxalt
Nevada Attorney General
100 North Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701Subject: Public Records Request and Obstruction Complaint against Storey County

I am writing to you today on the six month auniversary of a public records request whose purpose is to verify the status of the residences of two Storey County Officials. I have attached the email correspondence between myself and Storey County regarding the zoning of the addresses supplied by Lance Gilman when he submitted required documents to run for County Commissioner and Kris Thompson to confirm his residence to qualify for being appointed to serve on the Storey County Planning Commission.

According to various NRS statutes and Storey County Code, in order for an elected or appointed official to hold office or be appointed to a board in Storey County, the elected official or appointed board member must reside in Storey County.

The purpose of my query was to confirm that the residence addresses supplied by Mr. Gilman and Mr. Thompson, two sides of a small double wide mobile home, located behind the swimming pool at the Mustang Ranch Brothel, are zoned as legal residence addresses by Storey County Statute.

This request now has collected six months worth of dust and remains unanswered.

According to Mr. Austin Osborne, assistant Storey County Manager, when I asked him about it he claimed "the matter was still under investigation".

Yet when I went into the Storey County Community Development Department several weeks after the last email communication from Storey County on this matter, I was able to leave with the zoning status of the property in less than 5 minutes. I discovered that there is no place on Mustang Ranch parcel zoned residential, not even a watchman's residence.

In other words neither 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive are legal residences; nobody can legally reside there or claim either address as their legal residence.

It is my contention that by supplying this address, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gilman appear to be guilty of perjury.

Further, as they do not reside in Storey County, they are exempt and prohibited from holding office of any kind in Storey County.

I further contend that by stonewalling this public records request, Storey County, Mr. Pat Whitten and Mr. Austin Osborn are obstructing justice.

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It is common knowledge to anyone paying attention that Lance Gilman, who has multiple residence properties in Washoe county and is extremely wealthy, does not bunk with Kris Thompson in a doublewide trailer. I respectfully request an immediate investigation into this matter in an effort to restore integrity in our elected and appointed officials and look forward to the fair and just application of law by removing these men from office.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll - Editor editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655 From: Austin Oeborne acaborne @alorsycounty.org Bubblect: RE:Public Records Request

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Date: March 29, 2017 at 6:42 PM
To: Editor editor@thestoreytelles.colline

On: Lyndi Renaud irenaud@storeycourdy.org, Kathy Canfield kosnield@storeycourdy.org



Sam,

Lyndi will look into this and get back with you on the zoning within the NRS period.

Thank you, Austin

From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Austin Osbome

Subject: Public Records Request

Greetings Mr. Osborne

This email represents a public records request for the zoning of two Storey County addresses. I was advised that your office handles this request from Cynthia at Community Development

These addresses are 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive and 5 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, Sparks

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sam Toll - Editor

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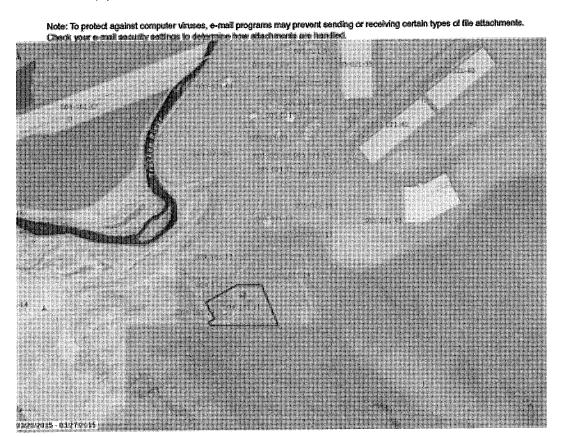
From: Kathy Canfield koanfiséd@storeycounty.org Subject: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15) Dess: March 31, 2017 at 8:48 AM To: Editor editor@thestoreytesior.online



The attached map documents the location of 1000 Wild Horse Canyon Drive, APN 04-161-21. I don't show any parcets identified as 1100 Wild Horse Canyon Drive when I query the mapping program. Am I in the right location for what you are locking for?

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

NVSTOR15 (15)



From: Auetin Osborne acebame@eloreyocurty.org

Subject: RE: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15)

Date: April 27, 2017 at 7:45 AM

To: Editor editor @thesionsyseller.online, Kathy Canfield koansield@storeycounty.org



Helio Sam,

I am still looking into the matter and will get you an answer. We have a lot on our plate right now, so thank you for your patience. Please direct your follow up questions directly to me so that Kathy can focus on her other priorities. Thank you for your understanding and have a good day.

Austin

From: Editor [mailto:editor@thestoreyteller.online]

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:57 PM

To: Kathy Canfield Cc: Austin Osborne

Subject: Fwd: Emailing: NV5TOR15 (15)

Kathy,

Have you been able to uncover the disposition of residential zoning on the parcel APN 04-161-2. I have highlighted in red the area identified by the assessor as the location of 5, 5B and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sam

Begin forwarded message:

From: Editor <editor@thestoreyteller.online>
Subject: Re: Emailing: NVSTOR15 (15)
Date: March 31, 2017 at 10:47:13 AM PDT

To: Kathy Canfield < kcanfield@storeycounty.org>

Kathy,

Thank you for your prompt reply,

Yes that is the location, APN 04-161-21 (detail of the Mustang Ranch Complex below via google earth).

Somewhere in that complex there are two physical addresses; 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive.

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Are there any nooks and crannies somewhere in there designated residential; specifically 5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive?

According to public documents there are two residences located somewhere in the Mustang Ranch complex (5 and 56 Wild Horse Canyon Drive) and if so, they would require residential zoning.

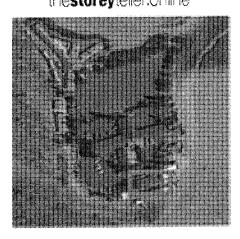
That is the focus of my query; is there any location within that parcel that is zoned residential and is legally approved for people to reside?

I appreciate your time and effort on this inquiry.

Respectfully,

Sam Toll editor@thestoreyteller.online www.thestoreyteller.online 775-583-8655

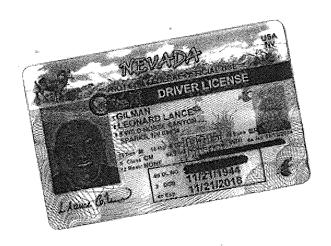




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Lance Gilman's Proof of residency on file with Clerk Stephens



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STATEMENT OF LANCE GILMAN RE RENT FOR KRIS THOMPSON

November 30, 2015

Kris Thompson resides by my pennission at 5B Wild Horse Canyon Drive, Sparks, NV 89434 as part of an employment arrangement he has with Lance Gilman Commercial Real Estate Services Co. He does not pay rent for this living space.

Thank you for your consideration.

L. Lance Gilman



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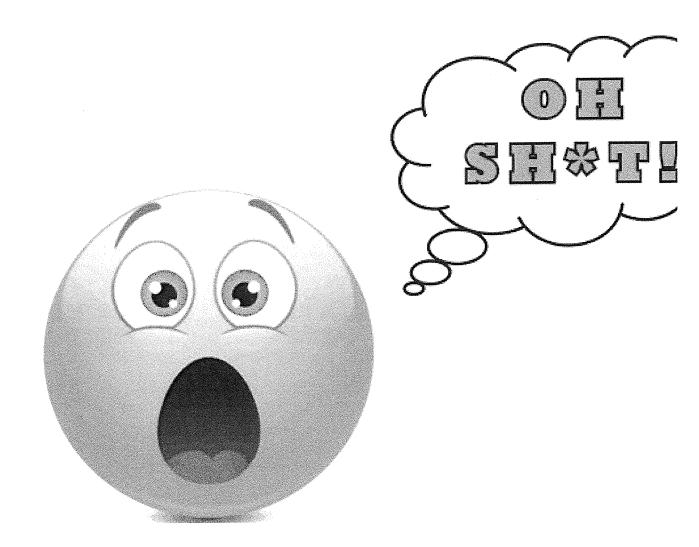
Editor

Summary of the October 17th Storey County Commission Meeting

IN WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS AN UNNATURAL ACT OF THE HIGHEST ORDER THE STOREY COUNTY LEADERSHIP WORM HAS TURNED AND IS NOW CONSUMING ITS OWN TAIL.

OUR COMMISSIONERS DECLARED IN AN OPEN MEETING THAT THERE HAS BEEN INAPPROPRIATE USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO LINE THE POCKETS OF A FEW GOOD MEN. THERE WAS A GIGANTIC THINK BUBBLE OVER PAT WHITTEN'S HEAD WITH THE WORDS "OH SH*T" IN IT.

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THE DISCLOSURE COMES ON THE HEELS OF A LONG TIME EMPLOYEE ASKING FOR THE SAME FAVORS THAT HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO OTHERS TIME AND TIME AGAIN ONLY THIS TIME THE DOOR HAD SHUT AND HE WAS DENIED.

THE COMMISSIONERS APPLAUDED THEIR OWN TRANSPARANCY FOR BRINGING THIS TO THE FOREFORONT AND FOR CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BUT FORGOT TO ADD THAT THEY WERE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL WHILE IT WAS HAPPENING AND COULD HAVE STOPPED IT.

MAYBE WE NEED TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT THEY DO ALL DAY SINCE THEY REALLY ONLY HAVE THREE DUTIES....SETTING TAXES, CREATING ORDINANCES AND GOVERNANCE.

GOVERNANCE GETS A ZERO TODAY.

OH ANDSTILL NO PROPERTY TAX REBATE/ROLLBACK ACTION FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

By Nicole Barde Bardeblog.com

You can find the Agenda **HERE** and County Manager Pat Whitten's summary **HERE**. If you want to listen to the meeting you can access the recording HERE.

This is a long yet fully packed issue....grab your adult beverage of choice....or just scream into your pillow.

This was close to a four hour meeting and despite its spellbinding and edge of the seat moments time passed as if in slow motion for me due to some of the content and the effects of my head cold.

First up was item #15 which was a request (via letter attached below) by Rob DuFresne for the county to buy him a years of PERS service worth \$41,346.59. You REALLY need to read this letter since it shows how poor Rob was ping-ponged around. In a nutshell Rob was asking for what he had seen 3 others get when they retired. A bonus of sorts.

All three commissioners couldn't say enough about how this was inappropriate. How IF this type of payout had been a past practice that they hadn't been aware of it.

Commissioner Jack McGuffey looked stunned as he said that in the corporate world that maybe a \$5000 bonus was appropriate but nothing like this amount and especially to those already making a lot of money and at the top of their departments. He said that he could "go for it" if there were a policy that was retroactive (whatever that means) and was told by DA Langer that no, any new policy enacted would be going forward only.

Commissioner, brothel owner and TRI principal Lance Gilman said that he was only made aware of it that day. He went on to say that this type of appropriation belongs in front of the Commission to approve, that it had never come before the commission in that past and that was wrong. He went on to say that the Unions already have generous benefits and that he does not believe that this should be allowed. He said that a procedure needs to be devised and followed and that these things belong on a line item on the budget for visibility.

Lance said that there were two issues:

-the retirement bonus for Rob would set a precedent and they did not want to do that -the inappropriate prior actions need to be looked at.

Commission Chair Marshall McBride commented that the county had indeed done some financial buyouts for early retirements in the past when it produced a savings for the County (i.e. Cheaper to buy a year of PERS than to pay a year of salary till retirement) but that it was for those who weren't fully vested. Rob was fully vested and Marshall didn't see the need to do it for him.

Marie DuFresne, Robs wife, was there and simply stated that Rob was asking for what he had seen others get and that he felt he deserved it.

There was a bit more discussion and the Commissioners said that they are requesting that staff look into this and do an investigation into what has happened in the past.

Marshall turned to County Manager Pat Whitten and asked "Pat, do you want to weigh in on this" and before he could answer Deputy DA Keith Loomis interrupted and said no, that this is a different agenda item.

During Public comment I teleported to the podium to ask if the results of the investigation into the misappropriation of taxpayer dollars would be made public....I then requested that IT BE MADE PUBLIC. No commitment to do so by Marshall.

I then asked how it was that they could all say that they knew nothing since they had approved

the three bonuses this year. As always, Marshall reminded me that this was not the agenda item, that the agenda item was whether to approve this bonus or not.....and with that I departed the podium.

<u>SIDENOTE</u>: Who needs drugs and alcohol when you can have mind altering activities like the commission meetings?

But I digress....

Needless to say Storey County employees have known for decades that there are "those who get and those who don't". Under the Whitten regime the shorthand has been if you "are on the team". I am stunned not just by the public manner in which this surfaced but by the denials of the Commissioners that they knew about it.

EVERYBODY knew about it. Pat Whitten talked about the need to augment PERS for Hames, Nevin and Haymore in an open meeting. The June 20th and June 30th meeting this year each had budget augmentation discussions where Comptroller Hugh Gallagher spoke about those funds needing to be augmented to pay those PERS bonuses. The Commissioners approved all of the augmentations. And if there is any doubt that it was talked about and that even the uninitiated could figure it outbelow is extracted from the June 30th minutes where Sam Toll asked the question:

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Transfer of Appropriations in the General Budget in the amount of \$178,961.00.

Mr. Toll: Mr. Gallagher mentioned at the last meeting there were two items, approximately \$50-60,000 for Mr. Hames and Mr. Haymore. We are hearing now about an additional \$20,000. Can that be clarified?

Mr. Gallagher: The items for Community Development were for PERS and Medicare.

So, it sounds a bit obfuscated as to what it actually is but it still didn't feel right.....The augmentation was presented at the June 20th meeting and finalized at the June 30th meeting. If Messrs. Hames and Haymore were receiving \$50-60k, and they were fully vested in PERS, highly paid individuals and at the top of their departments....why didn't the alarm bells go off with anyone except for Mr. Toll? Where was governance on the part of our Commissioners?

I think that when Rob DuFrense was given the run around and was basically told "no "that his pushing the issue as an agenda item is what brought this to a PUBLIC head. If he had just taken no for an answer and kept quiet then this practice of bonus for my buddies would continue on.

Plausible deniability on the part of the Commissioners only works if it never makes it to the light...this made it to the light. Thanks Rob!

I believe that they knew but didn't WANT to know what Pat was doing.

I have to ask.....WHERE WERE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES on Pat Whitten's ability to just write checks? In the real world Finance and HR have to approve bonuses or out of cycle payroll/benefits checks...what happened here? Do the commissioners read the treasurers reports and the check runs? With two of them being savvy businessmen you'd think that they would

notice large bonus/payroll/PERS checks out of cycle.

Meanwhile, recall that a couple of meetings ago that Pat Whitten's job description was being revised? This was at the same meeting where his duties were being expanded to manage the millions of dollars of vouchers at TRI. We haven't seen that job description again. I thought at the time that they were expanding it and giving Pat more power...now I'm not so sure. I'm not so sure he needs a job description if he's misappropriating our money....I mean....what else is being misappropriated?

Whew! But I digress.....

Both Staff and Board updates were kind of light and the key items are covered in Pat Whitten's summary.

The Next item was #12, the purchase of Pipers by the County from the school District for \$300,500. The Commission approved this and it will need to be approved by the school board before it is finalized.

Todd Hess, SCSD Superintendent, got up to say that the District had purchased Pipers in 2014 for \$ 283k when the county didn't have the money to take on that debt. That since taking it over for events, weddings and other purposes that the District has brought the Pipers operation into the black but that they do not have the resources to continue to run it as before and that it does need a plan to continue to move forward.

Jack mentioned that the private parties who ran it in the past couldn't generate the revenues to do much more than cover costs...but that it wasn't enough to do the maintenance that the building required. Marshall noted that the county is in a much better position today to take Pipers back. There are grant writers both at Pipers and at the county that he feels can generate a lot more interest and funding to do what needs doing. He also made note that the fully restored Eureka opera house is one third the size of Pipers and that Eureka had a windfall of money that they decided to use to do the renovations.

TINY SIDENOTE:.....according to Lance we are currently experiencing a gushing, flapping, rolling windfall of economic prosperity from TRI....why doesn't the county use that prosperity to fix Pipers like Eureka did?

Pat Whitten added that the money for Pipers is coming from some unused and unrestricted funds that the county has from when Toy's R Us left TRI and had to pay back the concessions that it had been given so that the money to buy Pipers has come from other than resident funds. During Public Comment Kris Thompson TRI and Lance Gilman employee and roommate got up to say that it was a great move by the county and that to preserve our historic treasures like Pipers, St. Mary's, Fourth Ward and the Fire Museum is part of the role of the county for its citizens. He noted that perhaps the infrastructure fund might be used to fund the much needed work to fix Pipers.

Sam Toll, Gold Hill resident, got up to say that the school district did a good thing to take Pipers over to save it but that he had heard that it would take \$2-3 Million Dollars to get done what needed to get done to make it more viable. He asked if the county had a plan for Pipers. He then asked that if there was no concrete plan for Pipers, or other historic properties that the county

plans to buy (the Depot) then how could the county be in the business of owning and preserving historic buildings without a viable path to restoration?

I got up to echo the comments of the previous speakers and asked for a commitment to put full faith effort into making Pipers whole again.

Next were items #17 and #18.

#17 was amending the Development Agreement with TRI to include the parcels of property that in 2014 the county got Washoe County to move the boundary line for so that Lance could bring them into Storey County where there is a fast track process to build quickly. There is apparently no modification of the Master Plan to do this meaning that these parcels will be zoned exactly the same as its neighboring parcels in TRI.

Jack voiced a concern about allowing business to build butting up against the river bank which risks damaging the bank and its environment and polluting the river.

#18 was interesting....this item was the stipulation that as part of the amended Development Agreement TRI would accept wholly and universally the Storey County Ordinance prohibiting the use of land at TRI to cultivate, test, manufacture, distribute, sell, store, lick, smell, touch, or basically think or dream in the general direction of marijuana.

Sam Toll got up to ask why the heavy handed approach since the voters of the county approved it . He noted that tobacco and alcohol were the 2 biggest threats to public safety and that marijuana isn't even close to those as threats and is actually a benefit to those who use it medicinally. He was told by Marshall that it is still illegal with the Federal Government. Since Storey County receives funding from the Federal Government that they don't want to jeopardize that funding. Marshall also noted that out of ALL 15 rural counties in Nevada, none of them have enacted recreational marijuana sales.

Louise Pena, Lockwood resident got up to say that she supported the ban. That there is already a lot of traffic up and down I80 and that this would just add to a bad traffic situation. She also added that there were issues in Colorado as a result of their stand to allow it statewide but she did not elaborate.

It passed.

SIDENOTE: OK, who needs marijuana when you can have mind altering experiences attending Commission meetings?

But reallyour business IS VICE!! We have prostitution, alcohol (a REAL KILLER) gambling and outhouse races for cripes sakesthe voters of Nevada and this county voted it in. Why outlaw it? Especially when its medicinal properties are so great?

Now, there is personal use allowed but there was a hint in the meeting that in a couple of months there will be some more enactions to shore up the anti-marijuana ordinance.

But I digress.....

Next up was item #19, a workshop related to property tax relief. Just gotta say it...... I want relief from this groundhog day discussion. NOTHING NEW to report that I haven't already reported.

They continue to fluff up our expectations that we are about to be hosed down with abundant TRI dollars, that we may get tax relief, that they are working on it, that the check is in the mail, that the loan is assumable, that these pants don't make our butts look big and that if we just take this pill our wrinkles will fall off.

I'm sick of it.

During Public Comment Rich Baccus, VC resident, got up to report that the horses were once again causing destruction on his property and that despite the ordinance prohibiting the watering and feeding of the horses in town that he had neighbors who were doing it. He asked for the support of the Commission in managing the horses out of town and in giving citations to those who violate the ordinance. He got agreement that there needs to be more compliance with the ordinance and Deputy DA Loomis will review the ordinance.

Louise Pena, Lockwood resident, got up to say that the horses have pretty much divided the Lockwood community. Some love them some don't.

I got up at this more appropriate moment to again request that the Commission not bury the investigation into the misappropriation of funds for buddy bonuses. I said that since it has come up in a public forum and it's our money that the public has a right to know the results of the investigation. Meanwhile, the standard reply when anyone asks about the results of an investigation involving a carbon based life form is "that's a personnel matter and not public purview"

How much you wanna bet?

Then I HAD to ask "when is a debt not a debt" in response to postings on the VCH chat board from TRI and Lance Gilman employee and roommate Kris Thompson. He had posted the following about the \$48 million dollar debt (taken from two communications): "There is no "note" and there is no "debt."

"TRI and the County have a limited profit sharing agreement for surplus revenue coming out of TRI."

Since I've never heard of owing someone money and not having a debt with that person and I had never considered taxes profits and the utilization of those taxes to pay back a non-debt as profit sharing or surplus revenues not needing a home somewhere else in the county.....my inquiring mind just had to know.

The short answer is that due to the clever way that the Development and public private partnership agreement was written all of the money that Storey County carries in its budget as "TRI PAYBACK" is nothing really. No interest, no note, never have to pay it back if the county doesn't make over \$5 million OVER the expenses out at TRI. But if we do take in over \$5 million in tax revenue over expenses then we have to pay TRI back 35 cents on every dollar above the \$5million for the non-debt.

Oh, and the County's own Debt Management Commission, comprised of Marshall McBride, Pat Whitten, Gary Hames, Laura Kekule and Terry Croxton have deemed it a non-debt.

This is fortuitous since the County, by statute, cannot carry a debt greater than 10% of the county's assessed valuation which is \$558 Million as of the last report...which means it can't carry more than \$54,541 million in debt. SO...by not calling the "TRI PAYBACK" a debt the county can continue to get other loans and indebted instruments!

Then the bit about the "profit share agreement" and "surplus revenues".....that got shot down by Marshall who said..." I don't think I'd use the term profit sharing...."

Like I said....who needs marijuana when you have these meetings......

Lastly, Sam Toll got up to say that "words mean things" ...taxes/fees/licenses are not "profit"....they are revenues paid by residents in this county so that government can do its job of serving the people.....not talk about profit.

talk about profit.

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TRIC Executive Shoves Foot in Mouth – Part Three

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Editor

Another Storey Teller post, another slam dance in the mosh pit that is the Virginia City Highlands email chat group with TRIC Project Manager, Storey County Planning Commissioner and Lance Gillman bunkmate Kris Thompson.

This time, Mr. Thompson took umbrage with the article we posted about the residence he used to claim county residence. You can read about the **criminal complaint we filed here**.

In an effort to divert attention away from the facts, he referred to me as a hyprcrite for calling him out. My response contains facts that shed light into why the TRIC park is a great thing for Northern Nevada but not so great for the Taxpayers and residents of Storey County.

For those of you who don't bother with the "irrelevant" VCH Chat Group, I'll post Mr Thompson's prose, my response and then a few other comments from the peanut gallery.

From Mr Thompson:

This will respond to Mr. Toll.

I hope all the readers see the glaring hypocrisy here...

The Barde/Toll/Carmona cabal has lectured us all for months now about how Storey County should not spend ONE PENNY on economic development. Not one penny. And they always lecture us about how the County helping to create 10,000 jobs out here and \$1.6 billion in taxable sales has actually been a stupid move they say....and that all of us are idiots for thinking TRI has been a success for the County. They nitpick and harangue every single financial decision made by the County.

But now they gleefully have filed complaints, apparently in every possible county department, in an effort to "get" or "hurt" Lance and I. This is causing the County to spend massive amounts of payroll time and expense, funded by you good taxpayers, on their personal vendetta to try to hurt Lance and I.

The hypocrisy in this is just rich.

Thanks for considering my post....

I think my good judgment is now reasserting control over my fingers and I hope I can ignore posts from these three in the future...but boy this is a good one to end on as it shows the true

colors of this crew....

Thanks for considering my post.

Kris

My reply:

Mr. Thompson

The complaint was filed by me. Mr Carmona and Ms Barde knew nothing about it until they read about it on The Teller. Don't suggest otherwise as it is disingenuous.

Thinks we are here to nitpick and harangue every financial decision made by the County. As I reminded him at the most recent Commissioners Meeting (which you can read Ms Barde's dissection of here), words matter. Calling our tax revenue "profit" matters. Not referring to the \$50 million Dollar TRIC credit card as "debt" matters.

I would use scrutinize in place of nitpicking. I am looking into the details of the facts to see if they are in the best interest of **all county taxpayers** or a select few.

I would use criticize in place of harangue. I consider it the duty of every citizen to criticize leadership if they see what they consider to be wrongdoing.

It's about as bedrock American as it gets.

Since the Comstock Chronicle is nothing more than a collection of pom-pom waving fluffers for Comstock Mining, TRIC and the "leadership" cabal inside the Courthouse, someone has to shine the light of day on the goings on and watch the cockroaches scurry.

If that makes Mr Thompson uncomfortable, that should tell you, kind reader, something...

Here are some **facts** to consider about this post

- 1.6 Billion in taxable sales will result in perhaps 5.5 Million to Storey County. 5.5 Million (according to Controller Gallagher) is a GREAT number. However, it represents 0.0034375% of the taxable sales. 3.4 hundredths of a percent. Which means the tax abatements negate any real windfall on these one time, non-recurring sales.
- 1.6 billion in sales are spectacular for companies around the world, around Northern Nevada and in Reno specifically, but the cash is not spent in Storey County.
- 5.5 Million in tax revenue is GREAT, but... 35% of that "profit" goes to pay the TRIC Note/Debt/Credit Card/Whatever you call it. So that means we get 3,575,000 of "profit" I mean tax revenue to spend. That represents 0.002234375% of the taxable sales.

According to the Annual Tesla review done by GOED (which you can read here), the Tesla factory employed 896 folks and Panasonic employed 440 folks. They are paid 38.36 per

hour. This is GREAT, but how many people from Storey County are employed at Tesla and Panasonic?

According to the same report, there were a remarkable 5947 construction jobs created. This is GREAT, but these jobs will vanish once the construction is done. How many people from Storey County are employed building the GigaFactory?

Again, words matter. Hypocrisy is defined as the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behaviour does not conform. There is no hypocrisy here. I didn't run for office. I didn't commit perjury when I filed my complaint. In order for hypocrisy to occur, I would need to be guilty of the offence I am accusing Mr Thompson and Mr Gilman of.

Mr Thompson has filed public records to request every email from the Sheriff's office that contained in the email Lance Gilman, Kris Thompson, Roger Norman and TRIC for the last ten years. Every email. Read. Printed. I wonder how much money that cost the good taxpayers. Actual hypocrisy.

Mr Thompson has requested Storey County Sheriff Office incident reports in the proximity of Mustang Ranch for the last ten years to determine if the Sheriff's Office is conducting systematic harassment of Mustang Ranch patrons (Incidents dropped from the days of Sheriff Miller under Sheriff Antinoro). I wonder how big the massive amounts of payroll, time and expense went into these vendettas? More hypocrisy.

I didn't have a shred of glee when I filed my report. Disgust was closer to my sentiment.

In my complaint, I am providing facts that reveal the criminal act of lying to the State of Nevada and We The People of Storey County. I insist elected officials follow the law. If that "gets" or "hurts" Mr Thompson or Mr Gilman, I rest my case...

If Mr Thompson would care to debate the above facts, I double dog dare him to.

But since his vow of silence has been once again sworn, the facts can stand.

Sam Toll – Editor

Kris,

If you insist on spewing your propaganda, at least attempt to get your facts right. You chastise up/down/left and right about incorrect facts posted on here but you are the worst about posting untruths. Virtually everything you posted below is incorrect in one way or another but since you've been doing it since day one on this Chat Group...most of the readers know better. Keep up your asinine posts, they worked extremely well during the recall.

Jay Carmona

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Kris, with all due respect, here is my concern:

During the recall, the subject of your "residence" came up. It has come up again and it is alleged that the home address you've provided is not a residence or even zoned residential. If this is true, how can I, or anyone, believe what you say? For me, this issue has raised a huge red flag toward your credibility. Can you assure me that you and Mr. Gilman actually are roommates and that the address you supplied as your residence is, in fact; 1) your home 2) legally zoned for a residence?

I am not part of some "cabal" or "tin-foil hat" group. I am not playing some gotcha game. I am a Storey county resident asking you a sincere question. I would like to believe you but if the allegations prove true, you will have no credibility with me.

Thank you for considering my post.

Maggie on Adobe

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