LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

October 7, 2020

Meeting called to order 5PM.

**Minutes** approved. Donna, etc.

Treasurer Dave Rib reported. Balance same as last month.

**Sheriff Sgt. Dana Weinberg.** Reported on the multiple marijuana busts they are doing.

**Mike Mumford of CHP**. Have been stopping multiple vehicles and impounding those in violation. They do have to release vehicle after violations have been addressed. Much discussion about the overwhelming number of water trucks and what can be done to stop them.

**Fire Marshall Mike Horton** talking about illegal burns happening out here. Working with sheriff and code enforcement to get a handle on the illegal activity going on. There are a number of structure fires around the center of town that are being investigated. A fatal structure fire last night – too soon to comment. **Fire Chief Daniel Munsey.** Commented about firefighting out here in the desert. Wants to return the community-based firefighting so that they live in the communities they work. Re FP-5, the new fire tax. There will be a vote on the ballot to repeal the tax. Facts: the fire district is a special district, not a part of the County and is not supposed to be funded out of the general fund. The Supervisors are the board of the district. No matter what tax gets collected to pay for the district, they will deliver the best service they can safely within that budget. We need a new fire station, cost $5.5million. How to pay for that? Need another engine, cost $750,000. Need another ambulance. 1. Will figure out a way to hire locals and be community based. 2. Communicate better with the local communities. 3. Cooperators. Not stand alone. Work well with other agencies and locales.

**Dawn Rowe**. Measure K makes the job of supervisor part time and limits to one term. Downsides: bureaucrats even more in control, not elected persons. One term means official never has to face voters again. Measure J is County charter reform. Reduces compensation of supervisors. Forces special election to fill vacant seat on Board. County medical officer can pass rules that are stricter than state law. This forces it to be approved by a vote of supervisors.

Chuck Bell: Planning Commission approved County-Wide Plan and it will go before Board of Supervisors soon. We need to input and push to keep our Lucerne Valley 2007 Plan.

**Peter Livingston for LVUSD** Enrollment up to 846 students this year. Litigation against the state for changing funding procedures leaving LV without funding. Fighting the battle to get kids back to school under the circumstances of being in (State’s) ‘purple’ classification. Need to get high school and middle school open.

Free flu shot available at the Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10 to 2.

Pending Chimney Rock presentation by Museum Assn.

Meeting adjourned 6:30