



**CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT  
CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA**

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**\*\*\*\*NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING\*\*\*\***

**AGENDA**  
**PLEASE POST**

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Churchill County Administrative Building, Commission Chambers,  
155 North Taylor Street Suite 145, Fallon, Nevada

**DATE & TIME:** December 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM

**TYPE OF MEETING:** Regularly Scheduled CC Communications Management Meeting

**If you wish to make public comment, you may provide them at the meeting or via email, no later than 4:30 PM the day before the meeting, to [shelly.bunyard@cccomm.co](mailto:shelly.bunyard@cccomm.co).**

**Notes:**

- I. These meetings are subject to the provisions of Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241). Except as otherwise provided for by law, these meetings are open and public.***
- II. Action will be taken on all Agenda items, unless otherwise noted.***
- III. The Agenda is a tentative schedule. The CC Communications Management Board may act upon Agenda items in a different order than is stated in this notice – so as to affect the people’s business in the most efficient manner possible.***
- IV. In the interest of time, the CC Communications Management Board reserves the right to impose uniform time limits upon matters devoted to public comment.***
- V. Any statement made by a member of the CC Communications Management Board during the public meeting is absolutely privileged.***
- VI. All persons participating in the meetings are put on notice that an audio and video***

*recording is made of these meetings.*

**AGENDA:**

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Public Comment.**
3. **Verification of Posting of Agenda.**
4. **Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised.**
5. **Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:**
  - A. October 2, 2025
6. **New Business.**
  - A. Consideration and possible action re: Opening a new bank account at a local institution to obtain a Letter of Credit.
  - B. Consideration and possible action re: continuation of Spring Creek Association Grant construction during grant extension evaluation period.
7. **Reports: General Manager Report.**
8. **Affidavit of Posting:**
9. **Public Comment.**
10. **Adjournment.**

STATE OF NEVADA       )  
                                      : ss.  
County of Churchill     )

*I, **Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant**, do hereby affirm that I posted, or caused to be posted, a copy of this notice of public meeting, on or before the **26th day of November, 2025** between the hours of **1 pm and 5 pm**, at the following locations in Churchill County, Nevada:*

1. *Churchill County Administration Building, 155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV;*
2. *The CC Communications Website @ [www.cccomm.info](http://www.cccomm.info);*
3. *The State of Nevada Website @ <https://notice.nv.gov/>.*



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***Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant***

***Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant, who was subscribed and sworn to before me this November 26, 2025***



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**Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board**

**Endnotes:**

**Disclosures:**

*\*CC Communications is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

**Accommodations/Nondiscrimination:**

*\*Notice to Persons with Disabilities: Members of the public who are disabled and require special assistance or accommodations at the meeting are requested to notify the CC Communications Executive Office in writing at P.O. Box 1390, Fallon, NV 89407 (Attn: Shelly Bunyard), or by calling 775-423-7171 ext. 1215 at least two days in advance.*

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. Fax: (202)690-7442; or
3. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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*\*The public meetings may be conducted according to rules of parliamentary procedure.*

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*\*The CC Communications Management Board reserves the right to restrict participation by persons in the public meeting where the conduct of such persons is willfully disruptive to the people's business.*

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## **MINUTES OF THE CC COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT**

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406**

**October 2, 2025**

### **Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the CC Communications was called to order at 11:00 AM on October 2, 2025.

PRESENT: Commissioner Matt Hyde  
Commissioner Eric Blakey  
General Manager Mark Feest  
Chief Financial Officer Jamie Hyde  
Administrative Assistant Shelly Bunyard

ABSENT: Commissioner Myles Getto

### **Public Comment:**

Chair Matt Hyde asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

### **Verification of Posting of Agenda:**

It was verified by Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025 between the hours of 1 pm and 5 pm at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

### **Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:**

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

### **Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:**

#### **A- August 7, 2025**

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on August 7, 2025 as submitted. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

### **New Business:**

#### **A- Consideration and possible action re: NUSF application status update.**

Mark Feest, CC Communications. In May 2025, this board approved CC Communications to make an application to the Nevada Universal Service Fund and incur those associated costs. On September 23, 2025, the PUCN Staff filed comments in Docket 24-12030 which was an Investigation to Explore NUSF Issues. This docket has had several public meetings and until time it was cued up as an attempt to put rules to the legislation that established the NUSF fund. When staff came out with their comments and recommendations, they argued that the fund has served its purpose and is no longer applicable and should therefore be terminated.

In the staff's conclusion, they believe that disbursements from the Nevada Universal Service Fund are no longer necessary to support insular, rural and high-cost areas because the purpose of the fund has been satisfied. They also say the Nevada Universal Service Fund the Commission should exercise its authority to cap the fund, consider asking for a legislative change to the management of the fund, and use a "big picture" method for determining each

company's need in a general rate case. In my opinion that means, right now for example, our Switch is for Intra-LATA service that is required by the Feds. Because local telephone, Intra-LATA telephone and telephone in general isn't used that much, it actually costs us more to provide that service than we can sell it for. We are mandated to reach every signal home with that service. That is why we are saying the state service is separated at a federal level and at the state service we would like USF from you. They are saying if you're making money on your Inter-LATA, serving a data center, or whatever it is you're selling, that is the big picture. You're not losing money, so you should internally subsidize this service that you're mandated to do, and people don't want it. When they ask for all of your revenues across the entity, they try to determine if you can afford to internally subsidize. I don't believe they previously had the right to tell you that you must internally subsidize. They are looking for some sort of change so they can do that.

The second thing the staff argues is if a provider has competition, then they should not receive funds. If they are eligible to receive funds (no competition), then (a) it should be capped, (b) legislative changes are needed, and (c) "big picture" method should be used. They also mentioned that they can relieve the provider of last resort obligation, because we have an existing competitive market. The problem is that we will still have the federal mandate to be the provider of last resort. Then they're relieving us from providing a service and incurring the cost to provide a service doesn't actually relieve us of anything. It's very problematic what they have presented. We don't have a lot of indication of how the Public Utility Commissioners themselves feel about this.

This will be staff's position that in the event the Commissioners themselves agree or two out of three agree, it may require legislative change. If something negative occurs it would potentially terminate the fund in the period of time that we were talking about receiving those NUSF funds. The best course of action right now is to go into a holding pattern so we can see whether or not we are even going to have the opportunity to receive those funds before we expend what we estimated, which was \$400,000.00 to do the process.

I will leave it up to the District Attorney to determine whether or not a motion is needed or if we meet with our consultants and the District Attorney's Office that represents us and we can just put a hold on this or if we need a motion to put a hold on this.

District Attorney, Arthur Mallory. (Inaudible, for failure to use microphone)

Commissioner Eric Blakey. Have you reviewed the comment letter from Beehive and E4 Connect in Lincoln County, that was submitted on the 23rd?

Mark Feest, CC Communications. We have regular meetings as part of the Nevada Telecomm Associations which is the incumbent. I have and I have talked with them about what they want to do. NTA is going to decide our course of action as a group. One issue with that is, AT&T is the largest contributor to the NUSF fund, but they are also a LEC. They don't receive money from the NUSF fund, but they are footing a significant piece of the bill. As a trade organization, the Nevada Telecommunication Association has at least one member if not two members that would potentially veto that trade organization acting as a whole to object or submit comments.

Commissioner Eric Blakey. I was just wondering our name was not on that comment letter but we sort of align with their thought process.

Mark Feest, CC Communications. Yes, that's correct. I will just note, they had people sign that who were already receiving funds.

Commissioner Eric Blakey made a motion to suspend the application process for NUSF until a future date. Commissioner Matt Hyde seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

**Reports: General Manager Report:**

1. Transport Network Update
  - a. Migration is complete
    - i. BTI equipment has been removed on South route
    - ii. North route BTI equipment is in process of being removed
    - iii. One customer is not functioning with required parameters on one link.  
We are working with the customer and vendors to determine issue.
  - b. Continue working on Colo agreements for partners in Northern Nevada and adjacent rural networks
  - c. Reviewing dark fiber lease options for statewide network
    - i. Increase ability for NNI intrastate and interstate
    - ii. Increase geographic redundancy as TRIC and surrounding areas buildout data centers
    - iii. Increase redundancy for our Internet customers
  - d. Network evolution
    - i. October 13 -14, 2025 meeting
      1. Ribbon, JSI Engineering, CC Communications, and adjacent carrier
      2. Intention is to understand options for achieving C above and create an action plan
2. C15
  - a. Complete
  - b. TNS Contract complete for new Sigtran to replace SS7
    - i. Transitioned to Sigtran
      1. SS7 has been terminated
3. Virginia City
  - a. About 90% complete with VC and Gold Hill
  - b. Minimal Splicing and drops remain
    - i. Initial customers are turned up
    - ii. Storey County is turned up and very happy with their speeds
  - c. Engineering and estimating on VC Highlands in progress
4. YPT
  - a. Environmental returned
  - b. Ordering equipment
  - c. Getting aligned with YPT

- i. Schedules
  - ii. Materials
  - iii. permitting
- 5. FPST
  - a. Equipment is being ordered
  - b. SoW and budget changes at NTIA
- 6. Te Moak
- 7. WRPT
- 8. NTIA
  - i. Completed draft for extension to completion date for SCA. This is an iterative process with our Program Officer providing input.
    - 1. This has been submitted
    - 2. Gov't shut down effects are unknown at this time
- 9. HR
  - a. New HR Generalist Hannah Reichert has started
  - b. Business Dev/Marketing Manager is working through the 30-90 day milestones. The offer letter includes 1 year of milestones that will be reported weekly
  - c. Marketing Coordinator position is open

**Affidavit of Posting:**

**Public Comment:**

Chair Matty Hyde asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

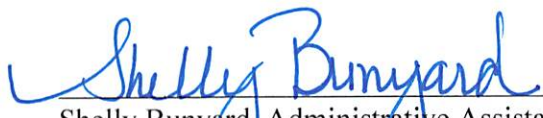
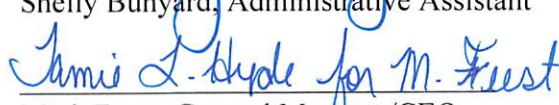
**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Hyde, Chairman

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eric Blakey, Vice Chairman

APPROVED: ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_  
Myles Getto, Commissioner

  
Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant  
  
Mark Feest, General Manager/CEO





## CC Communications Agenda Report

**Date Submitted:** November 25, 2025

**Agenda Item #:** New Business - A

**Meeting Date Requested:** December 4, 2025

**To:** Board of Churchill County Commissioners

**From:** Jamie Hyde, Chief Financial Officer

**Subject Title:** Consideration and possible action re: Opening a new bank account at a local institution to obtain a Letter of Credit.

**Type of Action Requested:** Accept

**Does this action require a Business Impact Statement?** No

**Recommend Board Action:** motion for authorization to open a new bank account and transfer up to \$1,000,000.00 in operating funds to obtain a Letter of Credit.

**Discussion:** Letter of Credit or a surety bond is required for vendor applications to perform on various grants. We cannot obtain a surety bond because we are a government entity and have no principal to indemnify us. We requested a Letter of Credit from our current bank, Wells Fargo, and they are not interested in fulfilling the requirement. The reasons given by Wells Fargo include: the small amount for the Letter of Credit, original ask was \$10,000, and the time frame for duration of Letter of Credit. In discussions with Wells Fargo, they stated the minimum amount for a Letter of Credit request with them is \$1,000,000 and the duration of time is usually the period of performance. The vendor is asking for the Letter in perpetuity, which Wells Fargo said is abnormal. I have reached out to two local banks to request a Letter of Credit and gather the requirements to obtain the Letter, Nevada State Bank and First Independent Bank. I have had an initial discussion with NV State Bank and am awaiting a response as of the time of this agenda report from FIB. In initial discussions with NV State Bank, I provided the Letter of Credit requirements to them, and they gave me an estimated minimum Credit amount of \$250,000. I am asking for authorization to open a new operating account with one of the aforementioned local banks and transfer funds from Wells Fargo operating account not to exceed \$1,000,000 to fund an account solely for the purpose of obtaining the minimum dollar amount for a Letter of Credit.

**Alternatives:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Explanation of Impact:**


**Funding Source:**

**Prepared By:** Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant

**Reviewed By:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Feest, General Manager

Date: November 26, 2025


  
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Jamie Hyde, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 26, 2025

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**Board Action Taken:**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

1)	None	_____	<b>Aye:</b>	_____
2)	None	_____	<b>Nay:</b>	_____

  
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(Vote Recorded By)

The submission of this agenda report by county officials is not intended, necessarily, to reflect agreement as to a particular course of action to be taken by the board; rather, the submission hereof is intended, merely, to signify completion of all appropriate review processes in readiness of the matter for consideration and action by the board.



## CC Communications Agenda Report

**Date Submitted:** November 26, 2025

**Agenda Item #:** New Business - B

**Meeting Date Requested:** December 4, 2025

**To:** Board of Churchill County Commissioners

**From:** Mark Feest, General Manager / CEO

**Subject Title:** Consideration and possible action re: continuation of Spring Creek Association Grant construction during grant extension evaluation period.

**Type of Action Requested:** Accept

**Does this action require a Business Impact Statement?** No

**Recommend Board Action:** motion to approve continuation of Spring Creek Association Grant construction during grant extension evaluation period.

**Discussion:** The Elko County NTIA Grant, of which CC Communications is the sub-recipient, has a current completion date of November 28, 2025. While Elko County submitted their requested extension in a timely manner, a combination of factors have prevented a final approval extending the period of performance. Work performed by CC Communications after 11/28/2025 is NOT guaranteed to be reimbursed under the grant. If the extension is granted, then any work performed between 11/29/2025 and the extension time period WILL be reimbursed. If the extension is not granted, then work after 11/28/2025 WILL NOT be reimbursed. Pausing work at this time would create scheduling and cost increases to start back up. For that reason, and our anticipation that the extension will be granted soon, CC Communications has continued working. Issuing a stop order would likely still require two to four weeks of work to tie up loose ends and clean up the site. Incremental reimbursable costs of continuing work (additional costs that are not potentially reimbursed) run approximately \$26,000/ week (average over the last three months). It is management's recommendation that we proceed until the January meeting, at which time we will come back to the Board with an update regarding the extension status. If an extension has not been granted, the Board will need to determine whether CC Communications continues while awaiting final extension determination. If, during that period we receive a denial, CC Communications will commence with terminating the project.

**Alternatives:** Issue a stop work order and potentially incur additional costs to restart. This will be both money and time. The latter will place the project at jeopardy of not being completed during the requested/granted extension period.

**Fiscal Impact:** In the event the grant is not extended, CC Communications risks not being reimbursed approximately \$130,000 that would have otherwise been eligible for reimbursement.

**Explanation of Impact:** In the event the grant is not extended, CC Communications risks not being reimbursed approximately \$130,000 that would have otherwise been eligible for reimbursement.


**Funding Source:** Current budget

**Prepared By:** Shelly Bunyard, Administrative Assistant

**Reviewed By:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Feest, General Manager

Date: November 26, 2025

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jamie Hyde, Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 26, 2025

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**Board Action Taken:**

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_

1)	None	_____	<b>Aye:</b>	_____
2)	None	_____	<b>Nay:</b>	_____

  
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(Vote Recorded By)

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