

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 23, 2016 AT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY AQUATICS CENTER, 1111 VETERANS BLVD., ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

Gary Perea, Chairman
Carol McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Laurie Carson, Commissioner
Mike Coster, Commissioner
Richard Howe, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Megan Brown, Aquatics Center Director
Dan Watts, WPC Sheriff
Bunny Hill, Social Services Director
Bill Miller, Road Maint. Superintendent
Scott Henriod, Capt., Sheriff's Dept.
Dahn Pucket, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Ricci, Human Resources Director
Elanie Calderwood, Financial Analyst
Mike Wheable, District Attorney
Brett Waters, WPC District Fire Chief
Stephen Bishop, Ely Justice of the Peace
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Director

Also Present

George Chachas, KGTV-10
Geri Wopschall
Ron Miller
Donna Bath, Senator Dean Heller
Maxine Lantz, Victim & Witness Services
Ross Johnson, Ely Times
Brittany Carter, Lund Community Center
Ann Hamilton, Lund Community Center
Sandy McGowan, Lund Community Center
Matthew Carter, Lund Community Center
David Harley
Nathan Robertson, NNRY

Chairman Gary Perea called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Mike Coster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Social Services Director Bunny Hill reported that there is a film crew from the United Kingdom coming in to film the entire Silver State Classic Challenge race, from Las Vegas up to Ely and back down to Las Vegas.

Mr. George Chachas presented various ongoing concerns to the Board: That it isn't appearing on the agenda regarding Tourism & Recreation Board members not meeting requirements for membership. That the RTC Chairman has not produced information which has been requested for some time, and Mr. Chachas is calling for his replacement. The RTC project on Orson Avenue still has deficiencies that haven't been addressed. And he added, now the Board is coming to the taxpayer asking to initiate new taxes. ADA compliance has yet to be met on 3 corners at Avenue C and 11th Street; also, people are parking on the sidewalks over there. He asked why we even have the RTC and the Planning Commission if they don't do their jobs. Next he had a complaint about the \$29,000 we're paying for the Building Inspector who's shared with the City; he understood we would be paying ½ of his salary, not \$29,000 over and above what he already makes with the City. He commented that the County is top heavy already, "you're draining us and we aren't getting anything back." As of 10/7/15 he again asked the Planning Commission for an updated copy of Home Occupation permits and has yet to receive it; he also cited the business "Got Water" with respect to not paying fees. Chairman Gary Perea noted the issue of

"Got Water" has been brought up before; Mr. Chachas maintained no fees are being paid. Mr. Chachas was informed his time was up, and if he wanted to consider something he should use the agenda request forms that are available on the Internet.

Commissioner Mike Coster advised of the passing of Mrs. Margaret Bath last week; the entire Commission expressed sympathy to Mr. Tom Bath and the family.

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 9:15 a.m., Road Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Road Commission meeting and opened the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 9:26 a.m., Fire Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

ORDINANCES, FIRST READINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, DECISIONS
FIRST READING

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 461, BILL NO. 03-23-2016:
AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF NRS 490 PERTAINING TO THE
OPERATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ON WHITE PINE COUNTY PUBLIC ROADS**

Commissioner Mike Coster explained this agenda item is to take the ideas that were discussed previously to allow the small, single-seat ATVs to utilize County roads and cross State highways for the purposes of recreation. He cited the draft in the Commission packet and referenced the Restriction section at the end, on the bottom of page 1, under 11.60.4. Section A is a County-created restriction requiring the ATV operator to have a drivers license, or if they are an unlicensed operator, to be accompanied by a licensed person who can control it. Section B is taken specifically from the NRS that addresses compliance with State traffic laws, and also that the operator be licensed with the State by having stickers affixed to the ATV. The riders must also wear helmets while on the roads. Section C was in response to a local need, specifically for areas like Cross Timbers and Lund where there are horses on the roads and where ATVs could create an issue. Language was included so the ATV operator must yield to horse activities. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked about mountain bikes; Commissioner Coster noted that motorized vehicles already must yield to bicycles and mountain bikes could be included there. WPC Sheriff Dan Watts advised that mountain bikes, bicycles, etc. have to abide by all the motor vehicle laws when they are on the roadways. Commissioner Coster continued with Section D, which is also a local restriction. This one isn't required by the State, but it calls for the ATVs to be equipped with specific lights and reflectors. Those must be used unless flags are used; he noted flags with mountain brackets cost about \$11 and that safety has to be a big focus in this Ordinance. It was clarified that the lights don't have to be on if a flag is mounted on the ATV. Commissioner Coster noted that the District Attorney hadn't had the opportunity to review this draft Ordinance prior to today's meeting. District Attorney Mike Wheable, upon reading the draft, felt that in Section 11 under 60.2 there are two sentences that seem redundant, allowing the ATVs to be used for access/ingress on private and public property. Commissioner Coster noted that per NRS, we can designate points of crossing on State highways. There was some discussion, during which Commissioner Laurie Carson noted the White River Campgrounds and the White River Ranch both have property encompassing Highway 6, and it was understood that ATVs can cross Highway 6 to access those areas. Commissioner Carol McKenzie emphasized that they may cross the highway, but not drive along on the highway, citing the restriction under Section B. Sheriff Dan Watts advised they can go 2 miles down the highway to get across, and that's in the NRS, just to clarify. Commissioner Coster added that this Ordinance doesn't affect the City of Ely, as they have their own jurisdiction concerning ATVs. Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller asked about restrictions on some of the high-speed roads in the County, such as Cherry Creek, Cave Lake Road, etc. Sheriff Watts noted that unless the speed limit is posted, every County road has a speed limit of 50 mph. Captain Scott

Henriod advised that the Sheriff's Dept. has lots of issues with this Ordinance, and wished to go on record that they don't support this due to the safety issues that are out there. However, should this Ordinance pass, they are requesting the following: (1) To add that all ATV operators must have motor vehicle insurance. (2) There must only be a single occupant on an ATV; by allowing an additional person on there, he advised they just go flying in an accident, and "it doesn't end well." (3) Also regarding State highways; on 490 there is a trail there and the ATV may go down 490 only as far as to access the other half of the trail. (4) They would disagree with the age restriction under Section A; all operators need to be licensed, and this wouldn't include learner's permits as they would require an adult. (5) Last, Capt. Henriod noted that fines and penalties need to be included in the Ordinance as well so people can be cited for violations. He advised that's very important, and a couple of existing Ordinances don't include the fines which means there are "no teeth to demand compliance or issue citations." Commissioner Richard Howe agreed with Capt. Henriod's suggestions, with the exception of having only one operator on an ATV. He noted that with a learner's permit, you would need someone to accompany them who does have a drivers' license, and he's often seen 2 people riding an ATV. He cited different instances, such as when a parent is training their son to drive a car, the same would apply. He felt the language should allow a second person for that reason. Sheriff Watts explained that restriction just follows the manufacturer's recommendations, in that it would be unsafe if there were 2 riders. Capt. Henriod commented that if this Ordinance is passed, it would open a can of worms no matter what. Commissioner Coster advised that he was told at the County level, we can't require insurance; Capt. Henriod responded that if the ATV is operating on a public street, however, it could be required. Commissioner Coster felt that we don't prohibit the law-abiding public from doing something when only 7.5% of the public breaks the law. Commissioner Howe advised that as to the age restriction, he knows lots of younger kids work on ranches, etc. and they could be skilled at riding ATVs even at 8 years of age. He added that kids with BMX experience as well as other similar riding experiences would also qualify since they were trained when very young and are therefore quite skilled as well. Commissioner Coster advised that we would change our minds, though, if a fatal accident occurred with a 15-year old. Discussion continued with ideas such as a mandatory driving school for the first ATV violation; a Citywide speed limit of 5 mph—a fast walk—if the City pursues their Ordinance, and even a course for non-drivers. D.A. Wheable cited a couple of NRS' that might help to clarify some of this, such as NRS 490.100(2), NRS 490.100(3), and NRS 490.110(2). Following further discussion, Chairman Perea advised there are many ideas being brought forward, and while he understands the Sheriff's Dept. being in opposition of such an Ordinance, even the State is passing laws to allow for these things. Capt. Henriod cautioned against comparing the OHV laws to the ATV laws, which are different. It was the consensus of the Board that another first reading will be held at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Coster will meet with D.A. Wheable on this and return to the Board with options and recommendations per today's discussion.

At 10:08 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a break. The meeting was reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

10:00 A.M. – PRESENTATION

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: ACQUISITION OF THE LUND GRADE SCHOOL FROM WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Brittany Carter, Lund Grade School Committee, presented this to the Board. She began by briefly noting the history of the Lund Grade School from 1915 forward, with its current status as a community center. She cited the map provided to the Board and explained the different lots of land and sales that accumulated over the years, such as Lot 1 sold in 1925, another in 1935, and another later in 1974. A committee was formed with the intent to combine all of the school districts that had been created within

the small communities, as she explained. There have been many recent improvements to the community center, such as painting the center both indoors and out; an internet provider who donated 3 computers; and during the past 2 weeks, the Eagle Scouts have revamped the basketball court with new benches. Ms. Carter advised that the School District has been allowing the community's use of the center, but now they are facing budget issues and some cuts are foreseen in the near future. She stated closure of the center would devastate their community, as it's heavily utilized. When she discussed the matter with School District Superintendent Bob Dolezal, he had felt it would be more beneficial for the district not to retain ownership of that building. Ms. Carter asked if the County would be willing to accept the Lund Community Center. During the discussion, Chairman Gary Perea commented that he knows how important that center is to their community, with many activities taking place there, and it's a great facility. The problem is the County budget; he explained we're trying to figure out how to cut expenses and reduce liabilities. He didn't feel we could take on the maintenance, upkeep and utility costs of this building at this point in time. However, he continued, the Board might consider a partnership with another entity, or perhaps a foundation could be sought to assist. Commissioner Richard Howe felt that the building wouldn't be a liability, it would be an asset for the County; also, if this was to take place as presented we would own it in perpetuity. He added the community could also assist with in-kind services. While he knows the condition of our budget, he continued, he feels that the Lund community would help maintain it and do a lot of the work; he noted much has been done already. Ms. Carter cited the budget provided in the power point for the building; as of February, less than \$3,000 has been spent on the building and while initial estimates were \$9,000 for annual upkeep she felt it would be closer to \$6,000/year instead. She added that the Lund Museum will also be relocated there, which will increase the value of the building as well. There is a grant going forward for the museum, and the grant money could also be used to help with some of the expenses. Financial Analyst Elanie Calderwood advised that while there's enough monies in their fund balance to support this, it wouldn't be sustainable in the future. Commissioner Carol McKenzie advised that while we can't commit the Board to do this immediately, perhaps Ms. Carter and their committee could find funding to take care of it, such as from the Heritage Foundation for example. Ms. Carter explained that since the School District owns it, they can't obtain grants; but if a community or a County owned it, then grants could be made available. Commissioner Howe noted that if the School District sells it to someone else, we will have missed our opportunity to obtain another asset for the County. During the discussion, Ms. Carter advised that Superintendent Dolezal had been leaning towards just wanting to recoup the \$100,000 that the district had already put into the Community Center. Following further discussion, the Board felt Ms. Carter could approach the School District to see if they might be willing to partner with us, or another entity, and see what they might have to say regarding the Community Center with what we've discussed today. The Board thanked her for the presentation; Ms. Carter thanked the County for all the work they've done on the Lund Community Center.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COMMISSION:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC INPUT AND OUTREACH TO FUTURE ROAD TAX USES AND DESIGNATION OF COUNTY STAFF TO COORDINATE AND REPORT ON PUBLIC INPUT

Commissioner Mike Coster advised that if we want the public to be enthusiastic about supporting this, then the County needs to let them know what we'd be doing with the funds. He offered some suggestions, such as showing that a certain percentage would go to hardware for the Road Dept., a percentage would go to maintain existing road work, and also a percentage would go towards adoption of new roads in the County, namely those not currently being maintained. He didn't feel more time/effort/money should be put into this without finding out what's on the public's "wish list." He

continued that we need to do our best to provide information that would help the voters make informed decisions, and that they wouldn't just be dealing with "a new tax." Chairman Gary Perea felt that the pros and cons explanations for the ballot questions that the Ballot Committee is working on, would help with that. WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that the pros/cons are both being advertised in the paper and included in the Sample Ballots. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that while that committee can't prioritize the roads that would be considered by the Commission, a list could be provided of roads that might be identified for possible maintenance via use of some of those road tax funds. Chairman Perea cautioned that it is unknown if we could provide exact figures or percentages of what the funds would be spent on, though. During the discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster advised these new funds would not be going into new roads as a blanket deal, as there are already roads being maintained with funding that is already stretched to the limit. However, a portion could possibly be used for new roads. Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller advised that we would be generating those monies via a special fund at the State level, but they would be earmarked for White Pine County's highway projects, as he explained. He added there are a lot of roads that could be included on our County's list, and there are also Ordinances in place to provide standards for those; however, there are also many roads that don't meet specifications, such as the requirement of a 60' wide easement. Chairman Perea urged the public to attend Ballot Committee meetings and provide their input. Also, while the Commission can't advocate for one side or the other, more information is definitely in order to help make informed decisions. It was felt a Town Hall meeting could be held regarding the taxes to be addressed by the ballot questions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF PROCESS FOR TAKING AND EVALUATING CONFORMING PRIVATE ROADS FOR ADOPTION AS MAINTAINED COUNTY ROADS

Commissioner Mike Coster appreciated Chairman Gary Perea's separating this from the prior agenda item, but he felt we need to get the matters addressed in that agenda item moving before this could take place. For example, he asked about the rating criteria we would use to establish priorities; also, while we could conceivably come up with a proposed matrix, that would be considered later on. Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller noted that many people have asked him if some roads could be made County roads; with this 10-year tax put in place, that would affect such decisions as well.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: TO MAKE CHANGES TO WHITE PINE COUNTY EMS SPECIAL EVENTS/STANDBY FEES AND HOW THEY ARE ASSESSED – THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR FINAL APPROVAL

Chairman Gary Perea noted that such events as the Horse Races have set up their budgets in the past, but without including rate increases for the EMS. He advised that these organizations do need to understand there will be an increase from what has been billed in the past. However, such events as the Silver State Classic Challenge has 3 ambulances; he felt just one fee to take care of all of those ambulances would apply, at our rate of \$100/hour, rather than charging separately for each one. His reasoning is that the larger events bring more monies into our community. During the discussion, Chairman Perea noted that last year the Board made changes in the middle of the events timetable, but that the County did need to recoup some costs. He felt that reducing the fee for multiple ambulance use for these events should be the only change we need to make. Commissioner Richard Howe advised that we should be consistent, though, with the fees we charge and not waive them, such as was done for the Girls' Softball Tourney recently, for example. That way, the private, non-profit or other groups will know what they will be charged in advance. He did agree that the Horse Races and the SSCC should be the exceptions. Chairman Perea clarified that the personnel in each ambulance would still be charged, but the ambulance fee itself--\$100/hour--would remain the same whether there are 1 or 4 ambulances for the large events. Commissioner Coster added that non-profit events should receive certain County services for no charge, but for-profit events should have to pay the fees. Social Services Director Bunny Hill advised that the

SSCC is a non-profit organization, in reply to a query from Commissioner Laurie Carson. Following further discussion, Chairman Perea requested WPC Fire District Chief Brett Waters to bring back the rate schedule including a flat rate for ambulances at large events, and the costs for personnel on those ambulances for each day. Director Hill added that the ambulances were also paid per mile during the SSCC events in the past.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THE GOALS THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE FOR A FINAL BUDGET

Financial Analyst Elanie Calderwood provided handouts to the Board and advised Finance Director Elizabeth Frances isn't present for today's meeting. The Board took a few minutes to review the memos, after which Chairman Gary Perea recommended that we have a budget that keeps \$500-550,000 in the fund balance for next year, although we are looking only to \$400-450,000 for this year. Commissioner Mike Coster felt everyone did well last year with their budgets but for the next 2 or 3 years we should keep not less than \$500-550,000 in there. We should be making stronger changes in the FY2016-2017 budget in order to do that, he felt. Commissioner Richard Howe noted that the Board will have to be making some hard decisions next week, in order to balance the budget. He continued that we all have to put aside our personal differences and work towards doing what's best for the County; while those hard decisions will affect people, he maintained the Board will have to stand firm. During the discussion, Chairman Perea felt that after the Department Head presentations are made the Board will need to say that they will need to cut "x" amount from their budgets, but also the Department Heads would have the discretion as to how that would be done. He continued that either blanket cuts or some other kind would need to be made, so long as we would keep moving forward; he noted that we might have to put some more money into the Contingency Fund to solve problems that may come up during the year. Commissioner Mike Coster added that the employees could also make contributions towards the County's insurance payments; District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that could be addressed during the budget hearings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: DISCUSSION OF NEVADA LANDS COUNCIL AND H.R. 1484 "HONOR THE NEVADA ENABLING ACT OF 1864 ACT," THE NEVADA BILL TO TRANSFER LAND – SOLICITATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Elko County Commissioner Demar Dahl addressed the Board regarding the American Lands Council/- Nevada Lands Council; he provided some history, beginning with the 1999 Travel Management Plan that came to Elko. That document, which stated no roads were to be closed, was not honored as many roads in Elko County were closed. White Pine County was one of the 64 counties that signed up to assist Elko County in the hearing that ensued as a result. Elko County was looking at how to get some local control over their natural resources, and thus the Nevada Lands Council was created. Work by Assemblyman John Ellison and Senator Pete Goicoechea resulted in AB 227, which sets up a task force to study the implications involved; Commissioner Dahl commended Commissioner Laurie Carson for her work on the task force, of which there were 17 members. Intertech provided an economic analysis that indicated we could afford the transfer of Federal lands to the State after all, as shown by the information and testimony gathered. He noted such groups as the Sierra Club and the Farm Bureau are also in favor of this. While the National Parks/National Monuments were taken off the table, he continued that all existing rights concerning fishing, prospecting, etc. would be transferred. Commissioner Dahl stated that "we wanted the public lands to remain public, and not be sold." HR 1484 was created, which concerns these issues. During his presentation, he noted that the Nevada Lands Council is spending funds for lobbyists to support HR 1484; all of their work is volunteer, and they are based in Elko. He is here today requesting some monetary support, although he admitted that this is a difficult time to be asking for funding. He assured the Board that monies aren't spent on travel/salary, but rather go for the lobbyists to

further this bill. For the Commissioners' information, he added that Elko County didn't budget for PILT and they don't get SRS funding, either. Following some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to include \$5,000 in next year's budget to be considered at the budget hearings. The Board thanked Commissioner Dahl for his presentation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: APPLICATION BY WHITE PINE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM AG OFFICE FOR VICTIM/WITNESS SERVICES PROGRAM

Victim & Witness Services Program Director Maxine Lantz advised that this grant is the "bread and butter" for standards of operation and training for police procedures, etc. She cited the information in the Commission packet regarding this grant. She explained that the match can be done in-kind by her and her staff's time, donations, mileage portions and also lodging if needed for indigent persons. The only problem she can see with achieving the in-kind match is possibly the rent and phone charges. She is asking the Board for permission to apply today. Director Lantz added this will continue to be under the District Attorney as overseer and for signatures. The Commission thanked her for all the work she and her staff does on this. Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve as requested.

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the application by White Pine County District Attorney to apply for grant funds from the Attorney General's Office for the Victim/Witness Services Program. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL FOR SALARY INCREASE FOR THE ELY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT JUDGE TO BE COMPENSATED AS ELECTED OFFICIALS SET FORTH BY SB 482

Human Resources Director Kathy Ricci made copies of SB 482 for the Board and provided some background history of this request. Financial Analyst Elanie Calderwood advised it would cost \$2,500 annually to bring Ely Justice of the Peace Stephen Bishop up to the level of the other elected officials. She noted this had been budgeted last July along with the other elected officials' increases, but the Justice of the Peace wasn't included in the NRS pertaining to this. Commissioner Richard Howe noted that when someone runs for office, they look at the salary, and that's what you're going to make. He wanted to know why the Justice of the Peace was excluded in the NRS. Judge Stephen Bishop noted it was based on caseloads; he also hoped the Board would pay him an amount comparable to the other officials, in order to be consistent. Commissioner Howe agreed that Judge Bishop shouldn't be isolated. Chairman Gary Perea cited the minutes provided in the Commission packet, noting that the increase was for the individual, and not setting policy for the Justice of the Peace position to be increased. He felt there are some areas where the Board doesn't have the control to limit costs, but this is one area where they can. Chairman Perea continued that this would be up to the discretion of future Commissions, but for now he suggested approving an increase of \$1,000 instead of \$2,500. Commissioner Mike Coster asked about revenues; Judge Bishop replied there are about 40 different areas that could be tapped for revenues in his budget. Judge Bishop also noted the agreement cited in the Commission packet was specific to Judge Ron Niman. Commissioner Howe felt the 3% increase would be fine; he does want equality for Judge Bishop. Director Ricci noted the longevity is set per NRS and it is specific to elected officials. District Attorney Mike Wheable suggested the Board could do 3% this year and revisit it next year, and address the longevity at a later date, as that's not listed in the agenda item. It was the consensus of the Board to table this for now and it was suggested Judge Bishop could include this as part of his budget presentation.

At 12:15 p.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a lunch break. The meeting was reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

SOCIAL SERVICES:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: TO SUBMIT A FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEVADA, DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION TO FUND THE OPERATION OF THE ELY BUS FROM OCT. 1, 2016 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,087 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$66,641. \$10,000 IN-KIND MATCH OF THE DIRECTORS WAGES, \$25,000 FROM WP CO. PUBLIC TRANSIT, \$20,000 FROM AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION AND \$11,641 FROM SOCIAL SERVICES ENDING FUND BALANCE AND/OR DONATIONS SECURED AFTER DEADLINE FOR GRANT SUBMITTAL

Social Services Director Bunny Hill advised that with this grant, she still has until September to come up with the match of \$66,641. She did, however, have to notify the State where the funds would be coming from, and she had reported it would come from her fund balance. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve submittal of a Federal grant application to the State of Nevada, Dept. of Transportation to fund the operation of the Ely Bus from Oct. 1, 2016 through Sept. 30, 2017 in the amount of \$116,087 with a County match of \$66,641, exactly as specified in the agenda. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEVADA, DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW BUS – 80% OF FUNDING TO COME FROM THE NDOT AND THE REMAINING 20% TO COME FROM THE SOCIAL SERVICES ENDING FUND BALANCE UP TO \$20,000

Director Hill explained that she is applying for this grant this year, but it can take up to 3 years to receive it. The Ely Bus fleet is falling into many repairs due to aging; the \$20,000 would come from her ending fund balance. In reply to a question from Commissioner Laurie Carson, Director Hill noted the Ely Bus ridership is over 90% in the City. She will probably be approaching the City of Ely regarding assisting with funding, as they've never supplied monies towards this effort; she noted that she's never asked for their help in the past. We are currently at a 60/20 match; the mines have always been generous, but as she noted, "you can't go after the same sponsors every time." She added the buses take care of a lot of school kids, they drop children off at their homes rather than on a street corner, for example. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to submit a grant application to the State of Nevada, Dept. of Transportation for the acquisition of a new bus, with 80% of funding to come from NDOT and the remaining 20% to come from the Social Services ending fund balance, up to \$20,000. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

SR. MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: SELECTION OF WHITE PINE COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR SUBMISSION TO SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT (SNPLMA) ROUND 16 AND/OR ROUND 17 SNPLMA PROJECT FUNDING

Administrative Assistant Dahn Puckett presented this as Sr. Management Assistant Elaine Blackham was unable to attend today; both she and Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood were making their CDBG presentation on behalf of the County. Assistant Puckett cited the updated memo from Assistant Blackham with additional materials in the Commission packet. A memo had also been received from the McGill Town Council indicating they intend to maintain the Ballpark, and the restrooms will be closed during the winter. Assistant Puckett read the first paragraph from Assistant Blackham's memo into the record: "The (C.E.D.) Office has received the following information regarding SNPLMA projects during the past week. Also, I spoke with the (BL)M regarding the required consultation meeting on the

projects. We understood the consultation needed to be completed by March 30, 2016, however they need to be completed by April 30. The local BLM contact scheduled the consultation meeting for April 6, 2016: 10:00 a.m.” Assistant Puckett advised that whatever comes out of today’s meeting will be presented at that April 6th consultation meeting. She reviewed the projects in the memo, and also cited the attached drawing concepts of those projects. The projects listed are: McGill Ball Park, Phase 2; City of Ely, the enhancement of Broadbent Park; and Baker Trails. Commissioner Laurie Carson added that the WPC Aquatic Center wished to be included on the list for 2017, and although it was in the original packet it wasn’t listed on the handout. It was noted that for SNPLMA Round 16, we can apply for 3 projects. For Round 16 projects we would have had until November, but Assistant Puckett advised that the Feds are wanting it sooner, so we need to decide and get things ready for submittal shortly. Following further discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to select both the McGill projects and the NNRV projects for separate applications, as priority projects and in that order, under SNPLMA Round 16. Commissioner Laurie Carson felt the NNRV project would be \$606,000 and the McGill projects would be for \$500,000. She added that these have been deemed priority projects in the past, and we’ve even had to return some funding because there wasn’t enough money available to complete them. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Gary Perea wanted to know who would be taking the lead on the Broadbent Park project; Ms. Donna Bath explained that the Bath family is always looking for ways to keep downtown alive, and what was felt to be missing is a plaza or a meeting place. The conceptual drawing accompanying the Broadbent Park project is based on a centralized plaza area, where people could congregate and keep the community intact. Ms. Bath continued that as Broadbent is a City Park it would be a City project; it is intended to help the City and with a buy-in on the project from community members, it would help the City cut down some of their costs of obtaining estimates for the project. As to the parking, in reply to a query from Chairman Perea, Ms. Bath noted the existing park area next to the Armory could be made into a parking area for the plaza.

AIRPORT:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: OF 2016-2017 ACIP SCOPE OF WORK (ELEMENT II TASK ORDER F, GA APRON PAVEMENT REHABILITATION) AS A PART OF 2016-2017 ACIP GRANT APPLICATION – THIS GRANT APPLICATION WAS APPROVED 1/27/2016 – THE SOW ELEMENT II TASK ORDER F WAS OMITTED IN THE INITIAL APPLICATION – MONEY FOR THIS TASK WAS INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED APPLICATION

Commissioner Carol McKenzie advised the money is already in there to cover this, but the task order had been omitted in the initial application. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 ACIP Scope of Work (Element II Task Order F, GA Apron Pavement Rehabilitation) as a part of 2016-2017 ACIP grant application. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: TO CHANGE PURCHASING OF APPROVED EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED IN THE 2016 PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND AND TO UTILIZE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE COST SAVINGS OF THE PREVIOUS PURCHASES IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A NEW BRUSH MOWER

Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller cited the spreadsheet in the packet, noting it was incorrect, and he provided an updated handout to the Board. He reviewed it briefly, explaining some cost savings that resulted in the ability to purchase more equipment. He continued that their current brush mower is a 1992 weed cutter, and the 20-year warranty seemed more like only a 15-year lifespan. If the Board approves this purchase, it will take 2-3 months to arrive, if we order it by July 1st. He had included this in his budget, explaining that gear boxes for this equipment are expensive. Superintendent Miller noted

their old mower does have some resale value plus two extra blades, although he didn't think they would fit on the new mower equipment. Following brief discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Richard Howe made a motion to change purchase of approved equipment identified in the 2016 Public Transit Fund and to utilize remaining funds from the cost savings of the previous purchases in order to purchase a new brush mower. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

DISCUSSION ONLY: ON BUDGET MANAGEMENT THROUGH HIRING DELAYS AND ATTRITION POLICY/PROCEDURE APPROVED ON JANUARY 27TH, 2016

Human Resources Director Kathy Ricci was asked to put this back on the agenda by the Board; she is asking the Board if they want her to change this policy. During the discussion, it was felt this should cover everybody, in that they would have to approach the Commission with a request to get the 90-day exemption. Director Ricci asked how seasonal workers should be handled. During the discussion several questions arose, such as if it would be 90 days until we can advertise, or 90 days until we can hire? And, does this apply to seasonal workers at the Park and the Pools? It was the consensus of the Board that it would be 90 days until they can hire. Commissioner Laurie Carson had a concern regarding the Position Review Board members. She was hesitant about having any elected official serve on that as they are also Department Heads. Following some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to eliminate the Position Review Board, and people would come directly to the Commission; this will streamline the process.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO BEGIN RECRUITMENT FOR A LIBRARY ASSISTANT DUE TO A RESIGNATION ON MARCH 14, 2016 – RECRUITMENT FOR THIS POSITION WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 20, 2016 WITH THE HIRING DELAY AND ATTRITION POLICY IN PLACE AT GRADE 117 STEP 1

Library Director Lori Romero is asking the Board to consider an entry level wage, a lower step, for the Library Assistant position. During the discussion, Chairman Gary Perea felt the Board could approve this but consider the wage later, as that would depend upon the outcome of the negotiations. Therefore, the grade/step portion of the agenda item will be stricken from the motion and Director Ricci will return to the Board with that information at a later date. Director Romero added that this Library Assistant position is for 20 hours/week. Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve this as discussed. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to authorize beginning recruitment for a part-time Library Assistant pursuant to the hiring delay and attrition policy, and the position will begin on June 20, 2016. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Coster noted for the record that the Library Expansion looks great.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL: TO BEGIN RECRUITMENT FOR A DEPUTY PATROL OFFICER TO FILL VACANT POSITION DUE TO A RETIREMENT ON APRIL 1, 2016

Director Ricci advised this position is a Grade 11, but the individual would be coming in at a Step 1. Following brief discussion Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve beginning recruitment for a Deputy Patrol Officer to fill the vacant position due to a retirement on April 1, 2016. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

Financial Analyst Elanie Calderwood advised there was nothing to add to these reports. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for February 2016. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-10 TO AUGMENT THE EMS FUND BY \$17,829 TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELY FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Commissioner Mike Coster noted this resolution was to carry out the Board's wishes for splitting augmentations, having separate resolutions for each augmentation, as discussed in a previous Commission meeting. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-10 to augment the EMS fund by \$17,829 to cover costs associated with interlocal agreement with the City of Ely for temporary Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Commissioner Laurie Carson casting the opposing vote.

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Resolution Number 2016-10

Resolution to Augment the Emergency Medical Services Fund by \$17,829 to Cover Costs Associated with Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ely for Temporary Emergency Medical Services

Whereas, the White Pine County Commission approved an interlocal agreement to pay the City of Ely \$3,000 per month from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 for fire protection services; and

Whereas, this contract was not anticipated during the original budget process; and

Whereas, there is \$17,829 of unbudgeted beginning fund balance available for appropriation in the Emergency Medical Services Fund; and

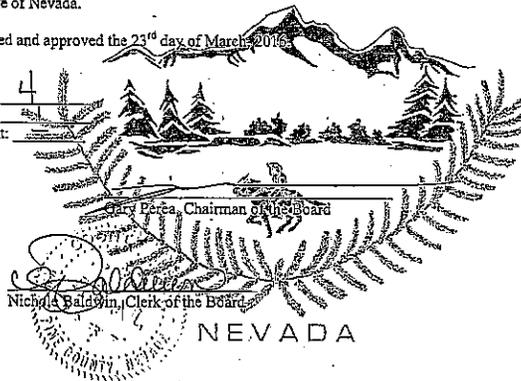
Whereas, there is \$171 available funds in Emergency Medical Services Fund Office Supply line item which be transferred to cover the balance due;

Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the Emergency Medical Services Budget with unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance (015-000-29905-000) in the amount of \$17,829, increase account 015-501-52915-000 (Contract Services) by the same amount and transfer the balance required \$171 from 015-501-52101-000 (Office Supplies) to 015-501-52915-000 (Contract Services).

Further Resolved that the Clerk of the Board shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Administration, State of Nevada.

Adopted and approved the 23rd day of March 2016.

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Absent: 0



TEST:

Nicholas Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

NEVADA

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-11 TO AUGMENT THE JUVENILE COURT ADMIN FEE FUND BY \$450 TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP

During the discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster felt the County had some old computers to sell, and perhaps this could be brought up during the budget process. Analyst Calderwood will see if this is still the case. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-11 to augment the Juvenile Court Admin Fee Fund by \$450 to cover costs associated with the purchase of a laptop. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2016-11

Resolution to Augment the Juvenile Court Admin Fee Fund by \$450 to Cover Costs Associated with the Purchase of a Laptop

Whereas, Juvenile Probation has requested the purchase of a laptop which has been deemed necessary for the program and approved by the District Court Judge; and

Whereas, the Juvenile Court Admin Fee Fund has revenues available in the Juvenile Court Monthly Fees revenue line item that are unbudgeted and available for appropriation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the Juvenile Court Admin Fee Fund – Juvenile Court Monthly Fee revenue line item (318-000-34153-109) in the amount of \$450 and increase account 318-501-53904-109 (Equipment Under \$5,000) by the same amount.

It Is Further Resolved that the Clerk of the Board shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 23rd day of March, 2016.

WHITE PINE COUNTY

Ayes: 5
Nays: —
Absent: —



ATTEST:

Nichole Baldwin
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

NEVADA

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-12 TO AUGMENT THE MCGILL TOWN FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,362 FROM REVENUES RECEIVED AS AN INSURANCE SETTLEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO A LIGHT POLE TO COVER COSTS RELATED TO THE LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENT

During the discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster, as liaison to the McGill Town Council, wished to make a motion to approve this. He explained this is to replace the light pole damaged during the past winter along Main Street in McGill. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-12, to augment the McGill Town Fund in the amount of \$3,362 from revenues received as an

insurance settlement for damage to a light pole to cover costs related to the light pole replacement. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2016-12

Resolution to Augment the McGill Town Fund, in the Amount of \$3,362 from Revenues Received as an Insurance Settlement for Damage to a Light Pole to Cover Costs Related to the Light Pole Replacement

Whereas, the McGill Town had multiple light poles damaged during the course of the fiscal year and has started to receive insurance settlements related to these losses; and

Whereas, the first settlement check is in the amount of \$3,362 which is unbudgeted and therefore available for appropriation; and

Whereas, the McGill Town Council has expressed the desire to utilize these insurance settlements to cover the uncovered costs related to the replacement of the light poles including the deductible and related depreciation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the McGill Town Fund Budget from unanticipated and unbudgeted Insurance Reimbursement/Settlements (280-000-36301-000) in the amount of \$3,362 and increase account McGill Town Fund-Public Works-Equipment Under \$5,000 (280-502-53902-000) by the same amount. **NTY**

It Is Further Resolved that the Clerk of the Board shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted, and approved this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Ayes: _____
Nays: _____
Absent: _____



ATTEST:

Gary Perea, Chairman of the Board
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
NEVADA

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,994.63 UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN THE CONTRACT PROVIDED AS BACKUP MATERIAL

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Public Health Nurse contract renewal for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$22,994.63 under terms and conditions outlined in the contract provided as backup material.

Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried. It was noted for the record that the monetary amount was double what it should have been; this has been corrected on the original contract.

ADVISORY BOARDS

There was nothing to report.

CONSENT AGENDA: TO RATIFY CORRESPONDENCE, APPROVE PAYROLL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPROVE HR TRANSMITTAL FOR PAYROLL CHANGES, AND APPROVE BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN/BETWEEN FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS WITHIN A FUND THAT DO NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF THE FUND

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Resignations

There were none.

Appointments

Golf Advisory Board	Jesse Kjorstad
Industrial Park Review Board	Travis Lund
Audit Committee	Paul Johnson
Soil Conservation District	Julie Thompson

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised 4 requests for appointment had been received. She noted that the Industrial Park Review Board had recommended Mr. Travis Lund for appointment, representing the Planning Commission on that board. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve Mr. Jesse Kjorstad to the Golf Advisory Board; Mr. Travis Lund to the Industrial Park Review Board, as a representative of the Planning Commission; and Mr. Paul Johnson to the Audit Committee. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Next, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Julie Thompson to the Soil Conservation District. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Carson noted that Ms. Thompson can run during the next election when the seat becomes available.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 24

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adopt the February 24th set of Commission minutes as presented. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Commissioner Laurie Carson abstaining from the vote as she wasn't present.

COUNTY CLERK:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE FOR THE 2016 BALLOT QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO POTENTIAL INCREASES IN SALES TAX

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin noted a question had arisen regarding the language, "Shall White Pine County" or "Shall the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners" be used. She suggested changing the verbage to read "Shall the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners" be used in order for both ballot questions to be consistent. The Board was pleased with the language as Clerk Baldwin presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the ballot question verbage as was sent to the Board. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. In reply to a query from Commissioner Coster, Clerk Baldwin confirmed that the District Attorney had approved this. Motion carried.

Shall White Pine County be authorized to impose an increase in sales tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ (one quarter) of every \$.01 (one cent) for the purpose of funding the Senior Center, Library, Parks, and Agricultural Extension?

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE FOR THE 2016 BALLOT QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO POTENTIAL INCREASES IN MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX AND SPECIAL FUEL TAX

In presenting this ballot question, Clerk Baldwin advised that the District Attorney had assisted her with this as well. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the language for this ballot question as presented. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

Shall White Pine County Board of Commissioners enact an ordinance to impose, for the period beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2026, annual increases in the taxes on certain motor vehicle fuels based on construction inflation not to exceed 7.8 (seven point eight) percent for the purpose of funding repairs and maintenance of roads and enhance public safety in White Pine County?

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that the City has already approved the room tax; we need to place it on the agenda for April 13th.
- Ordinance #461 on the ATVs.
- Justice of the Peace salary.
- EMS special event fees.
- Evening meeting to discuss ballot questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN MEETING FOR DISCUSSION WITH BOARD RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PURSUANT TO NRS 288.220

This item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE
STATE OF NEVADA

BY:


CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD
