

IN A MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON APRIL 27, 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
Bill Miller, Road Maintenance Superintendent
Bunny Hill, Social Services Director
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor
Elaine Blackham, Sr. Mgmt. Assistant
Bill Calderwood, Facility Maint. Supert' dt.
Mike Wheable, District Attorney
Kathy Ricci, Human Resources Director
Megan Brown, WPC Aquatic Facilities Dir.
Dan Watts, WPC Sheriff
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Steve Stork, Airport Manager
Brad Christensen, Building Inspector
Chris Ricci, Senior Program Supervisor
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Dir.
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer
Jennifer Drew, Administrative Assistant
Jaime Swetich, Sheriff's Dept.

Also Present

Geri Wopschall
Angela Martin, Robinson Nevada Mine
Ron Miller
Donna Bath (Senator Dean Heller)
Maxine Lantz, Victim & Witness Services
George Chachas
Johnathan Dishong
Susan Lynn, GBWN
Abigail Johnson, GBWN
Simeon Herskovits, Advocates for Comm. & Environ.
Tony Pellettiere, Sidwell Company
Rory Jackson, BCT
Robert Switzer, City of Ely
Terry McIntosh, High Desert TrailBlazers

Chairman Gary Perea called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Chachas recalled the County's severe financial hardship in 2005 and advised the Board needs to make cuts now, no more taxes, we have less people than we did then. He noted we're collecting more revenues but also spending more, and it needs to stop. He called for the removal of the Tourism & Recreation Board members who aren't meeting membership requirements. He added that if that board was doing what it should be doing, the hotels and gas stations, etc., would be full. He advised that the City is taking 2.5% of the room tax monies being collected for infrastructure, and that "these voodoo tactics by both the City and the County have got to stop." He continued that the RTC Chairman has been asked for information repeatedly and it isn't forthcoming: "I'll get back to you" just doesn't happen. He continued to cite lack of ADA access at the Administrative Offices, whereas improvements done at County Park were taken care of in one day. As to today's agenda item regarding the salary for the Justice of the Peace, Mr. Chachas supports the position that he should get what he's due. He doesn't agree, however, with hiring a Parts Manager for the Road Dept. when the present Supervisor has more

experience; also, the potential to promote to a Shop Foreman was based on what? He asked about the qualifications for that job. He also cited the agenda item regarding updates from the Building & Planning Dept. and oversight of the Building Inspector services; he asked if the County would take back the \$29,000 they are paying him, and give it to the Judge instead. He also advised of the School District having to cut their programs, teachers, sports, etc.; he asked how can we support the community when "we have schools that don't go anywhere?" Lastly he felt a building permit for a new gymnasium shouldn't be granted, since we already have several available.

At 9:10 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 9:20 a.m., Road Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Road Commission meeting and opened the County Liquor Board meeting. At 9:23 a.m., Liquor Board Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Liquor Board and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION ONLY: PROPOSAL BY ROBINSON NEVADA MINING COMPANY TO REROUTE WHITE PINE COUNTY ROAD #1146 (44A), TONOPAH CANYON ROAD

Ms. Angela Martin, of Robinson Nevada Mine, provided map copies to the Board and also a poster map showing the roads in question. She advised that she had approached the Commission in 2014 with a proposal to close 44A, or WP1146, to public traffic due to safety concerns at that time. All of their ore is coming out of that pit currently, as she noted on the map. This had been approved by the Commission, to close the road with an agreement to open for emergency vehicle access only, in December 2014. Ms. Martin continued that last year they re-evaluated their mine plans, and a problem had been discovered with their mining claim software. It was inaccurate, and as a result they made their ore pit smaller than it should have been. She reported this was great news, as the Mine should now remain open until 2026, from the corrected data they received. As a result, they will be mining on that road. The County Road will need to be replaced, as she explained; she had discussed this with Finance Director Elizabeth Frances and Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller last Fall. Since that time potential relocation alignments have been done; they came up with a proposed alignment instead, parallel to the South edge of the Liberty Pit. That would remain closed to the public for the time being, and the agreement would be continued to allow emergency vehicles access to the Mine. 1.2 Miles will be added to the road in question, which she pointed out on the large map. Ms. Martin provided some history of that road, which included that the road could be taken back for mining purposes with the provision that an alternate road must be provided. At this point she is requesting the District Attorney and Superintendent Miller to come up with a suitable design; a meeting with the Mine representatives would be held to finalize that. Once the permits are approved by the BLM it could go forward; she noted it probably wouldn't be constructed until next year. During the discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster advised he had voted against this last year, but as long as everything is done legally and the County is protected, he would be in favor of it. Ms. Martin noted the road was deeded to White Pine County in 1969. She added this is all patented ground, and there are no problems with NDOW or the Forest Service with respect to sage grouse or other issues. The Board thanked Ms. Martin for her information.

At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea opened the Presentations portion of the agenda.

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION BY SIDWELL COMPANY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GIS DATA BASE SYSTEM FOR ROADS, ADDRESSING TIED TO PARCEL MAPS THAT CAN INTEGRATE WITH E911, GPS LOCATIONS OF COUNTY ASSETS, ETC.

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton introduced Mr. Tony Pellettiere, of Sidwell Company, and advised that they have been working on enhancing GIS capabilities for County roads, the "911" system, elements related to emergency vehicles, etc. He noted Sidwell Company did an amazing job getting the GIS up and running; when issues do arise, they are also very helpful in resolving those. Their current task is transitioning the old mapping system to a GIS-based system; right now they have both. Mr. Pellettiere provided a power point presentation to the Board. He is the Vice-President of Business Development, and he is developing and advancing a digital mapping system. He's worked on projects over the years to develop the "face map" of the county; he explained the real power of the GIS system is to be able to incorporate more layers on top of the initial map, as he explained. The next step is to show the infrastructure within the County, assets, inventory information, and reliable road centerline information as well. The focus of their project is to create a reliable/accurate database; he is proposing to inventory the identified assets that the County would like to have captured. Utilizing the latest technology, implementation of data maintenance standards, and to be able to deploy the information to other agencies if needed. Sidwell Company is our prime vendor; Mr. Pellettiere noted Compass Data is one of their vendors, and their job is to drive the road centerlines and register the County's assets, on the ground. He showed a picture of their vehicle with a camera mounted on top to "capture" the data desired. He noted anything and everything can be inventoried; cattleguards, signage, guard rails, fire hydrants, bridges, etc. He added he will be meeting with the City of Ely tomorrow to discuss this. Mr. Pellettiere proposes to gather all the information collected in the field, put it in a database, and train the County offices to maintain that moving forward. Pictures of the assets can be hyperlinked to the pictures in the GIS features, as he explained, so information about each asset will be instantly available. Assessor Hilton noted they've used the hyperlink in his office to locate a survey map outside the City limits, and it was much faster and effective than the older method of trying to locate township and range. Mr. Pellettiere continued the other major portion of this is capturing the road centerlines; address ranges will also be incorporated, in order to plug them into future 911 dispatch systems. In reply to a query from Chairman Gary Perea, it was noted whatever power is available, including digital information, would be included in the database. Getting interested parties together is the next step, in order to discuss all possibilities. Assessor Hilton advised that sharing and tying all the information together creates a comprehensive data set for everyone. Mr. Pellettiere advised that once the data is collected, they will train the County and we should be able to maintain and update the data as needed. He added that they would always be available to assist us, but normally the counties are self-sufficient after that. Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller had talked with the State about this, and he asked if we could use our current centerline miles to compute the gas tax; the State agreed with this. He continued that it's a Federal requirement that the County must provide current, geospatial data, and we had no way of doing that until now. As an example, while the McGill-Ruth GID has all spatial data available, but they don't have the locations of their shutoff valves for fire hydrants, etc. Superintendent Miller advised he will try to delegate some of this work to staff, but he noted it will be a very time-consuming job. Commissioner Laurie Carson agreed that it would be labor-intensive up front but in the long run, we will have much more accuracy than what we have had in the past. Chairman Perea asked if the data is secure/safe; Assessor Hilton noted his office has a GIS terminal used exclusively for this. The other computers in his office have log-ins and backups; unless you can get into their GIS terminal, you won't be able to access or change the data. The Board thanked Assessor Hilton and Mr. Pellettiere for their information.

ASSESSOR:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO REFUND TAXPAYER OF APN 012-770-59 A TOTAL OF \$379.61 FOR OVERASSESSMENT FOR THE TAX YEARS 2015-2016 (\$109.10), 2014-2015 (\$136.59), AND 2013-2014 (\$133.92)

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton advised they had found a parcel south of the City of Ely that had been split in 2006; the parcel had a well on it, and the well was put onto the incorrect parcel, as he explained. The two 10-acre parcels were indicated on a map included in the Commission packet, showing the well. Following brief discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to refund the taxpayer as requested. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to refund the taxpayer of APN 012-770-59 a total of \$379.61 for overassessment for the tax years 2015-26 (\$109.10), 2014-15 (\$136.59), and 2013-14 (\$133.92). Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF RELEASE OF ANY INTEREST IN COMPLETED LOAN CONTRACT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND H&M ELY CO. FOR LOAN PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED TO H&M ELY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND/OR ENHANCEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY APN 001-233-01, 701 7TH STREET EAST, ELY, WHICH LOAN HAS BEEN PAID BACK TO WHITE PINE COUNTY AND OTHER TERMS SATISFIED IN MAY 2015 – SAID RELEASE IS NEEDED FOR H&M ELY’S TITLING PURPOSES

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised the title company felt it necessary to release any interest in the completed loan contract; he is requesting this to be ratified. He cited the backup materials in the Commission packets. Following brief discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to ratify this as requested. Commissioner Richard Howe made a motion to ratify the release of any interest in the completed loan contract between White Pine County and H&M Ely Co. for loan previously extended to H&M Ely for development and/or enhancement of real property, APN 001-233-01, 701 7th Street East, Ely, which loan has been paid back to White Pine County and other terms satisfied in May 2015. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE:

DISCUSSION ONLY: ROTARY DONATION USED TO PURCHASE GREENS TOPPING SAND

Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood advised this was put on the agenda to recognize the Rotary Club’s donation, and what they did at the Golf Course. Commissioner Carol McKenzie wanted to know if they had donated enough sand to treat all the greens; Superintendent Calderwood answered in the affirmative. The Board expressed their thanks to the Rotary Club for their donation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR MARICH FIELD CONCESSION

Superintendent Calderwood advised there had been no bids received to date; he added there hasn’t been a concession out at Marich Field for the past 5-6 years. He advised he will be working with District Attorney Mike Wheable on this issue. It was the consensus of the Board to table this agenda item until a bid for the March Field Concession is received.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF UPDATES ON QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR GRANT MANAGERS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Maintenance

- Pennington Foundation Grant. Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood advised there had been no activity on this during the Winter quarter.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea opened the Discussion on Water Issues portion of the agenda. He noted the meeting last night was very beneficial, and everyone enjoyed the updates.

UPDATE/DISCUSSION ONLY RE: WATER RELATED ISSUES PERTAINING TO WHITE PINE COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NEVADA

Mr. Simeon Herskovits introduced himself to the assemblage and proceeded to touch the high points that had been talked about during last night's meeting. He began by advising of the Federal lawsuit, which is progressing forward as anticipated. An answering brief to the cross-motion from SNWA is due May 18, and he's in the midst of preparing that brief. Once that's filed, the opposition will have a 2 month period to file theirs; he noted they've already opposed our summary judgment. An oral argument will be heard in Federal Court in Las Vegas, after the opposing briefs are filed in July. He explained only the essential lawyers will be present before the Judge; a question/answer session will be held to assist the Judge during his decisionmaking process. Mr. Herskovits felt that the oral hearing would be held between September-October 2016, and there could be a ruling in early 2017. At that point an appeal would most likely be filed by the losing party, within 30 days of the ruling. The briefing wouldn't occur until after the end of this next fiscal year, and then from 1 to 1.5 years later the ruling would be issued by the Court of Appeals. He added they are nearing the end of the briefing on the merits, and noted that is the most substantively demanding portion of this case.

Mr. Herskovits then focused on the State proceedings, which have been going on for years. We won again in the Supreme Court, with the Judge ruling against SNWA and the State Water Engineer. He dismissed both their appeals as they weren't right for consideration, and further he disagreed with their interpretation of the issues and ramifications. A 2-day hearing in the District Court here in Ely was held; it was a substantial victory for us, as he noted. Now we are doing the remand for that ruling in the State offices. He noted the remand could linger for some time, as SNWA has publicly stated that they don't have the evidence they need which the Judge says they must have, and further that they can't do it. Mr. Herskovits continued that the Cleveland Ranch has aligned with us, along with the Mormon Church; they want to hold a prehearing conference with the State Water Engineer and all parties, but it's uncertain as to when that would occur.

Mr. Herskovits advised that there has been a great deal of activity to propose changes to the Nevada statutory water laws. One change is targeted at one of our main issues pertaining to our case. The State Water Engineer doesn't like the law as written currently, since it requires him to enforce the standards and criteria that have been in our laws for years, and he's been somewhat lax in this. This has serious implications for all water rights holders in the State, since this concerns protection of those water rights. Mr. Herskovits felt that either a lobbyist, or sending representatives from the Great Basin Water Network, the County Commission, and other groups in the State, would be very important for us to have a presence there. He noted that changes in water rights should NOT conflict with already existing senior water rights. He felt communication among the Commission, the District Attorney and himself would be imperative as the time for the hearing approaches. He noted that he's already been asked to prepare an explanation of an analysis of what the water law changes would be. Senator Pete Goicoechea is Chairman of the Legislative Committee; they will be meeting through the end of July, so he would need to get the work prepared and submitted to the committee members during that time period. We are in a strong position under the law per the remand; the State Water Engineer can try to reapprove the application as was done before, but the fundamental defects in the data exist and they can't be recreated. He explained that there's no way to demonstrate there's ever going to be, or has been, any water in a specific system; this amounts to fraud. We don't want to see the water law weakened in an unsound way, especially in a way which would eliminate the common sense requirement that has served Nevada

for over 100 years. He emphasized that we need to be prepared in case the remand hearing is done quickly. Chairman Gary Perea advised that on June 17th CNRWA is holding their Board of Directors meeting here in Ely, and we will have some hydrologists in attendance; it should be very educational. Chairman Perea continued that the County really appreciates the work Mr. Herskovits does, what he's already done and what we've all been able to accomplish; he thanked Mr. Herskovits. Mr. Herskovits demurred and then added, "Goliath isn't dead yet." He added that during this next cycle of decisionmaking, especially if we win in the Federal Court, it will be impossible for SNWA to justify this project any longer, as it's been consistently defeated in the courts. He concluded by stating this is one of the final phases of attacking the pipeline project, and hopefully we will defeat it again on the merits, as this project isn't consistent or acceptable under the law. He also thanked the Board for their time.

UPDATE/DISCUSSION ONLY RE: ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO THE GREAT BASIN WATER NETWORK

Ms. Abigail Johnson, President/Coordinator of the Great Basin Water Network, introduced herself and Ms. Susan Lynn, Sr. Advisor of GBWN. They are happy to be here today to acknowledge the cooperation GBWN has shared with the County Commission for many years on the water fight. Ms. Johnson advised the network is non-profit, and is staffed by volunteers with the exception of their attorneys and technical experts. They've been in existence since 2006; their members are from Nevada and Utah, urban and rural, with diverse interests coming together for a common purpose. They have a news article, the Water Gab, which is published in the Ely Times, plus it's sent to their mailing list. She added they also have an initiative out there, "Ranchers to Rate Payers." They are concerned with water legislation and policies, and the GBWN monitors those. They are deeply involved with the legal portion of the fight, plus do a lot of fundraising. She continued that the financial cost of sharing an attorney "ebbs and flows;" first, the Network shouldered the costs, and then White Pine County was able to contribute, and so they've managed to keep going forward. Grassroots takes care of the fundraising, as well as individual donors; she reminded the Board of the Snake Valley Festival which runs the weekend of June 17-19 and is an event to benefit the Network, to which the public is invited to attend. Ms. Johnson continued that this project started in 1989 and spans nearly two generations; it's a challenge and requires a constant re-education process. She added that the Nevada Water policies were written to benefit the entire State, "not just one part of it." The Board thanked Ms. Johnson, Ms. Lynn, and Mr. Simeon Herskovits for attending last night and again today to update the community on this issue.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea opened the Ordinances, First Readings, Public Hearings, Bid Openings, and Decisions portion of the agenda.

FIRST READING

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF (REVISED) ORDINANCE 461, BILL 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 noted this is actually the "second" First Reading of this Ordinance. At the last Commission meeting, the Board discussed the concept, he took home the ideas and worked on those, and the District Attorney, who reviewed it, recommended an Amended Ordinance be done, so we are legally still under the first reading. Commissioner Coster continued that we were looking at age limits and compliance with traffic laws; it's actually a shorter version than what had initially be presented. He had a question regarding insurance; are we prohibited from applying an insurance requirement in the Ordinance? The insurance issue has been applied to the large OHVs and vehicles in Nevada; he feels that the language now reflects that. There was also a question of how to handle unlicensed drivers; he revised the draft so that licensed operators would supervise and travel with the unlicensed drivers, such as a

parent with a child or an older with a younger sibling. He also incorporated the traffic laws, such as enabling Sheriff's deputies to write tickets to a violator. Chairman Gary Perea still had a concern regarding riders 16 years of age. While he's okay with the changes presented, he has reservations about riders not having a driver's license; also, he didn't feel the insurance companies would insure someone without a license to drive on the roads. Commissioner Coster advised that the public liability policy would make non-streets safer, by virtue of this Ordinance as he explained. Chairman Perea felt that if the Board adopts this, there must be a lot of public education via website, brochures, etc. as to what the laws are, so there will be no confusion; Commissioner Coster agreed. WPC Sheriff Dan Watts pointed out that the town councils could also bring that out during their meetings; Commissioner Coster would like to personally present this to Ruth and McGill. He stated that Baker and Lund have no enforcement whatsoever, due to their location and the callout methodology in the outlying communities. This will provide a legal means of OHV operation in those communities, he advised. Following further discussion, Commissioner Coster noted that once the final Ordinance is adopted by the Commission, it would go to NDOT; District Attorney Mike Wheable added that we can make the effective date of the Ordinance far enough ahead to allow a response back from NDOT. Sheriff Watts emphasized that we need to make it clear, no noise or nuisance citations can be written unless the drivers are identified; the kids need to be made aware of the 90 days clause plus suspending their license once they turn 16. Per advice from D.A. Wheable, the next time this comes up on the Commission agenda it will be for a Public Hearing, there needs to be proper advertising, etc. Commissioner Laurie Carson added that it needs to be made plain that all of SR267 in Ruth needs to be scratched from the draft, citing a brief earlier conversation with Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller, whereby that road had been included on the map in error. Also for clarification, D.A. Wheable noted that this First Reading pertains to the title of the Ordinance only, and not the language within the Ordinance. Chairman Perea asked for public comment: Ms. Maxine Lantz advised that she had contacted her insurance company (State Farm) and they wouldn't insure her smaller ATV, which is a 350, but they would insure the larger ones. Commissioner Coster advised that he had gone to another company that did insure the smaller ATVs, from his personal experience.

At 10:40 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a break. The meeting was reconvened at 10:51 a.m., whereupon he opened the Updates on Quarterly Grant Reports.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF UPDATES ON QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND/OR GRANT MANAGERS ON THE FOLLOWING:

Social Services

Social Services Director Bunny Hill advised all her grants are different timeframes.

CSBG – This is in the final quarter, and should be close to being spent.

WSAP – This will be close to being spent by June 30th.

Aging & Disability Services – This will be spent down by the end of the next quarter.

NDOT Grants (Ely Bus) – Their grants won't end until September, as their years begins in October. She noted one bus was rehabilitated, and the grant for the new bus is now in.

EDC

Sr. Management Assistant Elaine Blackham advised of the grants:

GOED RFP EDC Program Grant – Continuing with the GOED RFP for \$45,000 funding. There will be a special meeting next month re: restructuring the GBRDA; while it won't affect funding, it does affect how it will be structured.

CEBG – The McGill-Ruth GID test well files have been reviewed by the State. They were happy with the way the grant was being handled. Final drawdown will be done when the final reports from the driller are received.

SNPLMA – Work is continuing. Due to weather, they've been unable to get up to Camp Success, but she noted the Board needs to get up there when they can, as it really looks great. The Fairgrounds Restoration project is in the planning stages; Basin Engineering is working on the design criteria. The Ag.Dist. 13 board is working with them and with Maintenance, and are looking to reduce costs on that project.

Senior Center

Sr. Program Supervisor Chris Ricci cited her grant materials in the Commission packets, noting they are pretty basic.

EIC Grant – The only thing left is the lease on the dishwasher.

Pennington – This has now been expended.

Library

Sr. Center/Library Director Lori Romero cited her written report in the Commission packet covering the grants, and noted a couple of those are tied in with the Expansion construction. She did note that the Pennington donation, which was omitted in her report, was for \$150,000 towards the Expansion. In reply to a query from the Board, Director Romero explained that she sends monthly reports with pictures of the Expansion's progress to Pennington, and their representative comes out to view the project. They are very pleased, she advised. The Expansion is totally enclosed so now work can continue regardless of the weather; they are looking to be completed by June 30th, although they have obtained a 30-day extension. Commissioner Mike Coster felt perhaps a plaque commemorating the various donations might be a good acknowledgment; Director Romero noted that the Library Board has plans for that, as well as an Open House.

Sheriff's Dept.

WPC Sheriff Dan Watts had to leave the meeting, so District Attorney Mike Wheable reviewed his grant report.

Task Force – This still has \$47,351.40 remaining for wages.

Highway Safety – This grant was for \$20,500 and \$11,236.11 has been spent so far.

POOL/PACT Bulletproof Vests – This grant is closed.

District Attorney

Victim & Witness Services Program Director Maxine Lantz reported on these grants.

Victim & Witness Services – Director Lantz advised there is a position that is vacant, but she won't be filling this until it is certain monies are available. She noted they are having a different workload than usual; they've been dealing more with death than they have in the past years. Domestic violence is down slightly.

GTEAP – This grant will commence July 1st, with funds coming in the end of May.

Commissioner Laurie Carson was amazed at how much Director Lantz can cover with the staff and volunteers she currently has. Director Lantz commended her staff, and added that D.A. Wheable does a great job expending the monies for the program properly.

Airport

Wildlife Assessment – This grant is nearly closed out.

Airport Layout Plan – This grant is also nearly closed out.

Runway 18/36 Design – Airport Manager Steve Stork noted there was a final payment on January 26th, 2016 of \$5,729. The closure paperwork for this grant was submitted to the FAA on April 6th.

Runway 18/36 Construction – One payment was made to Armstrong Consultants on January 26th, 2016. There is a balance of \$2,084,375 remaining in this grant.

Finance

DOE Renewable Energy Grant – Finance Director Elizabeth Frances requested this be tabled until the next meeting; she is working to finalize the grant report. She added that the OEM (Office of Emergency Management) grant should have been included in the Finance report, so it will also be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve the grant reports as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports as presented. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 11:01 a.m., Chairman Perea recessed the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

FINANCE:

DISCUSSION/UPDATE/ACTION/POSSIBLE DIRECTION RELATED TO UPDATES FROM THE BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY OVERSIGHT OF THE CITY OF ELY CONTRACT FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that the Building Inspector will be providing monthly updates to the Commissioners. Building Inspector Brad Christiansen noted this combined Building & Planning Dept. has been going for a year; he noted improvements have been initiated with their scheduling, so that now 2-3 inspections are being done at a time when he has to go out of the City. He cited Midway Gold, where inspections have been going on for some time, but nothing had been written off on any of the inspection cards; they have found 50 permits which were never done. So he had to meet with the mine representatives, go onsite and recoup costs by signing off permits, taking photos, doing special inspection reports, etc. Now a Midway Gold representative comes to City Hall for their permits, rather than his having to go out to the mine. On another matter, Inspector Christiansen reported there is an Ordinance coming out in the near future, with a draft having gone to our District Attorney for review, to be in line with the City of Ely. There will be standard fees across the board for both the City and County, he noted. Also included were that window signs will be issued along with the permits, which must be posted; there was a lengthy discussion about how the signs and permits should look, where they should be posted, etc., besides the inspection cards and details of the projects being made clear to the subcontractors, etc. It was suggested permit numbers could be issued for further identification. Commissioner Laurie Carson advised that when this Department combining first began, there had been some complaints; she asked if Inspector Christiansen had logged those, noting that was part of how we could see how this would all work. She clarified this didn't pertain to job performance but rather where the public may have had some concerns. Inspector Christiansen noted that City Administrator Bob Switzer was going to oversee those kinds of issues, and he reported they've had no complaints. Administrator Switzer advised that he has received no complaints from either City or County residents regarding the Building & Planning Dept.'s ability to provide services, issue building permits, etc. After some procedures were tightened up, he noted, there have been no complaints. Following further discussion, D.A. Wheable felt such items as mileage, how to direct complaints to the proper people, who would be responsible for the contract oversight, etc. could come back in a more specific agenda item.

SENIOR CENTER:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A \$6,000 GRANT FROM EJC FOR A REFRIGERATOR AND MEDICAL TRIPS WITH NO MATCH REQUIRED

Senior Program Supervisor Chris Ricci advised she had prepared the grant request last Friday for submittal to the EJC Foundation. Saturday she ran into the overseer of the EJC Foundation, who advised they had a check for her for \$6,000, and she hadn't even submitted the grant for it yet. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to accept a \$6,000 grant from EJC for a refrigerator and medical trips with no match required. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

AIRPORT:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO SPEND UP TO \$2,500 AS WPC'S CONTRIBUTION ALONG WITH ELKO, RENO, AND NORTH LAS VEGAS AIRPORTS. TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE A SMALL COMMUNITY AIR DEVELOPMENT GRANT – THE GRANT WILL BE USED TO SECURE SCHEDULED AIR TAXI SERVICE (PART 135) TO PROVIDE TWICE DAILY FLIGHTS BETWEEN ALL OF THE COMMUNITIES – TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE CONSULTANT IS \$10,000

Airport Manager Steve Stork advised he had been approached by the Elko Airport Manager, who has been working with Assemblyman John Ellison and Senator Dean Heller on a plan for air service from Elko. They are asking White Pine County to participate, including hiring a consultant to put together a grant for this; he cited backup materials in the Commission packets. He continued this would bring in a chartered air service for Reno/Elko/Ely/Las Vegas; one flight daily is what they are aiming for. There may be \$10,000 needed for the consultant, and they are requesting we contribute \$2,500 as our portion. Manager Stork recommended that if we committed to those funds, we should make it conditional upon having a viable plan in place. He continued that the attitude of the State is changing with respect to how important air travel has become in Nevada. During the discussion, he noted that the flight will be run through an FBO and not TSA; a van should also be made available to transport people from the airport to the City, for example. The grant deadline for the application is July 1st. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked if this might jeopardize us with respect to NDOT's proposal; Manager Stork didn't think so, but he will check for us. He explained that the Governor wants to enhance rural areas of the State, which is where the NDOT idea of airport acquisition came from. He advised that they just want to know if we would be willing, at this point to consider the schedule air taxi service. Chairman Gary Perea felt we could do a motion to approve \$2,500 at this point but then come back for final approval, once we know if this would be viable. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to direct Airport Manager Steve Stork to attempt to obtain a proposal with a business matrix that would qualify for Part 135, but not be in conflict with the NDOT Airport proposal as we understand it at this point, and that some funding be identified. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S AFFIDAVIT OF DELINQUENT PARCEL NOTICES

WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric cited her handout, which is the Affidavit; she read it into the record and noted the amount is down from last year's reports, which is good news. She continued that some people are coming in and paying when they get their delinquency letters in the mail. The ones that still aren't paid up by next week will be published in the paper, and the process will go forward. Following brief discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Affidavit of Delinquent Parcel Notices as presented. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

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AFFIDAVIT OF CATHERINE M. BAKARIC

STATE OF NEVADA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE)

I, CATHERINE M. BAKARIC, do hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the following assertions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

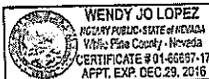
1. That I was elected as Treasurer and ex-officio Tax Receiver for White Pine County, Nevada and have been acting as such since January 5, 2015;
2. That I have mailed notices of delinquencies to 966 delinquent White Pine County taxpayers by April 1, 2016;
3. Current year delinquent parcel notices totaled 767;
4. Prior year delinquent parcel notices totaled 117;
5. Three year delinquent parcel notices totaled 82;
6. Of such, the number of letters returned was 55 with 40 of those deemed undeliverable and 15 resent.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2016.

Catherine M. Bakaric
Catherine M. Bakaric
White Pine County Treasurer

Signed and affirmed to before me by
Catherine M. Bakaric this 27th day of April, 2016.

Wendy Jo Lopez
NOTARY PUBLIC



COMMISSION:
DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE'S
APRIL 14, 2016 REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SAMPLE RESOURCE CONDITIONS AND
COLLECT MEASUREMENTS OF RANGELAND/PASTURELAND VEGETATION, APN 010-270-25,
T17N R63E, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA, OWNERSHIP SHOWN AS WHITE PINE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Gary Perea cited the letter on this in the Commission packets. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the Natural Resources Conservation Service's April 14, 2016 request for permission to sample resource conditions and collect measurements of rangeland/pastureland vegetation, APN 010-270-25. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Coster noted this had been done in the past and it didn't have adverse effects.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO RECONSIDER THE REDUCTION IN THE JUSTICE'S SALARY AND TO SET THE SALARY CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S UNANIMOUS MOTION OF JULY 2012 TO PAY THE JUSTICE "PER NRS 243.045"

Chairman Gary Perea read the text title and noted this had been approved for this fiscal year, 2015-2016. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that instead of doing the pay increase, she will keep the salary at this year's level, with no longevity included. She added that Justice of the Peace Stephen Bishop was unable to attend today. Following brief discussion, it was determined that there would be no action taken on this today.

At 12:00 p.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a lunch break. The meeting was reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

CLERK:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO PREPARE ARGUMENTS ADVOCATING AND OPPOSING APPROVAL OF COUNTY BALLOT QUESTIONS TO APPEAR ON THE WHITE PINE COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN 2016

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised she took the language for the questions approved by the Board and advertised for 3 weeks; no responses were received, and she noted that it was expensive to publish this and not hear anything back from the public. She contacted the initial members of the committee and subsequently forms expressing interest were received; 3 people wished to serve on the opposition, and 4 who were asking to serve in favor of the questions. She continued that the Board needs to select 3 people to represent the favorable side of the questions, since there are already 3 for the opposition.

Commissioner Carol McKenzie disclosed that Mr. Gage Hansen is her grandson, and per advice from D.A. Wheable she can't participate in this discussion. Chairman Gary Perea felt the Finance Director should be included, as well as more than just one County employee. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to move for the committee members pertaining to the road tax, to select Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller, Mr. Gage Hansen, and Mr. Robert Rosevear. Commissioner Richard Howe declared he wanted to select Superintendent Miller, Finance Director Elizabeth Frances, and Mr. Robert Rosevear instead. Chairman Perea noted the motion already on the floor; Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded that original motion from Commissioner Coster.

Commissioner Howe reiterated his selection as opposed to Commissioner Coster's choices. Clerk Baldwin noted that Director Frances will be an active participant with both committees, due to her knowledge as to how the tax monies would be utilized and dispersed. She added it will be a public meeting where people can come and be educated about the questions. Chairman Perea reiterated the motion; Commissioner Coster's motion carried. So the opposition committee, after discussion by the Board, will consist of Airport Manager Steve Stork, Ms. Betsy Lopez, and Mr. Marty Westland.

Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adopt these three names as appearing in the Commission packet, as members of the opposition committee. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried. Per request of Chairman Perea, Clerk Baldwin will post the information on the website.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-13 TO REVISE THE STANDARDS OF OPERATION FOR THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised she had prepared this new resolution to amend the Standards of Operation for the advisory boards, to include the items she highlighted in yellow in the backup materials. This will direct the advisory boards to get copies of their agendas, minutes, correspondence, audio recordings, etc. to the Clerk's Office within 30 days of the meeting, even if it's still in draft format. Commissioner Mike Coster asked if it could be made 35 days instead, so the boards would have time to

turn in their draft materials and then the final form; D.A. Wheable felt that would be acceptable as long as it would be available to the public within 30 days. Then they would have 5 days to provide the Clerk with copies. Commissioner Laurie Carson felt we should leave it as is, and don't put too many timeframes in there as it could be confusing to the advisory boards. Following some discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson added that having the materials approved and then submitted to the Clerk within 45 days, should be included. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 to revise the Standards of Operation for the White Pine County advisory boards, with the addition of the boards submitting their materials to the Clerk's Office within 35 days even if they are in draft format, and within 45 days at the conclusion of the meeting or their next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Perea, Chairman
 Carol O. McKenzie, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Laurie L. Carson
 Commissioner Richard Howe
 Commissioner Mike Coster

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Nichole Baldwin, Ex-officio Clerk of the Board

White Pine County
Board of County Commissioners
 Resolution 2016-13

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MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 2009-39 & 2015-28

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission works diligently to provide the citizens of the County with efficient, cost effective services, and

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission works diligently to manage county facilities and services to meet the needs of the County's citizens, provide public safety, and address natural resource and planning issues, and

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission considers the opinions and expertise of its citizens in assisting with the review, oversight, and analysis of County facilities, services, and issues, and

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission, pursuant to Ordinance 432 and NRS 244.1945, has established County Advisory Boards to assist the Commission with identifying and analyzing the County's facilities, services, and issues and providing recommendations to the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission considers the time County citizens devote to participating in its County Advisory Boards as a valuable resource, and

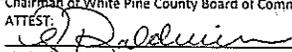
WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission wants to ensure that the time its citizens devote to participating in its County Advisory Board is as effective as possible, and

WHEREAS, the White Pine County Commission believes that by providing a uniform, consistent procedural outline for the County Advisory Boards, it can help the Board members focus their attention on issues and recommendations that will benefit the citizens of the County, as well as to educate members of their duties pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, and Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 241.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the White Pine County Commission adopts the White Pine County Standards for Operation of White Pine County Advisory Boards, Revised Edition April 2016, as the procedures to be followed for all of its County Advisory Boards unless otherwise identified by Statute or an Inter-local Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

BY A VOTE OF _____ AYES
 _____ NAYS
 _____ ABSENT

Chairman of White Pine County Board of Commissioners
 ATTEST: 
 Clerk of said Board

At 2:13 p.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the regular Commission meeting and reconvened the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 2:27 p.m., Fire Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

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.

FINANCE:

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

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances provided a handout to the Board explaining the monthly financial reports for March 2016. The briefly reviewed the General Fund report; the Cash Flow and all the other funds reports were cited in the Commission packet. She felt we are where we should be with cash and revenues, although it is understood that the timing for the revenues is normally a bit behind. Our expenditures are under revenues at this point, but she noted that will change shortly. The franchise fee will be coming in later due to the delay in getting it re-enacted, but she felt we are on fairly solid ground at this point and there are no outstanding problems. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adopt the financial statements for the month ended March 31, 2016 as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/DIRECTION TO THE FINANCE DIRECTOR REGARDING THE FY2017 BUDGET

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that the Commission can discuss today how much they want to give on the Fire District, but clarified that during the Fire District agenda item they can also talk about what to do with the funds that have been appropriated. He explained that he wishes to keep the two budgets and their discussions separate for clarity.

Director Frances advised the amount needed to balance the budget is \$614,000 and that the Commission is wanting to go forward and bring it down to \$425,000; she took these figures from the Financial Strategic Planning Committee report recommendations. She pulled out some items for the Board to consider, and emphasized that when we are looking at changing or restructuring departments, it shouldn't be done abruptly but smoothly.

The first item she discussed was the possible merger of the Senior Center and Social Services into one Department. She advised the Committee had talked with both Department Heads and they felt that this was feasible. She cited backup materials pertaining to this merger and how the savings would play out by just paying for 1 Director, with ½ of the salary coming out of each fund. This would eliminate 1.5 positions from each Department, and there may be some services that overlap. Chairman Gary Perea noted that while many seniors don't want to be associated with the Social Services program, there are many similarities and it would make sense to combine them. Commissioner Richard Howe stated that we have to bring these Departments together, and emphasized the importance of "location, location, location." During the discussion, Chairman Perea felt that merging the Departments doesn't mean they have to be put physically together. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked how we would save money by doing this, other than reducing personnel; Social Services Director Bunny Hill felt that neither Department could afford to lose ½ person. Commissioner Howe asked how we would be able to get the budget down, we have to reduce by nearly \$200,000 and didn't see any other way to do it besides reducing personnel. He continued that we should be combining as many Departments as possible. Chairman Perea noted that while we have the Committee's recommendations, those also force us to make rash decisions without having all the information. He wants to know what would actually be saved with

respect to this proposed Department merger. He agreed that we need to look at this, but he wants to have all the information we need before we move forward with it. In discussing the possible remodeling of the building now used to house election machines—with the machines possibly moving into the Administrative building—it was noted the bathroom in that building will have to be totally redone and there's no kitchen in there, either. Commissioner Carson pointed out that Director Hill was already helping Supervisor Ricci with grant writing; she asked if it might be possible for Director Hill could take over that portion, due to her expertise in that area, without a stipend so that the \$3,000 would be eliminated from Library/Sr. Center Director Lori Romero's fund and give it to Director Hill? Director Romero advised that Supervisor Ricci is doing the grants, but if she isn't there then she does them herself, besides the day-to-day operations of the Senior Center. Following brief discussion, Director Frances felt we need to come up with a framework as to how best this could be handled.

Next to be addressed was the Seasonal Park employee; it was noted no one needed to be at the Golf Course on Mondays. Director Frances noted that eliminating the Seasonal Parks position came out of the Strategic Planning report. Chairman Gary Perea asked if we could reduce those hours from 800 down to 600 hours, which would save roughly \$3,125. Commissioner Laurie Carson would like to have the Department Head's assurance if they are on board with these changes. Chairman Perea felt that Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood could come to the next meeting and advise if this could be done or not. Commissioner Richard Howe asked if this could be done during Department Head meetings instead of at these Commission meetings. It was consensus of the Board to reduce the hours of the Seasonal Parks employee from 800 to 600.

Next is the BCT proposal, which Director Frances cited in the Commission packets. She explained that BCT came back with a counter-offer to reduce their contract by 11.5%, which would mean a savings of \$20,520; she had initially figured an \$18,000 savings would be accomplished by reducing their contract and going with an IT Engineer. She continued that full-time, in-house IT Engineer services would be better, and we could reduce the IT person to half-time. Chairman Gary Perea felt it would be acceptable to go with the BCT proposal and continue to work on planning for the in-house IT Engineer.

Chairman Perea continued that employee salaries, step increases, etc. are one of our biggest issues. We should be making cuts before we start adding to Payroll. He wants more information gathered for the next Commission meeting so we could finish the budget at that time. Other items that could be considered were brought up by the Board: eliminating Central Purchasing, for example, and having the new Parts Manager take on that task by adding purchasing to that position. Social Services Director Bunny Hill advised that IT Specialist Jennifer Farnworth researched many office supplies and things we would need to keep in stock with Quill, and got a preferred pricing list for the County; the plan is to go out to bid on most of those items, she added, to see if some prices could be locked in for a year. The question will be posed with Quill as to if those prices could be obtained without us having a Central Purchasing Dept.

Commissioner Richard Howe voiced his frustration that none of these items will make much difference, and he wanted to see us address the \$200,000 cuts in big increments. Director Frances summarized what the Board wanted her to do: To meet with Director Hill and Supervisor Ricci regarding the Department merger; reduce the Seasonal Park employee by 200 hours; accept BCT's counter-proposal but continue working on an in-house IT Engineer; and discover what savings we would realize for eliminating Central Purchasing. If the Board had any other ideas, she asked that they notify her prior to the next Department Head meeting. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that right now Finance is missing a half-time person; he wondered if it would be possible to balance the Central Purchasing with a half-time person?

His suggestion would be that under the BCT reduced rate, the half-time IT person could do that now and perhaps also take care of the half-time position in the Finance Dept., and thus eliminate Central Purchasing. The Board agreed it was an idea worth pursuing.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 28, Special Budget

March 29, Special Budget

Commissioner Laurie Carson wished a change for clarification to be made on Page 2 of the March 28th set minutes, and a deletion was suggested on Page 6 to clarify a sentence. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the March 28th set of minutes with correction noted. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Mike Coster noted the word "how" should have been included on Page 1 of the March 29th set of minutes, and on Page 2 a change of tense from "requesting" to "requested" needed to be made. Commissioner Coster made a motion to approve the March 29th set of minutes with changes as noted. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

At 2:34 p.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a break. The meeting was reconvened at 2:42 p.m. At this time District Attorney Mike Wheable wished to reopen the agenda item pertaining to H&M Ely Co. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to reopen this agenda item. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Howe abstaining from the vote.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION OF RELEASE OF ANY INTEREST IN COMPLETED LOAN CONTRACT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND H&M ELY CO. FOR LOAN PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED TO H&M ELY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND/OR ENHANCEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY APN 001-233-01, 701 7TH STREET EAST, ELY, WHICH LOAN HAS BEEN PAID BACK TO WHITE PINE COUNTY AND OTHER TERMS SATISFIED IN MAY 2015 – SAID RELEASE IS NEEDED FOR H&M ELY’S TITLING PURPOSES

Commissioner Richard Howe disclosed that per legal advice from D.A. Wheable, he will recuse himself from the vote as he has a friendship with one of the owners, but no business association with them. He won't make any money on it, he has no financial interest at all, but due to his association as noted he will abstain. As the former motion to approve this is vacated now, a new vote from the Board is needed. Chairman Gary Perea asked if there is any discussion on this; there was none, and it was noted this had been placed on the agenda for titling purposes. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to ratify the release of any interest in the completed loan contract between White Pine County and H&M Ely Co. for loan previously extended to H&M Ely for development and/or enhancement of real property APN 001-233-01, 701 7th Street East, Ely, which loan has been paid back to White Pine County and other terms satisfied in May 2015. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Commissioner Richard Howe abstaining from the vote.

ADVISORY BOARDS

There were none to report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- NDOT State freight plan.
- DOE grant report from Finance Director.
- WPC District Fire Chief Brett Waters to give grant report.
- Tourism & Recreation Board to give presentation on their budget and their grant.

- State radio requirements regarding LEPC.
- Approval of Fire Commission minutes for March 28, 29.
- Resolution regarding Courthouse/Jail Expansion.
- Update on Planning 2.0.
- 911 Committee, to move forward.
- Properties the County holds that may be willing to sell for revenue enhancement/inventory.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Burton Hilton wished to comment as a taxpayer and resident of White Pine County. He has questions about the gas tax ballot initiative; in Elko, the State wouldn't be including municipal roads, but the money would be used solely for funding State highways. However the breakdown is, would affect how he would vote on this. If he felt the funds would help White Pine County, he'd be more inclined to support it, but if not, then he wouldn't. He hoped the Board could get more information out on this to the public. Chairman Gary Perea advised that during the Ballot Committee meetings, those are the kinds of things that are discussed, i.e. where the funds would be going.

Ms. Bunny Hill commented as a volunteer with the Silver State Classic Challenge: She invited the Commission to their reception on Friday, May 13th, at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 6:00 p.m. She added that's also the day for the SSCC High Noon Shootout event.

At 2:55 p.m., Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to close the Open Meeting and go into Closed Session related to collective bargaining. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Perea recessed the meeting for a short break to allow the assemblage to disassemble.

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

This Closed Session was duly held. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to close the Closed Session. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

At 3:11 p.m., the regular Commission meeting was reconvened by Chairman Gary Perea.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 COUNTY OF WHITE PINE
 STATE OF NEVADA

ATTEST:


 WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY: _____

CHAIRMAN