

**IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 25, 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

Bunny Hill, Social Services Director  
Bill Calderwood, Facility Maint. Superintendent.  
Elaine Blackham, Sr. Management Assistant  
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist  
Kathy Ricci, Human Resources Director  
Megan Brown, WPC Aquatics Facilities Director  
Bill Miller, Road Maintenance Superintendent  
Mike Wheable, District Attorney  
Dan Watts, WPC Sheriff  
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director  
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor  
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer  
Chris Ricci, Senior Program Supervisor  
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Director  
Juan Carlos Cervantes, UNR-Coop Extension  
Rost Olson, Deputy District Attorney

Also Present

Geri Wopschall  
Donna Bath (Senator Dean Heller)  
Chris Hanefeld, BLM  
George Chachas, KGTV-10  
Johnathan Dishong  
Terry McIntosh, High Desert Trailblazers  
William Ward  
Jim Derrick, EMT  
Anselmo Lee Garcia, WPC Fire District  
Leslie Riley, BLM

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Chairman Gary Perea called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Laurie Carson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Leslie Riley, BLM-Ely District, is Project Manager for the 2016 Oil/Gas Lease Sale Environmental Assessment. She explained Nevada has to put out 4 sales each year; the Ely District does this in December. There were 41 parcels nominated for this year, comprising 82,121.56 acres. One parcel is on Robinson Summit, just under 2,000 acres. The remaining parcels are in Newark Valley in the Diamond Mountains, up to the White Pine/Lincoln County border. She has maps available for the Board if they want copies. She continued that they are in the process of doing a natural resource analysis, and are in the draft EA stage at this point. Last week a Press Release was issued requesting public input regarding issues that relate to those parcels, and gave the public 14 days to review, ending on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Riley added that they have to have the preliminary draft EA published by June 27<sup>th</sup>, in order to allow for the 30 day comment period. She invited public comment at any time between now and the end of the EA scoping period, July 22<sup>nd</sup>; comments may be delivered to the Ely BLM District Office. Chairman Gary Perea noted this is on today's agenda for discussion; additionally, he had talked with Mr. Mike Herder, BLM, about this last weekend. This will give PLUAC time to review as well and make good comments, he felt.

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton added from the County's perspective that for any oil/gas leases to the BLM, there is a tax on the interest charged at \$1.25/acre; however, this year that cost is down somewhat from prior years. He noted most people pay that on time with no problems, but there are several larger companies that refuse to pay, and the Assessor has no recourse to recoup those charges. He has talked with the District Attorney about this; he commented that "the more acres, the better" it would be for the County.

Mr. George Chachas presented various concerns to the Board: On today's agenda he asked about the Assessor' County-owned property identification; Chairman Gary Perea noted that is for the committee. Mr. Chachas felt that just selling off property like "in a distress sale," he is totally against; he doesn't want to close off any possible growth. With respect to the Planning Commission item regarding trailers and RV Ordinances, he noted there's a modular building on Great Basin Boulevard is out of compliance. He called for the resignation of that Commission's Chairman because he felt they're not doing their job. He continued to cite lack of ADA compliance at the Administrative Office's parking lot; also at the Aquatic Center. He also didn't see an agenda item to remove members of the Tourism & Recreation Board who don't meet minimum requirements for membership.

At 9:16 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 9:25 a.m., Road Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Road Commission meeting and opened the Liquor Board meeting. At 9:30 a.m., Liquor Board Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Liquor Board meeting and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting. At this time, he opened the Ordinances/Public Hearings portion of the agenda.

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

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING 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 cited some background of this Ordinance, and noted that he had attempted to have public discussion on this but by the time he talked to WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin about this, it had already been run in the paper. He noted we can open the Public Hearing and take comments, and then if the Board concurs we can continue the Public Hearing to a future agenda, so all pertinent comments could be heard prior to the Board's final decision. At this point in the Ordinance, he continued, we are working on the insurance issues; there needs to be some financial accountability from those operating ATVs on County roads. He cited the Elko County Commission who have designated to each unincorporated town the authority to either ban ATVs or impose additional requirements. He felt leaving the decision up to the discretion of the towns might be a good suggestion. In reply to a query from Commissioner Coster, District Attorney Mike Wheable felt that even though no action will be taken today, the Board could continue with the Public Hearing. Chairman Gary Perea asked for public comment on the proposed Ordinance as it currently stands.

Mr. Terry McIntosh, of the High Desert Trailblazers, advised their group isn't in favor of the insurance portion of this Ordinance. They feel it would isolate White Pine County from the rest of the State. He did some research, which revealed that no other County near us has mandatory insurance included in their Ordinance; neither does the State, and even for the larger ATVs, it's voluntary. He continued that what started out by giving people in McGill and Lund access to main streets has escalated into an insurance

thing. In Elko, they let unincorporated areas come up with ideas themselves; he feels it would hinder the County and isolate us from neighboring counties and even adjacent States that don't have insurance requirements either. He requested the Board to either postpone or suspend this Ordinance and allow more time for input from the surrounding areas. Chairman Perea noted that the larger ATVs do require insurance if they travel on highways, which are covered by the State program. Mr. McIntosh agreed, noting that the large ATVs are provided with stickers to travel on the highways, and in order to obtain a sticker you have to have proof of insurance. He continued that the State ATV Director works with the BLM and the Forest Service to allow ATVs to have more mobility, such as for going to grocery stores. Sheriff Watts noted that Utah requires a "street legal kit"; the dealerships put them on before the ATVs leave their store, it's a great safety program.

Social Services Director Bunny Hill agreed that more information needs to be gathered prior to any formal action; however, she does feel ATV riders should be licensed and have insurance. She cited a recent accident she had in the past where she was hit by a child riding an ATV; she wants people and kids riding on public roads to be licensed, to some degree. There being no further comment, Chairman Perea closed the Public Hearing.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL 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**

Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to table this item, per advice of the District Attorney. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made the motion; Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

At 9:44 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea recessed the regular Commission meeting to open the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 10:39 a.m., Fire Commission Chairman Gary Perea adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting. Chairman Perea recessed the Commission meeting for a break; the meeting was reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

**ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**ASSESSOR:**

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE ONLY OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY, INCLUDING ALLEYS, FOR POSSIBLE DISPOSAL/SALE**

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton advised the committee will be comprised of himself, WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin, WPC Recorder Martha Rivera Sindelar, Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller, and Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood. He feels everyone has an interest in this, and they are working to identify and evaluate County properties and alleys, and move forward with this. His intent is to get some initial work done and bring it forward to the Commission, to see what direction they would like to see this go. The Board thanked Assessor Hilton for doing this.

**SENIOR CENTER:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE 2017 NEVADA AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION CONGREGATE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,220 WITH A MATCH OF \$3,392 COMING FROM TAX OVERRIDE FUNDS**

Senior Program Supervisor Chris Ricci advised this is a yearly grant we get from the Nv. Aging & Disability Services Division for congregate, with the match coming out of tax override funds. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked what is the tax override fund balance; Finance Director Elizabeth Frances responded that it goes from year to year, but she doesn't segregate out those funds. They are shown as segregated in the revenue portion of the budget, however. She noted there is adequate ad

valorem taxes that will be received next year to cover what is being requested here. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the 2017 Nv. Aging & Disability Services Division congregate grant application in the amount of \$19,220 with a match of \$3,392 coming from tax override funds. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE 2017 NEVADA AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION HOMEBOUND GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,400 WITH A MATCH OF \$7,483 COMING FROM TAX OVERRIDE FUNDS**

Supervisor Ricci noted this is much the same, but it's the grant to cover homebound services. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the 2017 Nv. Aging & Disability Services Division homebound grant application in the amount of \$42,400 with a match of \$7,483 coming from tax override funds. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

**LIBRARY:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE 2016 LIBRARY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANT FOR EARLY LITERACY TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,630 WITH A MATCH OF \$1,181 COMING FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Library/Sr. Center Director Lori Romero advised this grant covers 3 "Early Literacy Technology" stations, which are pre-loaded with over 70 educational games ranging from Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to accept the 2016 Library Science & Technology Act grant for Early Literacy Technology in the amount of \$10,630 with a match of \$1,181 coming from Friends of the Library. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Mike Coster asked Director Romero if, when he gives funds to the Library, it goes towards Friends of the Library; Director Romero replied in the negative, noting it goes into their Gift Fund.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL FOR WHITE PINE COUNTY LIBRARY & COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION TO SELL SURPLUS ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE TO BE RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS**

Director Romero advised that 2 bays of the Maintenance Shop are filled with surplus items for the auction. She is requesting the Board to be able to hold an auction to do this, with a completion date of mid-June. Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood explained that he takes care of surplus items for auctions, for disposable property; if it has a value, it will come up at an auction. Director Romero added several Library auctions have been held in the past, and the bids are submitted in sealed envelopes. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve White Pine County Library and the UNR Cooperative Extension to hold a public auction to sell surplus items no longer needed with the proceeds of the sale to be returned to the respective Departments. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WHITE PINE COUNTY TOURISM & RECREATION BOARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 WITH A MATCH OF \$8,000 (\$3,000 FROM MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION AND AN APPLICATION REQUEST HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED FOR \$5,000 TO MT. WHEELER POWER TO BE CONSIDERED ON JUNE 14, 2016)**

Facility Maintenance Superintendent Bill Calderwood advised this had been recommended by the Golf Advisory Board in order to be able to purchase a greens mower for the course. There is one correction on the agenda item, however; the Men's Golf Association match was \$3,500 instead of \$3,000, and that will change the amount to be requested of the Tourism & Recreation Board if this is approved by the Commission. He clarified that we would be asking for \$500 less from the Tourism & Recreation Board.

District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that by adding the language "not to exceed" this would be covered. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve a grant application to the White Pine County Tourism & Recreation Board in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 with a match of \$8,000 (\$3,500 from the Men's Golf Association and an application request having been submitted for \$5,000 to Mt. Wheeler Power to be considered on June 14, 2016). Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried. In reply to a query from Chairman Gary Perea, if Mt. Wheeler decides not to contribute, the application can be pulled if necessary.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF BRETT WATERS OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chairman Gary Perea advised this agenda item was continued from the Fire Commission. He asked if there was anything different from the County Commission's perspective; District Attorney Mike Wheable just clarified that only the Director of Emergency Services should be included in the motion here. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Brett Waters as the Director of Emergency Services. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM WARD AS INTERIM WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION FIRE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS A VOLUNTEER WITH NO COMPENSATION**

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to appoint Volunteer Fire Chief William Ward as Interim Director of Emergency Services as a volunteer with no compensation. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. In reply to a query from Commissioner Mike Coster, D.A. Wheable advised there are no pending grant qualifications with respect to this particular job.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO HIRE BRETT WATERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO ASSIST THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT INTERIM FIRE CHIEF AND LIAISON OFFICER ON THE COMPLETION OF PENDING PROJECTS, FIRE DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY AND AS OTHERWISE NEEDED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND CONSULTANT SERVICES, ASSIST IN THE RECRUITMENT AND REPLACEMENT FOR THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND EMERGENCY SERVICES POSITION**

Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to table this agenda item pertaining to the portion regarding the Emergency Services position. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL FOR RECRUITMENT AND REPLACEMENT FOR THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES POSITION**

D.A. Wheable advised this should be handled consistent with the former actions regarding the White Pine County District Fire Chief position. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve recruitment and replacement for the Director of Emergency Services position. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Coster noted the consistency was adhered to for the record.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE COMPENSATION POLICY AND SALARY SCALE FOR THE WHITE PINE AQUATIC FACILITIES**

Human Resources Director Kathy Ricci cited the new pay scale in the Commission packets, with the policy shown on the same page. She explained there will be 6 months of employment before they can receive a pay increase. She added that if certification is achieved, they can receive an increase in pay. Chairman Gary Perea commented that he prefers this over the previous scale/policy. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the compensation policy and salary scale for the White Pine Aquatic Facilities as requested. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT WITH WHITE PINE COUNTY AND THE WHITE PINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017**

Director Ricci recalled that the Board had requested her to look at the language of the injury portion of the agreement, and it was revamped. She noted that the Sheriff's Association was agreeable to the change, which pertained to clarification of the timeline with respect to the injury and reporting. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve the final agreement with White Pine County and the White Pine County Sheriff's Association's collective bargaining Agreement as presented, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO REQUEST THE BLM FOR A 30-DAY EXTENSION FROM THE JUNE 3, 2016 DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON PUBLIC LANDS NOMINATED FOR 2016 OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW PLUAC AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TIME TO RESPOND**

Chairman Gary Perea noted we will have time to add comments past this deadline, but this will ensure that we will have that opportunity. Ms. Leslie Riley, BLM-Ely District, encouraged comments from the Commission and from the public on those lands nominated for oil and gas exploration. She noted that if this is approved, we will have from now until July 22<sup>nd</sup> to submit comments. Chairman Perea noted that while no action can be taken at this time, this agenda item will appear on the next PLUAC agenda as well as the County Commission agenda for further comment. Commissioner Mike Coster advised that Planning 2.0 is using the informal comment period as a tradeoff for the formal comment process, and that will probably go to litigation. He added that we are relying on Planning 2.0 going to court. He appreciated the BLM's efforts, and wished to ensure that was documented. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to request the BLM for a 30-day extension from the June 3, 2016 deadline for public input on public lands nominated for 2016 oil and gas exploration and development to allow PLUAC and the Board of County Commissioners time to respond. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-15 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN GOSAR AND SENATOR MCCAIN'S BIPARTISAN BILLS TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR DOWNWINDERS EXPOSED TO GOVERNMENT RADIATION TESTING**

Chairman Gary Perea read Resolution 2016-15 into the record. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-15, a resolution supporting Congressman Gosar and Senator McCain's bipartisan bills to ensure justice for Downwinders exposed to government radiation testing. Commissioner Laurie Carson 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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RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA, SUPPORTING CONGRESSMAN GOSAR AND SENATOR MCCAIN'S BIPARTISAN BILLS TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR DOWNWINDERS EXPOSED TO GOVERNMENT RADIATION TESTING

RECITALS: During the 1940s through the 1960s, the United States government conducted nearly 200 atmospheric weapons development tests as part of our nation's Cold War security strategy. In 1951, nuclear weapons testing began at a site known as the Nevada Proving Grounds, located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. In 1990, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act ("RECA") to compensate individuals - commonly referred to as "Downwinders" - who contracted certain cancers and diseases attributed to radiation exposure from nuclear weapons testing.

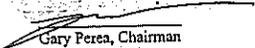
There are boundary flaws with RECA that prevent otherwise eligible individuals that reside in counties in close proximity to testing grounds from receiving compensation for no logical reason - including individuals in Mohave County, Arizona.

Congressman Gosar's Bill H.R. 3345 and Senator McCain's Bill S. 1895 propose to Amend RECA to expand the eligibility boundaries.

IT IS RESOLVED that the White Pine County Commission, White Pine County, Nevada supports Congressman Gosar and Senator McCain's Bipartisan Bills to ensure justice for downwinders exposed to government radiation testing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the White Pine County Commission, White Pine County, Nevada on May 25, 2016.

APPROVED:

  
Gary Perea, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Nichole Baldwin,  
W.P. County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
REVIEWED BY:

  
Michael Wheable  
W.P. Co. District Attorney

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-16 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 2016 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP TO THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA)**

Commissioner Laurie Carson noted that at their meeting last Friday, NACO voted to support this, and Churchill County has already approved it since then. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted there is a limited timeframe for this. Commissioner Carson added that NRHA had asked for this from the State and the State declined, so they're reaching out to the counties instead. Sr. Management Assistant Elaine Blackham explained that Mr. Gary Longacre had planned on being here today but was called out of town. He wanted us to know these are not money transfers, but are credits. This would allow first-time home buyers access to funds, totaling \$386,000 in available monies. Assistant Blackham advised that White Pine County has participated in this over the past 10 years. Following brief discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-16, a resolution providing for the transfer of the County's 2016 private activity bond volume cap to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority. Commissioner Laurie Carson 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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RESOLUTION No. 2016-16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 2016 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND VOLUME CAP TO THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 348A of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 348A of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), there has been allocated to White Pine County, Nevada (the "County"), the amount of \$328,213.84 in tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap for year 2016 (the "2016 Bond Cap"); and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (the "NRHA"), has requested that the County transfer its 2016 Bond Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing a means of financing the costs of single family residential housing that will provide decent, safe and sanitary dwellings at affordable prices for persons of low and moderate income ("Single Family Programs"); and

WHEREAS, the County is a local government as defined by NAC 348A.070; and

WHEREAS, Section 348A.180 of the NAC provides a procedure whereby the County may, by resolution, transfer to any other local government located within the same county, all or any portion of its 2016 Bond Cap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 315.983(1)(a), the NRHA is an instrumentality, local government and political subdivision of the State of Nevada (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the NRHA is located within the County, pursuant to NRS 315.963, which defines the NRHA's area of operation as "any area of the State which is not included within the corporate limits of a city or town having a population of 150,000 or more."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County does hereby find, resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1. *Recitals.* The recitals set forth herein above are true and correct in all respects.

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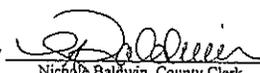
THIS RESOLUTION HAS SEVERAL PAGES.  
ONLY THE FIRST AND LAST ARE SHOWN.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 15 day of May, 2016.

COUNTY OF WHITE PINE, NEVADA

By   
Gary Perea, Chairman

ATTEST:

By   
Nicholas Baldwin, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
REVIEWED BY:

  
Michael Wheable,  
White Pine County District Attorney

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE/DIRECTION REGARDING BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS AND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY, WITH POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS**

Chairman Gary Perea requested this be tabled. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to table this agenda item; Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Richard Howe left the meeting for a few moments.

**FINANCE:**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE GRANT REPORT FROM THE DEPT. OF ENERGY GRANT AWARD NO. DE-EE0003139**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that this was unintentionally omitted from the list of grant reports, and is asking for approval by the Board. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the grant report from the Department of Energy, grant award No. DE-EE0003139.

Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Commissioner Richard Howe abstaining as he was not present for the vote. He returned shortly thereafter.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-18 TO AUGMENT THE LEGAL AID FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000**

Director Frances noted that what was budgeted for this is utilized. She discussed this with District Court Judge Steve Dobrescu, and he feels this amount would be adequate for the purpose. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to provide for legal assistance by Resolution 2016-18, to augment the Legal Aid Fund in the amount of \$2,000 as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. At this point, Commissioner Coster noted there was an error in the date of adoption; he modified his motion to include the corrected date. Commissioner Carson amended her second. Amended motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2016-18  
Resolution to Augment the Legal Aid Fund in the Amount of \$2,000 to Provide for  
Legal Assistance to Individuals as Authorized by the Court**

Whereas, the Legal Aid Fund provides attorneys for civil matters to individuals that cannot afford them at the Court's discretion: and

Whereas, the need during the fiscal year has been greater than anticipated: and

Whereas, the Legal Aid Fund had a beginning fund balance budgeted at \$4,435 and an actual beginning fund balance of \$8,947 leaving \$4,512 of beginning fund balance that is unbudgeted and available for appropriation:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the Legal Aid Fund by \$2,000 from beginning fund balance and increase account 330-5012-52709-000 (Attorney & Investigation) by the same amount.

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

Passed, adopted and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0



Gary Perea, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:  
  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/DIRECTION REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES TO ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SENIOR CENTER AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Director Frances requested this item be tabled, as she was unable to meet with the parties within the timeframe. Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to table this item. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to table; Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ONLY: REGARDING MAKING OFFICE SUPPLY PURCHASES FROM CENTRALIZED PURCHASING MANDATORY FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

Director Frances advised this has been carried over from the previous meeting. She commented that it's hard to be effective if some Departments participate and others don't. While it's better economics to order in quantity to keep the costs down, she has no authority to do this. She asked the Board what direction they might wish to take. Chairman Gary Perea noted that it's a problem when bulk purchasing should save money, but if they can get items cheaper somewhere else, elected officials purchase them wherever they want. He felt we could do away with this, set up Departmental budgets, and just state that's what the Department Heads have to work with. Social Services Director Bunny Hill advised that Central Purchasing has saved her Department a substantial amount of funds; she added that while the Board can dictate to Department Heads, they can't for Elected Officials. There followed some discussion regarding how some ordering methods have been working well for some Department Heads, and other ideas. It was noted this agenda item is for discussion only.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF FUND BALANCE REPORT AND CASH FLOW REPORT FOR APRIL 2016**

Director Frances noted there are still some variables regarding the budget on the revenue side to consider, even though the fiscal year is nearing an end. She is expecting to see a spike in Purchasing near the end of May. Chairman Gary Perea commented that the \$57,000 gleaned from the franchise fee revenue seems low; Director Frances explained that it was put into place late, and they pay quarterly, with 30 days to make their payments. Chairman Perea entertained a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Richard Howe made a motion to approve the fund balance report and cash flow report for April 2016 as presented by Catherine Bakaric and Elizabeth Frances. Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FY2017 BUDGETS FOR WHITE PINE COUNTY AND THE TOWNS OF LUND, MCGILL AND RUTH IN FINAL STATE FORM**

Director Frances addressed the towns of Lund, McGill and Ruth; she noted there were no changes from the tentative to the final budgets, and requested a motion to approve those. Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve the town budgets. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to adopt final budgets in final State form as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Director Frances provided handouts for the White Pine County budget, noting they are in the final State format. She outlined the changes that were made, citing another handout in memo form which explained the changes. She noted an increase of \$60,000 requested by Road Maintenance Superintendent Bill Miller, to adjust for a new plow truck needed in the Road Shop. This has yet to go before the RTC; if this Board approves it, the RTC will still need to approve the monies before we can allow it to be spent. If the Commission doesn't like this idea, Director Frances will remove it from the budget. She continued, noting that she doubled the budget amount for Forensics to allow for expenditures as necessary to provide for blood draws as required by the Sheriff's Dept. Another item on the list was to augment what's available from a current budget to pay for an axle that would bear more weight on a truck; this will also be brought before the RTC for final approval, it was noted. Commissioner Richard Howe commented that while the Board had authorized a promotion in the Road Dept. costing \$9,000, we then turned around and reduced some employees' work hour days. He cited the overall morale problem in the County and felt we should revisit this. He felt the rest of the list could be done, but this is the one thing that bothers him the most. Director Frances clarified that approving the budget doesn't automatically approve the promotion, it just approves the amount of the budget monies; the Commission still needs to approve the promotion. Following some discussion, Chairman Gary Perea entertained a

motion to approve White Pine County's portion of the budget. Commissioner Richard Howe made a motion to approve the FY2017 budget for White Pine County. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Commissioner Mike Coster voting in opposition. At this point, Commissioner Howe wished to change his vote; D.A. Wheable advised the agenda item needs to be re-opened. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to reopen the agenda item. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FY2017 BUDGETS FOR WHITE PINE COUNTY AND THE TOWNS OF LUND, MCGILL AND RUTH IN FINAL STATE FORM**

Since Commissioner Richard Howe wished to change his vote, the former motion and second were rescinded. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the FY2017 budget for White Pine County. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried 3:2, with Commissioners Coster and Howe voting in opposition.

**ADVISORY BOARDS**

There were none to report.

**CONSENT AGENDA: TO RATIFY CORRESPONDENCE, APPROVE PAYROLL FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPROVE HR TRANSMITTAL FOR PAYROLL CHANGES, 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 & RESIGNATIONS**

Appointments

Ronda Bishop

Economic Diversification Council

Chairman Gary Perea read the requested appointment of Ms. Ronda Bishop into the record. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to appoint Ms. Ronda Bishop to the Economic Diversification Council. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016 AS WHITE PINE COUNTY'S CANCER SURVIVORS DAY TO BE CELEBRATED WITH A TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT THE HOPE GROVE IN STEPTOE PARK AND FURTHER REQUESTING A DESIGNATED MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO READ THE PROCLAMATION AT THE CEREMONY ON JUNE 4, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Mike Coster made a motion to approve this agenda item exactly as presented. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Commissioner Richard Howe requested to read the Proclamation during the ceremony. Commissioner Mike Coster amended his motion by replacing "a designated member" by "further designating Commissioner Richard Howe" to read the Proclamation at the ceremony. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Perea advised he attended that ceremony last year, and it's a nice event.

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Commissioner Laurie L. Carson  
Commissioner Richard Howe  
Commissioner Mike Coster

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**Cancer Survivors Day Proclamation:**

WHEREAS, a "cancer survivor" is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, and there are nearly 14 million cancer survivors in America; and

WHEREAS, since over 1.6 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening, and prevention – especially among minorities and the medically underserved – must be a top priority in our community; and

WHEREAS, the great community of White Pine County has an active, productive cancer survivor population; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of communities worldwide will be celebrating life on Saturday, June 7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of White Pine County, I salute all cancer survivors and those who support them:

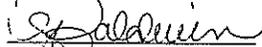
NOW, THEREFORE, the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim observance of:

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY\* to be Saturday, June 4, 2016

in White Pine County, and urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of life, to be held at the North East corner of Steptoe Park in the "Hope Grove" as we participate in a tree planting ceremony to honor our local cancer Survivors.

WITNESS MY HAND and the official Seal of White Pine County.

ATTEST:



Nichole Baldwin  
County Clerk

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Gary Perea, Chairman  
White Pine County Commission

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES**

Special April 13

Special Joint Water Advisory Committee/County Commission April 26<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Gary Perea advised that the April 13<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting was a regular meeting, not a Special meeting; that was an error on the agenda. There were a few changes that were noted to that set of minutes. Chairman Perea entertained a motion to approve this set of minutes. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> set of Commission minutes, with changes noted. Commissioner Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Perea commended Deputy Clerk Susan Lujan for her good work on the Jt. Water Advisory Committee/County Commission meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>. He added that if anyone needs an update on what's going on with the water issue, they could be provided with a copy of these minutes! Chairman Perea entertained a motion to approve this set of minutes. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Jt. Water Advisory Committee/County Commission set of minutes for April 26<sup>th</sup>, as presented. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised he had to leave the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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

This meeting was not held.

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Request delegation for legislation that would allow lands to be put up for disposal that were in the Resource Management Plan process to be continued, and not to be under the domain of the sage grouse.
- Agenda item pertaining to the Building & Planning Department; make sure the agreement is included and send invitation to City representatives for their participation as well.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

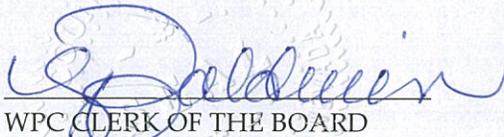
At 11:58 a.m., Chairman Gary Perea entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richard Howe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mike Coster seconded. Motion carried.

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