

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
Ian Bullis, Commissioner
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Steve Stork, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Tim Regan, WPC Fire District Chief
Carl Gregory, Emergency Mgmt. Director
Jaime Swetich, Capt., Sheriff's Office
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
Mike Wheable, District Attorney
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Facilities Director
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Admin.
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer
Juan Carlos Cervantes, UNR Coop Ext.
Dr. David Byun, WPC Board of Public Health
Bernadett Sena, Public Health
Nicole Rowe, Public Health
Brad Christiansen, Building Official
Lance Gale, Airport Manager (By Phone)
Kirsty Pickering, Attorney at Law
Jane Eberhardy, Attorney at Law

Also Present

Geri Wopschall
Kay McMurray, Ely Times
Donna Bath
Laine Hendrix, Lund Fire Chief
Jim Derrick, WPCFD
Rayleen Makley
George Chachas, KGTV-10
Danielle Jensen
Mark Bassett, NNRy
Terry & Debbie Steadman, Baker
John Evans, Cherry Creek Fire Chief
Joyce Brown, Baker
Keith Preszler, Baker
Ann Hamilton, Lund
William Ward, WPCFD Chief
Bill Sanford
Debra Whipple, Lund
Anselmo Lee Garcia, WPCFD
Shaun Mayo, WPCFD
Robert Gower, Silver Lion Farms
Anthony Gilbert, WPCFPD
Timothy & Sandy McGowan, Lund
Lee Ringueberg, Lund
Carol McKenzie, Lund
Andy McVicars, McGill Town Council

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Shane Bybee led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Richard Howe advised of some changes in the order of the agenda items today to accommodate those who will need to leave for other meetings, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Bassett, President of the Nevada Northern Railroad Foundation, commented that the Fire/EMS services agenda item is quite an issue for the railroad. Whereas in the past, they've only had from 15-20 passengers on their trains, they now have roughly 600 people visiting the railroad station areas. He also noted the trains run a "dark night" ride for sky watching, plus other activities. If there's a situation, he wanted to know who they should call, if they're up on the bench towards McGill, for example? They wouldn't want to have to worry about whether the City or the County would be able to come to their assistance. He explained that Avenue C is a borderline between the City/County, and the railroad track cuts across those boundaries. It would be nice, he finished, if this could be addressed so that if there's a situation the response would be done immediately.

John Evans, Cherry Creek Fire Dept. Chief, stated that he's opposed to the proposed City/County Fire/EMS agreement. He felt it would be more equitable if no money were involved at all, and it was handled like all our other

agreements with Elko, Lincoln, Nye counties and everyone else, as mutual aid. He noted it's been handled that way for the past 20 years and didn't see the need for it to change.

Ms. Joyce Brown, Baker resident, stated she is here to oppose the Ordinance regarding animal zoning. She noted that the numbers of chickens far exceed what the County has already established, and how it affects the open space in Baker.

Ms. Elizabeth Frances spoke today as a private citizen on the agenda item to consider approving an opening prayer during Commission meetings. She is a religious person; however, she believes religion is a personal matter and doesn't feel it would be appropriate to be having an opening prayer in our government meetings. She emphasized that she is just upholding the separation of church/State, and quoted Thomas Jefferson in that the legislature should make no law with respect to religion or its practice. She requested the Commission vote against this, and reiterated she is not voting against God but that we need to hold up one of the founding principles of our country, that this not be done during a government meeting.

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that there are 3 letters received after the agenda and packets had been received, which Chairman Richard Howe allowed to be read into the record at this time. They are from Mr. Terry Steadman, Ms. Joyce Brown, and Mr. Keith Preszler. Chairman Richard Howe pointed out this is only the first reading of Ordinance #499, and the Board will not be voting on it today.

February 24, 2019

Terry Steadman
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White Pine County Commission
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Ely, Nevada 89301

RE: Proposed Ordinance 499 (C-3/MH-3 Zoning Amendment)

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing regarding a proposed C-3 and MH-3 zoning amendment which would allow for raising farm animals/livestock within Baker, Nevada Township. In December of 2018, the owners of block #16, lots #4 thru 6 and block #16, lots #10 thru 12 applied for a variance for the same purpose. As required by WPC Ordinance 203, the Building and Planning Department sent written notification to all property owners that were within 400 feet of the requested variance and scheduled a Public Hearing for January 9, 2019. There were nine written responses in opposition to this variance, not to mention the Building and Planning Department's recommendation to decline the application. Based upon this input, the WPC Commission declined the variance as the proposed use was too dissimilar to adjoining properties. Under statute, the applicants have the right to file an appeal in this matter, but apparently did not do so. Instead, the applicant and their supporters requested that the County Commission pursue the issue further.

The Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board (BACAB) was requested by the County Commission to put an agenda item on their February 7, 2019 meeting for the "discussion by residents of Baker on zoning and animals on personal property in the town area." About 20 to 25 people attended the meeting. The end result was that BACAB made a recommendation to the County Commission to amend the current C-3 and MH-3 zoning to allow the raising of farm animals. Having served on the White Pine County Planning Commission and BACAB for several years I have the following concerns:

1. During the course of the February 7, 2019 meeting, it became obvious that none of the BACAB members and the majority of attendees have not read NRS278, WPC Land Use Plan, WPC Master Plan, or White Pine County Ordinance 203/WPC Codified Code Chapter 17.
2. The majority of the current BACAB members and attendees do not own C-3 or MH-3 zoned property in Baker Township. This can be easily confirmed by comparing the meeting sign-in sheet with the WPC assessment rolls.

3. SECTION XXIX AMENDMENT AND CHANGES of WPC Ordinance 203 states "A. The County from time to time, after report by the Commission and after public hearings may, amend, modify, or repeal the regulations, restrictions, or classifications of property and the boundaries of districts herein established." "B. Amendments may be initiated by: 1. The Commission upon its own Motion; or 2. The County upon its own Motion; or 3. An application signed by one or more of the owners of the property within the area proposed to be changed ____." To my knowledge, none of the C-3 or MH-3 property owners in Baker Township have applied for a zoning amendment. There are currently 28 legal property owners within the Baker C-3 zone.
4. In Baker Township there are approximately 266 lots zoned MH-3 and 228 lots zoned C-3. The WPC Land Use Plan has been in existence for over three decades, the WPC Master Plan dates clear back to 1970 and WPC Ordinance 203 was adopted by the Commission in May of 1987. The proposed amendment to C-3 and MH-3 within Baker Township is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the aforementioned regulations.
5. NRS278, and WPC Ordinance 203/WPC Codified Code Chapter 17 requires that all property owners within the area proposed to be changed be notified in writing of the proposed zoning amendment. Also, that the Commission shall hold a public hearing upon an amendment or application for change of land use classification. How is it that The County Commission now has this issue on the agenda for their next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019 as a "First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 499" when the legal process and protocols have not been followed?
6. If the proposed amendment is adopted, it will likely have a negative impact on the property values in Baker Township. In addition, the County does not have the resources to police and enforce the proposed change even if the Commission adds restrictions to the zoning amendment. Further, it will make it much more difficult for our community to attract capital investment in the form of new residents and businesses if Baker Township is relegated to a hobby farming/ranching enclave.
7. Last and not least, it is not my intent to criticize or besmirch anyone's character. Let's just stick with the facts as this issue is creating conflict and division within the community of interest. I hope that this matter can be resolved in a timely manner and consistent with the rule of law and precedence of law.

Please read this communication into the official record for the County Commission meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019. I thank the Commission for the opportunity to express my concerns and thank them for their service to the citizens of White Pine County.

Respectfully,



Terry Steadman

Cc: Michael A. Weible, WPC District Attorney
Brad Christianson, WPC Planning & Building Department

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White Pine County Commission
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February 24, 2019

Dear White Pine County Commission,

On February 7, 2019 the Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board (BACAB) held its first public meeting to discuss a possible future land use amendment that would cover Commercial C-3, as well as MH-3, property in Baker, Nevada. The proposed amendment would give Baker residents the right to raise farm animals, fowl and rabbits in the entire township of Baker. I am a huge supporter of agriculture in this area and admire the ranching community for their civic involvement. I do, however, strongly oppose a zoning change for C-3 property and urge the White Pine County Commissioners, the White Pine District Attorney and the White Pine Planning and Building Department to carefully consider that the proposed changes would not be consistent with the intent of C-3 zoning as outlined in the White Pine County codes, nor would they be consistent with established surrounding use. Intermingling commercial business with agriculture fosters land use conflicts and is the very reason that zoning codes exist. Perhaps, when considering the raising of animals for personal use, it would be more appropriate to amend only the MH-3 zoning rather than the C-3 zoning.

Even in the case of MH-3 I would suggest that any zoning code changes should proceed carefully. The number of fowl/rabbits agreed upon at the February 7th meeting of BACAB is potentially hundreds of times greater than those standards established in R-E-43 and R-E-21 under 17.32.020 Land Use Zones in White Pine County. The current proposed numbers in the amendment are based on available space: 10 square feet per fowl/rabbits and a marginal 15 foot setback from neighboring property lines. A pertinent question would be: How is available space defined? Does the 10 square foot guideline refer to coop size or available space? How big a coop might be allowed? Some property owners have as many as 12 lots of vacant land making it possible under the current proposal to raise fowl and rabbits in numbers far exceeding any reasonable consideration. Does the WPC Building Department have time to monitor and enforce the proposed amendment?

Furthermore, in deciding this issue doesn't the county have to contact all the current landowners of Baker, as well as all the absentee landowners? Supposing that in one meeting BACAB can make a plan affecting the long term future of Baker does not seem reasonable. Perhaps a special committee needs to be formed to develop a comprehensive research based amendment. Many pertinent issues weren't fully considered at the February 7th BACAB meeting. Are we proposing to allow the raising of fowl and rabbits for personal use or with the 10 square foot language, are we opening the door for commercial production? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to have maximum limits per household? Part of the discussion should perhaps include: When considering setbacks from neighboring property shouldn't we look at the numbers of fowl and rabbits a person desires to raise? It may be that 15 feet would be fine when considering 4 chickens, but beyond that maybe greater setbacks need to be considered to create harmony between neighboring properties. I suggest that in an effort to avoid future

disputes, specific guidelines be established for fowl/rabbits, coop and run sizes, ventilation, waste mitigation, pest and insect control and sanitation.

Please keep in mind that Baker is Nevada's only national park gateway community. The decisions made regarding this issue will greatly influence the look and feel of Baker. I would suggest that this look and feel will have a major influence on the future prosperity of Baker. It is exactly this prosperity that allows many in the community to live and work here. If hasty long term decisions are made that only appease some community members, aren't we codifying our diverse interests rather than finding solutions amenable to the majority?

Respectfully,

Joyce Brown
C-3 Property Owner
Baker, Nevada

Cc: WPC District Attorney
WPC Building & Planning Department

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White Pine County Commissioners
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February 25th, 2019

Dear White Pine County Commissioners

I'm writing in regards to the proposed amendment to the zoning codes in Baker Nevada. I attended the February 7th BACAB meeting here in Baker and my chief concern is that after that one rather contentious meeting the amendment is now before the County Commission. I don't feel that the issue was given enough time for the residents of Baker to think it over and seriously consider what exactly the amendment proposed. Obviously its purpose is to allow for the raising of chickens and rabbits, but beyond that I'm not certain of many of the details.

Does it, for example, state that 10 square feet per chicken applies to available space or to coop size? I've asked friends here in Baker, people who were at the meeting, and no one that I've asked is quite sure. I'm wondering because if it is based on a property owner's available space, then isn't it possible that a person could end up legally raising a very large number of chickens? Is that really the intent of the amendment and, if not, then shouldn't it be reworded? I'm also wondering just how available space might be defined? Wouldn't it be possible that one person's view of available space might be different than another's? Without any definition doesn't the new amendment leave the door open for disputes between neighbors?

This gets right to the heart of rushing ahead after one meeting with a quickly drawn up amendment. No time was allowed for residents to see the proposal in writing and to come up with additional questions and suggestions. If the 10 square feet per chicken applies to open space then I would contend that the amendment should be changed to put a cap on the maximum number of chickens any one property owner could raise. I'm also wondering, was there a maximum number of rabbits a property owner could raise? And what about guidelines for the butchering of the rabbits and chickens? We all want to trust that our neighbor will do a good job, be considerate, and keep a clean environment where their animals are concerned, but isn't that the purpose of zoning codes? Aren't the codes supposed to provide a guideline for everyone in hopes of avoiding disputes. How has this been achieved if the amendment to the zoning codes is so vague as to details?

I see now that the WPC Commission is planning to hear comments from the public, but how many people in Baker even know that this is on the agenda for the February 27th meeting? Will the Commissioners be able to add to the amendment, perhaps taking into account the comments or is it just a matter of listening and then voting on it as is? As this will affect everyone in Baker, do the residents get to vote? If the commission moves ahead with this amendment then, from my point of view, a small, but very vocal group of area residents have, by making the most noise, influenced the future of Baker. That doesn't seem right to me. In a contentious setting, such as was the February 7th meeting, people who might well have disagreed may have been reluctant to voice an opinion. I know I was uncomfortable and hesitated to speak up. I assumed it would be a process that would allow for more input as it

went along. Perhaps that is exactly what is happening as it now goes before the WPC Commission. I would even suggest that the amendment be returned to BACAB with specific instructions and suggestions as to how to proceed in a matter that has raised so many questions about the town's future. To my way of thinking, a more careful approach might help prevent future problems.

Thank you for considering my opinions.

Keith Preszler

C/C: White Pine County District Attorney
White Pine County Building and Planning Department

Commissioner Shane Bybee wished to address his absence during January and the first part of February. He advised that he was battling an unhealthy addiction to alcohol, which came to a head and resulted in his voluntarily spending 6 days in detox and 45 days in rehab as an inpatient. He emphasized he's not looking for sympathy, but is explaining this because he felt the citizens had a right to know, and also because we need to be able to deal with this in our community. He knows there are others battling the same addiction, and that approaching someone to talk with them about it is the first step to take on this road. Commissioner Bybee stated that his door is open 24/7 to anyone who has questions on how to begin that journey; he looks forward to talking with them and giving them a head start on where they can be going. He appreciates the friendship and caring support and the opportunity to share with others. He finished by asking people to please come to him and while he by no means is a counselor in these matters, his door is open and he's willing to listen and share his experience with them.

Mr. Terry Steadman advised that he appreciated the reading of his letter into the record regarding the proposed Ordinance on animal zoning, he has a couple of questions. He wanted to know if legal property owners are being given the opportunity to provide written comments on this Ordinance, and if there would be a future public hearing on this. District Attorney Mike Wheable responded yes to both of his questions. Mr. Steadman noted that given the current guidelines in the Ordinance the language still is not clear, as the respondents have already indicated. He proposed a scenario that on the 40 vacant lots that he and his wife own in Baker, he could raise over 20,000 chickens on that property. He also noted the initial intent of the zoning was for highway and not agricultural use, and that this would pose issues with manure, dust, and related problems for the adjacent landowners. He cited various statutes, specifically under NRS 244.154 and NRS 278. He urged the Commission to read the recommendations from the Planning Commission meetings during 2014, specifically the March 18, 2014 RPC meeting, as some of those concerns were addressed and recommendations were made.

Mr. George Chachas approached the Board with various concerns; regarding the agenda item pertaining to the Golf Course rate increases, he felt the fees need to fair; non-resident fees should be removed. He noted that while the Tourism & Recreation Board spends thousands of dollars on promotions, these fees send discriminatory messages. He felt the Golf Course is failing miserably; it's a luxury, not a necessity. Next he advised that while he's in favor of a couple of minutes of silence he's not so much agreeable to having opening prayer before Commission meetings. He charged hypocrisy as this occurs during meetings of the City Council, apparently to no avail. He then had a complaint that while the ducks in the pond are taken care of, the kids speeding on sleds downhill and possibly into the roadway are not. He stated the County's priorities need to change, that safety should come first on all fronts. He cited the vandalism to his property in January 2018 and that he wants his \$200.00+ in damages. Last, he noted that unlicensed people worked on the Centennial Arts Building and got \$4,000 from the Tourism & Recreation Board for that; he's against promotions of private businesses by the County. Time was called.

At 9:37 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 10:09 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Road Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

9:30 A.M. – FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

DISCUSSION/FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 499, BILL 02.27.2019 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY CODE TO ALLOW THE KEEPING AND RAISING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS UPON CERTAIN ZONED PARCELS IN BAKER, NEVADA

District Attorney Mike Wheable clarified that this is just a first reading, and this is the opportunity for the Board to hear from the public. He added this is also the time for the Board to make their comments. Just for the record he emphasized the District Attorney's office just drafts the Ordinances to be considered.

Commissioner Travis Godon noted that the Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board (BACAB) had unanimously approved this Ordinance, but added there are some holes in it. Commissioner Ian Bullis noted that the square footage of coop space could be better defined as well. D.A. Wheable recommended that the Board should put some time into this and "get it right." We've heard from the public, and Commissioner Godon has attended the meetings; we need to continue to talk to the people and get a feeling for this, and bring it back next time. The Board concurred.

At 10:12 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular County Commission meeting and opened the Special Fire Commission meeting. Chairman Howe adjourned the meeting at 11:24 and reconvened the regular Commission meeting. He then recessed the regular Commission meeting for a break; the meeting was reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

10:30 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING – BUILDING DEPT.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF A PETITION FOR VACATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ROAD EASEMENT – APPLICANTS ARE MIKE & DELORES LEMICH, JON & SONJA ALMBERG, WILLIAM & LORI RICCI, AND EMILY & VIVIAN ALMBERG – THE DESIRE IS TO HAVE THE STREET AND/OR EASEMENTS BETWEEN THEIR PROPERTIES ON WEST JUNIPER DRIVE (AKA JUNIPER HILLS DRIVE) ABANDONED. THE PROPOSED ABANDONMENTS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN APN'S 010-720-02, 010-720-05, 010-720-06, 010-780-06, AND 010-780-14 IN WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA

WPC Building Official Brad Christiansen noted this is already an established road, but which is known by multiple names. Jon and Sonja AlMBERG built a garage that butts up to this right-of-way, and they are requesting abandonment of that so they can go forward with making it a private road. They would be submitting another easement at that time. If this Board approves this request, it should be with the Fire Chief's recommendation; this is a 30' wide road, and there's no place for an emergency vehicle to turn around. This is normally done at the end of a road, such as a cul-de-sac; Official Christiansen hoped there would be a stipulation to include that. Commissioner Steve Stork advised he had discussed this with Mike Lemich; the original subdivision map was drafted by Boundy/Forman. Instead of splitting it on the property line, they put it on the north side, with the result that it encroaches on Jon and Sonja AlMBERG's property, which is why this is being addressed. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve as recommended. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the petition for vacation or abandonment of road easement as requested, with the stipulation that accommodation be made for proper emergency vehicle turnaround. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

At this time, Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular County Commission meeting for a Special Meeting of the White Pine County Board of Public Health. He relinquished the gavel to Dr. David Byun, who assumed the Chair. Upon adjournment of the Special meeting of the White Pine County Board of Public Health, Dr. Byun gave over the Chairmanship to Commission Chairman Richard Howe, who reconvened the regular County Commission meeting.

11:30 A.M. – WHITE PINE COUNTY GOLF COURSE

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood noted he had met with the Golf Advisory Board, who requested this be put on today's agenda. They approved the rate scale as submitted, and are asking the Board to move forward with this. He liked that they added a non-resident rate; this will allow Golf Professional Randy Long to be able to track how many out-of-state players we get, which is important to the Tourism & Recreation Board when they look to possibly funding Golf Course events. District Attorney Mike Wheable clarified that it's common that locals—both here and in other counties—enjoy discounted rates for play. While he's not an avid golfer, he has played and feels these are reasonable rates. Director Calderwood added that the advisory board felt these fees would be in line with other golf courses. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that the Golf Course does run in the deficit; Commissioner Ian Bullis agreed with Mr. George Chachas regarding the non-resident rates, but in the meantime he noted we should be running our golf course as we do our businesses, with an eye to making a profit rather than running as a deficit. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that part of this is, we're here for the taxpayers, and the County's recreational amenities are included in how people view things as they pay their property taxes. He felt these are services that taxpayers are due; and pertaining to the rate increases, he added that we're still one of the most reasonable golf courses around. He cited the higher fees he's had to pay as a non-resident at other courses when he travels and plays golf; he feels this is a good rate schedule. Chairman Richard Howe doesn't support this, however; he talked with Golf Professional Randy Long and while the daily rate and raises were fine, he provided a bit of history to the Board. Three years ago there was a raise in Golf Course fees; then there were shed rentals, cart fee increases, and trail fees, so there was even more to pay. He felt that while raises are needed, asking for a 10% raise is too high, and not everyone can afford it. He would recommend a 5% increase instead of the 10% proposed, plus reducing the seasonal rate as well. Golfing as a recreational sport is down nationwide right now, he continued, and raising fees higher would have an adverse effect. He proceeded down the list of proposed fees and how he would structure them instead. Chairman Richard Howe made a motion to change the rates as he proposed, with the other rates remaining the same. Motion died for lack of a second. Chairman Richard Howe then entertained a motion to approve as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the rate increases as recommended by the Golf Advisory Board. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

At 12:08 p.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the meeting for a lunch break. The meeting was reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TRAVIS GODON, COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN OPPOSITION OF THE LAWSUIT AGAINST THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION OVER THE DECLARED NATIONAL EMERGENCY ON THE BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION AND FUNDING

Commissioner Travis Godon felt it was important for us to draft this letter so our State Attorney General would know he doesn't speak for the entire State of Nevada on this issue. He continued that we should have a voice out there. Commissioner Steve Stork agreed that we need to weigh in on this; the Legislature is in session, and we do have a vested interest in being friendly to the group, "but we don't need to roll over and play dead." He asked the question; should we send the letter and risk upsetting some of our Southern Nevada Legislators, who we were hoping would give us some funding? District Attorney Mike Wheable felt the letter needn't go to the Legislators necessarily, just a letter to advise the Attorney General of our opinions, in a respectful manner. Chairman Richard Howe pointed out that the Attorney General has the right to file suit, as he is the elected AG; as a Board, he wondered if we would be voicing the opinion of the entire County? However, as the County Commission, he agreed absolutely that we could voice our opinion. He continued that this letter would be addressing solely the Attorney General; regardless, the AG would still have the right to sign onto the lawsuit. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt that we have a request to either support or go against this action; but as a Board we also have a right to an opinion, and we wouldn't be out of line to address this. He added this could be a very diplomatic response; it could outline our opinion, as a Commission. D.A. Wheable noted a draft letter could be placed on the next agenda and we could entertain public comment at that time. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to draft a letter to the Attorney General's Office in opposition of the lawsuit against the Trump Administration over the declared National Emergency on the Border Wall construction and funding. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO DEDICATE UP TO \$11,000 TO AG DISTRICT 13 TO ASSIST IN ITS EFFORTS WITH THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FAIR

Commissioner Travis Godon advised he will be meeting with Finance Director Elizabeth Frances next week to discuss this; however, District Attorney Mike Wheable felt the Board could do this today and discuss it further during the budget workshops. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to dedicate up to \$11,000 to Ag. District 13 to assist with the White Pine County Fair as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Commissioner Steve Stork asked if the monies would be expended this fiscal year or next; it was noted this year, with some probably during the County Fair weekend. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances suggested the funds could come out of Contingency. Commissioners Godon and Bullis amended their motion and second respectively to include the funds would come out of Contingency. Amended motion carried.

IAN BULLIS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO HOLD OPENING PRAYER DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Ian Bullis noted that similar invocations are done at all levels of government entities, and added this doesn't deal with the issue of the separation of church and State. He pointed out that we already include "one nation under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Steve Stork commented that he's a religious person himself, and he is generally noncommittal regarding this request; however, he's received feedback that people are opposed to this, and perhaps it would be a distraction. He isn't opposed to this but also felt this was "not a headache we really need." Commissioner Shane Bybee advised he's not opposed to this at all; he cited the City Council, where a representative of the Ministerial Association was there for every meeting, and there were no issues with this, having only one complaint about this in all the 13 years he can recall. The separation of church/State was intended to keep the government out of the church, he advised, not vice versa. Chairman Richard Howe felt it could be an extra burden on the Clerk's Office to make sure every church is represented in this event; he felt there's a time and a place for such prayer, and he won't vote in favor of this as he doesn't want any repercussions. Commissioner Bybee made a suggestion that perhaps just a moment of silent prayer might be done instead, and that could be an alternative. Following further discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve the request as agendaed. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. The vote was 2:2, and as Commissioner Godon was not

present due to his having to leave the meeting earlier, motion died for lack of majority. Commissioner Shane Bybee subsequently made a motion to allow a moment of silence/silent invocation at the beginning of each Commission meeting. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion passed 3:1, with Chairman Richard Howe voting in opposition. Per advice from District Attorney Mike Wheable, this will be placed on the agenda following the Pledge of Allegiance.

RICHARD HOWE, COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION/ACTION/TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 21

Commissioner Richard Howe noted that Elko and Humboldt counties had met regarding this bill, which would allow the rural counties to not have term limits on members of non-elected boards, such as the Tourism & Recreation Board or the Golf Advisory Board. It would allow the non-elected officials on such boards to remain longer. He added that volunteers are often very hard to come by to fill the membership seats. D.A. Wheable voiced concern that the Commission's power to remove someone from a board is very limited; he explained that should this go into effect, it should be specifically until the person decides to step down, rather than in perpetuity, as he explained that fine line. Commissioner Steve Stork added that this issue had also come up during the last Legislative session; Pershing, Esmeralda and other rural counties have a very limited population that this would go a long way to assist them with the problem. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to send a letter in support of AB 21 as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

CATHERINE BAKARIC, TREASURER

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO TRANSITION EDC DUTIES OUT OF THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric cited her letter to the Board in the packet, explaining that her office is currently going through 2 software transitions that will take much of her time; she will have to go back to her statutory duties rather than continuing with the EDC duties. She is in support of the County hiring a really good grant writer; there are many grant opportunities out there that we miss due to us not having someone dedicated to that task. Chairman Richard Howe advised he had talked with Mrs. Donna Bath and NNRDA Director Sheldon Mudd about this; the County is very appreciative of what Treasurer Bakaric has done. Mrs. Bath is now assigned to White Pine County now through NNRDA and she's willing to do this for us. Treasurer Bakaric noted that she and Director Mudd had discussed transferring the CEDS and Census tasks; the other items she felt she could continue with until the end of this budget year, and also the reporting/drawdown of funds as well. She did feel perhaps others should step up and take on the CDBG, etc. During the discussion, the Board felt Treasurer Bakaric could firm these details up with Mrs. Bath and Director Mudd. Treasurer Bakaric added that it's unknown when Round 18 SNPLMA will be opening up, as they have yet to complete the awards for Round 17. It was also noted that at the last meeting a gentleman had approached the Board during Public Comment to announce he was opening his grant writing business, a Mr. Eric Lawrence, and it was felt we could contact him as well. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the transition of EDC duties out of the Treasurer's Office as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. There followed some discussion regarding the fiber optic matter; Finance Director Elizabeth Frances explained the Broadband Committee is working with WestNet and other firms regarding our internet based systems and fiber. She advised NDOT will be running the fiber down Great Basin Boulevard and then up Aultman to the downtown area, as well as the new Justice Center site. Director Frances commented that WestNet is willing to work with consumers and residential regarding this. The motion and second were recalled; motion carried.

NICHOLE BALDWIN, COUNTY CLERK

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT TIMOTHY BUNCH TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPRESENTING EMS

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised she had received an application from HR Director Timothy Bunch to serve on LEPC; she placed him under the EMS category as he has some history working in EMS. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to appoint Timothy Bunch to LEPC representing EMS, as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATIONS PROVIDED BY SOME OF WHITE PINE COUNTY'S TOWN COUNCILS AND ADVISORY BOARDS

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that every year the advisory boards are asked to conduct an annual evaluation of their progress, per our Standards of Operation for Advisory Boards. They advise of their progress in meeting their goals, their accomplishments, meeting in public participation, and effectiveness. Those that are turned in are passed along to the Commission for their approval. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to accept the Annual Evaluations provided by some of White Pine County's town councils and advisory boards, as presented. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

LANCE GALE, AIRPORT MANAGER

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE 2019 ELY AIR RACES AND AIR SHOW

Airport Manager Lance Gale thanked the Board for letting him call in to report today; he cited the backup for this agenda item in the Commission packets. He went through the list for the Board, noting that the IF1 racers are guaranteed with 16 race planes; Southern Utah University will have both a fixed wing and a helicopter; the Air National Guard will have their C-130. There will be a mini-jet display each day; the West Point Jump Team is in the process of being approved for 8 jumpers; there will be gliders, RC planes, and the High School class will be flying their drones. The Las Vegas Harley-Davidson group will have their biker run and our local biker group will also be doing a run. The Majestic Carnival will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. so they wouldn't interfere with the Airport events. Manager Gale advised that sponsor letters went out this week both to our local businesses and also on the national level; there are already in-kind donations being pledged. Chairman Richard Howe asked about donations being made to offset the cost of the \$74,000 insurance; it was noted \$24,800 has been pledged so far, although some of that amount is still pending. The deadline was noted as being May 1st, and everyone is hoping this will all work and everything will be put into place to go forward by that time. Manager Gale will report again next month, and hopefully the numbers will be much higher. Commissioner Steve Stork asked if banners are being made available to the local businesses; Manager Gale replied in the affirmative, noting they are included in the sponsor packets. He added sponsorships are available all the way up from \$100.00 to \$50,000. The Board was pleased with his report.

TIMOTHY BUNCH, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR VICTIM/WITNESS SERVICES, SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER (SANE)

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch advised that he was presented with this request; although there's not much information available, we are in great need of this person. He continued that the Victims of Crime Unit sees certain things and there needs to be an exam done in most cases; we are struggling now for a Nurse to be able to do that. He discussed this with R.N. Bernadett Sena; however, the Nurse operating out of her office has a limited scope and can only do general assessments. The information for the Job Description was obtained from the Victim's Advocacy Office; this is a grant-funded position. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances clarified this is a County grant, a County employee, and it would come out of our General Fund, out of a Federal Grant Award line item for payment. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the Job Description for Victim/Witness Services, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO RATIFY THE EXTERNAL POSTING OF JUSTICE COURT CLERK TO REPLACE ANNETTE MARSHALL

HR Director Tim Bunch advised he had posted internally, but no one had responded. He then posted externally, and this needs to be ratified. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to ratify the external posting of Justice Court Clerk to replace Annette Marshall as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/ACTION/REVIEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO RFP FOR CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AND APPROVAL TO AWARD CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES OR ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OR MORE ATTORNEYS/FIRMS/GOVERNMENTS FOR SERVICES BASED ON RESPONSES RECEIVED TO RFP

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised two RFP's had been received; one from the State of Nevada Public Defenders' Office, and the other from the independently licensed Nevada attorneys Richard Sears/Jane Eberhardy/Kirsty Pickering. She noted the proposal from the independent attorneys will be much the same model as is currently. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised the next agenda item may be opened simultaneously; this was done. She quoted the amounts from the RFPs: The State's P.D. Office was for two years: \$438,500 for the first year, and \$412,295 for the second year. The attorneys' figure was \$469,800 plus payment for Lexus Nexus, in the amount of \$27,000 per year; this includes the Nevada Law Books. Director Frances added that there will be a need for Conflict Counsel, which is not included in the RFPs received. She did note that the need for Conflict Counsel has been less since 2016, with our current legal attorneys. The State contract includes capital cases, for no additional fee; the independent attorneys' contract would be an additional cost. Nevada State also would not charge for "complicated cases," while there would be a fee with the independent attorneys. Nevada State advised the contract prices could go up, and it was suggested a 3% increase; the independent attorneys remained consistent in their fees. District Attorney Mike Wheable added that the State wants more up front to start up their offices; he noted the State would charge \$496,000 to include Conflict Counsel, and the attorneys would charge \$512,000 but that wouldn't include capital cases. Chairman Richard Howe recalled some history for the Board and suggested the scenario of what would we do if a local attorney wasn't here when needed. D.A. Wheable noted the State would send someone from Carson City if needed. Attorney Jane Eberhardy noted if necessary, an investigator would be hired by applying to the court first and then request reimbursement from the State; if they were turned down, the County would have to pay for it. Attorney Kirsty Pickering advised that regarding an investigator, we are approved almost immediately by the court and we do have an investigator from Elko, she's worked with him before. She does have a concern regarding the Conflict Counsel, however.

Attorney Jane Eberhardy gave a presentation which, she noted, also includes Attorney Richard Sears, who was unable to attend today. She noted their firms are committed to being here in Ely; they presented their proposal for the next 2 years, the pricing being the same as the last year of their current contract so there will be no price increase for that period of time. She cited their backup materials to help answer some of the Board's questions. Each of the independent attorneys have their full time employee/support staff, and they do share a receptionist, so there are actually 7 employees under their contract. Attorney Eberhardy covered the conflict case question first, and provided a handout of NRS 7.155 that notes the State is billed, not the County, for those. When all three lawyers have had prior representation, she refers to a list that she also provided to the Board.

Attorney Kirsty Pickering explained that crimes that occur in Ely State Prison get billed to the State, not to the County; she cited NRS 7.155 in that event. There are additional fees with respect to death penalty cases, due to those being big cases. She assured the Board that the three attorneys know their people; they also believe they have come up with ways to represent those people. Attorney Eberhardy advised that 90% of the private work is appointed by the court through the Indigent Fund; it's their obligation to take care of those cases when they can. She added that most of her clients are court-appointed. The year the State pulled out, there were great workloads left, and they weren't very helpful in turning over those files; in fact, they vowed they would never propose anything to White Pine County again, so she felt it was strange they put in a proposal. She pointed out that they didn't even appear today to counter what the three independent attorneys are proposing.

Chairman Richard Howe felt the judges should have their input as well, as to how things are going now, and if there are any issues. Attorney Eberhardy advised that Director Frances had already met with the judges and that's where this information came from. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that judges have been satisfied, although he hadn't talked with them at length. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that there had been some real problems with the State; they pulled out early and were quite backlogged; he felt they didn't do a really good job handling the cases. He added that the backlog wasn't necessary because the Public Defenders' Office didn't supply enough staff to effectively handle the caseload. Commissioner Bybee advised he's very comfortable with the services we've been getting from the independent law firms; he feels we're getting the best "bang for the buck" as possible, and is fine with continuing on with them as our Public Defenders. Commissioner Stave Stork asked how this all compares with the original agreement made with them 2 years ago; it was explained that the amount requested today is the same, with the exception of the

Lexus Nexus. It was noted that Lincoln County has provided Attorney Pickering with her own Lexus Nexus account, and she felt that could be worked out pretty easily into the other law components in the County.

Attorney Jane Eberhardy wished to correct the record regarding the circumstances under which the independent lawyers left after making their presentation two years ago: She clarified that if the County received the monies from the Net Proceeds of Minerals, there would have been no question but that they would be getting the increase they had requested. She noted that in the contract, such scenario was neither inferred nor included; it was clarified in this contract how much they would make during the 2-year contract term. Attorney Eberhardy noted that they meet with their clients themselves, they don't send a private investigator to do that; there's no need. Attorney Pickering agreed, commenting that they "know enough not to get one if we don't need one."

Chairman Richard Howe felt there was an air of arrogance as the independent attorneys went out the door last time, "they didn't even wait for the vote." It was the consensus of the Commission at that time that they would go with the independent attorneys, but the Board was offended in the way their proposal was presented and the way they left. Chairman Howe does understand this proposal, he just wished them to know how their appearance was perceived last time.

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this agenda item was to look at the RFPs that were submitted. She felt it would be best to think about this; she doesn't have the judges' input herself though, and would like to have that plus some research on how much a capital murder case would cost. She also would like to know what our risk analysis might be. She suggested either not taking action today or tabling this, get more information, and then return to the Commission with the information and some clarification on the analysis. In reply to Attorney Pickering's query regarding her memo indicating that she had met with the judges, Director Frances advised she hadn't actually met with the judges to obtain their input, other than to ensure they were fine with getting RFPs, as was the District Attorney. It was agreed that the sooner the better on this, since the contract expires June 30th.

Commissioner Ian Bullis offered his perspective, that a private enterprise runs much more efficiently than a government one; it sounds like things are working very well and the cost difference is pretty negligible. He is aware that there might be some capital case risks, but he asked if it would be worth giving everyone else bad service to save a few dollars or mitigate our liability. He felt he has enough information; he doesn't really wish to deliberate about this over the next 3 meetings.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/REVIEW PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO RFP FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, DISCUSS OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES, AND APPROVAL TO AWARD PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES OR ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONE OR MORE ATTORNEYS/FIRMS/GOVERNMENTS FOR SERVICES BASED ON RESPONSES RECEIVED TO RFP

This agenda item was opened in conjunction with the previous one, per D.A. Wheable's advice. Director Frances is looking for us to have some savings; she felt possibly adding to the existing Lexus Nexus account instead of paying for another one, and pass a motion to approve the contract without that account. Attorney Eberhardy noted that they just wish to have access to the Lexus account, it wasn't necessary to have more than one. Commissioner Steve Stork agreed with Director Frances; he felt we could table this to the next meeting for additional information and analysis, which would be fair to all parties concerned. Commissioner Shane Bybee is okay with holding this off for one meeting; he's fine with the proposal that was made, but if our Finance Director has questions he's more than happy to hold off until the next meeting. Chairman Richard Howe noted this would be fair both to the State as well as to the independent attorneys; however he is concerned about a 90-day period, and that if he was in that circumstance he'd want to know if he had the job or not. He continued that pending an agreement or negotiations, we should have a firm on board, locked in, and we could proceed; if it didn't work out, fine, and we'd only have to wait for 2 weeks. He knows the judges, he would like to know that they are in pending negotiations, proceed, and then in 2 weeks' time at the next Commission meeting "lock it in." Attorney Pickering would appreciate that timeframe, noting their staff would also appreciate it. Commissioner Bybee is fine either way, and that our current Public Defenders have a great track record. He added that there was not a decent level of services provided by the State before, and this group has done an excellent job for us, either way he's locked into this contract and the wait wouldn't change his opinion. Commissioner Steve Stork would like to see the wording "subject to negotiations and not restricted to any particular item" in the motion. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve Attorneys Jane Eberhardy, Kirsty Pickering, and Richard Sears for the County's Public Defenders' services, subject to negotiations and not restricted to any particular item. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REGARDING RESIGNATION OF RORY JACKSON FROM BUSINESS CONTINUITY TECHNOLOGY (BCT)

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances formally notified the Board that our main IT Engineer, Rory Jackson, has resigned and today is his last day. She explained her concerns about this: When she returned to work for the County in 2012 she had a concern with ADS being a small, aging firm with outdated principles. BCT was to continue to provide their business, of which one important facet included public safety. Engineer Jackson had developed a very good relationship with our Sheriff's Dept.; he also has been swift and diligent with respect to other Departmental needs. He was a Class 4 Engineer, the end user/programmer, and we are losing his capabilities. Capt. Jaime Swetich confirmed that no matter what time of day or night, Engineer Jackson would respond to issues and have them fixed "20 minutes later." Capt. Swetich continued that he also had maintained all the phone problems and works the closest with the Sheriff's Dept.; it's a 24/7 need and he's always responded in record time and fixed all of their glitches. He shared Director Frances' concern in that he was integral to the County; he feels uncertain if we should renegotiate with BCT or seek IT elsewhere. He noted that someone else could end up costing the County more money. He added that while updates from BCT were normally every 3 months or so, he was contacting Engineer Jackson at least once a week and he had made himself available whenever necessary. Capt. Swetich clarified, for example, that when someone is arrested their records are important and if the machines are down, it affects how they would be charged. Director Frances advised that BCT is actively recruiting a replacement; they should have at least a Level 4 Engineer to be coming on board. She added that if it is found the replacement can't do a Level 4 job he won't be maintained, and the County wouldn't pay for his services; she felt we may get someone phenomenal or not, with the background we require.

Commissioner Ian Bullis asked if we could communicate to BCT how valuable this person was to the County, and how much their contract hinged on the level of service he provided. Further, if we lose that level of service it might be difficult for the County to continue with them. Director Frances wanted to know if a report could be done on their research/recruitment/qualifications BCT is seeking; also, in 3 years would BCT be closing their doors like ADS?

Chairman Richard Howe noted that we can't turn our backs on a long term company; you can't assume the next person coming in isn't as good as the former one. They do need to give us the opportunity to see their candidate(s) and that they should know they could stand to lose business if the right person isn't located. He recommended Director Frances go through the usual process and request the Keizer brothers to make a presentation at the next meeting. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that "our contract was with Lester and Earle and they found Rory, and we owe them the confidence that they will find another 'Rory'." Commissioner Steve Stork felt it's a fair question for us to ask, and we should request BCT what their continuity plans will be.

CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT ON BEHALF OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION; APPROVAL OF PAYROLL FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS; APPROVAL OF HR TRANSMITTAL FOR PAYROLL CHANGES; APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS WITHIN/BETWEEN FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS WITHIN A FUND THAT DO NOT INCREASE THE TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF THE FUND

Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO DEVELOP AN OHV COUNTY MANAGEMENT PLAN AS SPECIFIED IN POLICY 17 OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS POLICY PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY PLUAC

Commissioner Steve Stork went to the last PLUAC meeting, and this was placed on today's agenda at that board's request. They have a concern regarding the Silver State Trail due to Land Management Policy 17—cited in the backup material. It indicates it is incumbent upon us to develop an OHV Plan with respect to the Silver State Trail. PLUAC felt we weren't complying with our own policy; he wasn't even sure what the plan entails. PLUAC wants to know if we would support them with development of the OHV plan. He suggested tabling this agenda item in order to see what their plan is; currently, he felt no such plan exists. PLUAC needs to develop it, and they would be working on our behalf. He noted that has been the policy in the past. Chairman Richard Howe clarified this would be approval just to develop the plan. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the OHV County Management Plan as specified in Policy 17 of the WPC Public Lands Policy Plan as recommended by PLUAC. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO FUND A MINIMUM OF \$13,604 TO THE RSVP PROGRAM PROVIDED IN WHITE PINE COUNTY

Chairman Richard Howe cited the letter received from the RSVP—Retires Senior volunteers Program—and advised this is an annual request. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this is normally budgeted for and there is a line item for this; it will go through the usual budget process. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve funding a minimum of \$13,604 to the RSVP program provided in White Pine County. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING:

February 13, 2019

It was advised that Commissioner Ian Bullis was on Jury Duty during that meeting, and Commissioner Shane Bybee was also not present. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised the Board could approve this set of minutes if they are accurate. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the February 13, 2019 set of Commission minutes as presented. Chairman Richard Howe seconded. Motion carried by the required quorum, with Commissioners Bullis and Bybee abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Steve Stork advised that Messrs. Sanborn and Mariluch wish to present at the March 27th Commission meeting for another insurance policy update/review.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:05 p.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

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