

IN A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION AND BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON APRIL 8, 2020 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
Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

County Officials

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Mike Johnson, IT Specialist
Tim Bunch, Human Resources Dir. (Zoom)
Burton Hilton, Assessor (Zoom)
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Lance Gale, Airport Manager

Also Present

George Chachas, George Town Media
Caroline McIntosh, Main St. Com. (Zoom)
Kyle Horvath, WP Tourism & Rec. Board/
Bristlecone Convention Center (Zoom)
Ely Mayor, Nathan Robertson (Zoom)

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Laurie Carson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Caroline McIntosh, Main Street Committee, thanked the Board of County Commissioners for their support in the FY2021 budget.

Ely Mayor Nathan Robertson discussed the SNPLMA agenda item. He would like the Board of County Commissioners to continue their support of the Downtown Park projects, amid the changes from the BLM.

Tourism & Recreation Board Director Kyle Horvath also spoke to the SNPLMA agenda item and felt we should be looking toward the long-term; he noted the projects are separated into the Downtown area and County Park. He noted both of these projects have tourism value to the community, and he requested the Board to support the Downtown Park.

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin read Mr. Mike Coster's comment into the record that was submitted regarding Airport Manager Lance Gale's agenda item, specific to Hangar 2.

Clerk Baldwin noted District Attorney Mike Wheable will be leaving the meeting so we will have no more than 10, as required for social distancing. D.A. Wheable noted that pertaining to the SNPLMA agenda item, we will be hearing something different from the BLM

that we were initially told. The Downtown area project has changed, since it lost the Ford building. He wishes the Board to consider the acquisition of the land near the Aquatic Center for the County Park. He continued that if we enter a place where we will lose our Mine income, we will need to rebrand and redevelop our community; he asked us to please consider that County Park as it is a rare opportunity. He also advised there will be an Emergency Meeting tomorrow to extend the State of Emergency to the end of April, to be consistent with the rest of Nevada and to discuss with Board of Public Health Chairman Dr. David Byun as to where we are currently.

Kindly read this public comment if I am not present. Thanks, Mike Coster

4/7/2020

Hello Commissioners:

On your April 8, 2020 agenda today, item B.1.b, regarding a lease of hangar 2:

1. I support the action since it will generate more county revenue for airport needs than holding it for transient overnight use which was seldom if ever utilized prior to interim air ambulance needs that have now ended.
2. I suggest that there be no minimum bid amount requirement since the one time a high minimum bid was set, there were no bid received.
3. I recommend that, as allowed under the NRS, oral bids be taken in addition to any sealed bids received. This is likely to yield a higher rental amount for the county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Coster

Mr. George Chachas spoke on the item to modify the travel rates to GSA; how do we know what those are, without any information? There was nothing in the backup materials

for that. He continued that the NNRV suffered embezzlement, according to rumor, and the taxpayers deserve to know how their money is spent; also nepotism needs to stop. He noted that the City Council's agenda has an item to waive fees for 14 homes; before it was just 12 homes, another document reads 13 homes, why the discrepancy? He wants his property value raised and his taxes reduced as he is "old and aging fast." He continued to comment that the Building Inspector is the greatest detriment to the City and County, and asked if he and his wife ever made it back from Eureka in the County truck? Chairman Richard Howe advised it is no longer allowed for him to use Commissioners' names, and warned him officially of this. Mr. Chachas stated he still wants answers.

At this time, Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the regular County Commission meeting and opened the Fire Commission meeting. The Fire Commission meeting was adjourned and Chairman Richard Howe reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a Development Change Request Form from Pioneer Technologies and their Benchmark product in the amount of \$6,000 for AOC Statistical Upgrades

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin presented this agenda item and requested approval from the Board. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion to approve the request form from Pioneer Technologies and their Benchmark product in the amount of \$6,000 for the AOC Statistical Upgrades. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Lance Gale, Airport Manager

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to award successful bidder of the abandoned Airplane (Cessna 310 D) at the Ely Airport. Bids were to be sent to the County Clerk's office before April 7th at 3pm. White Pine County officially owns this aircraft and is selling aircraft to satisfy back Tie Down fees from this Airplane at the Airport

Clerk Baldwin advised the Board of the bid results, and that she and Airport Manager Lance Gale opened the bids yesterday. Commissioner Travis Godon felt they should flip a coin. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised they need to choose randomly, but suggested that they comply with NRS and put it on eBay for a chance for more money. Manager Gale advertised it through a Cessna website, as well as by other means. D.A. Wheable advised it needs to be sold at a Public Auction if they don't make a selection today. He added we need to contact the bidders and ask their consent to a tie breaker if necessary. Commissioner Ian

Bullis felt we could request the top 2 to rebid; however, D.A. Wheable noted we'd have to put it back out to the public. Chairman Richard Howe agreed with Commissioner Godon, and that we should flip a coin and "put this plane behind us." Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion that the 2 highest bidders should meet at the County Clerk's office to flip a coin. D.A. Wheable agreed with that. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that if they don't agree to this, then it will be put on eBay. Commissioner Godon amended his motion to include that. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to put Hangar 2 at the Airport out for bid to lease this Hangar for a 5 year Term with the upcoming exit of the temporary arrangement of rental for this Hangar from Med X One, that is about to expire; this Hangar will now be available to lease for Aircraft storage

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised the MedX AirOne hangar is nearly completed; he wants to put Hangar 2 out to bid, since they're moving out of the Navy hangar. He noted that they tried to bid it out before, but no bids had been received, so the Board made it a daily rental. Now, someone has requested to lease it out, so he's bringing it before the Board for their approval. He continued that the people in Hangar 2 would move into the Navy hangar; those people do pay the rent currently. Commissioner Shane Bybee clarified that 3 aircraft could fit into Hangar 2, and he felt we should find more renters. Commissioner Bybee made a motion to follow the current fee structure for the Navy hangar and put Hangar 2 out to bid for lease. Commissioner Ian Bullis suggested charging more for 1 tenant and less for those who would like to share the space. Commissioner Bybee then motioned we should table this and bring back a new fee structure. Commissioner Bullis wishes to look at other Airport fees; Manager Gale advised he's doing that, by request of the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Bybee advised that we owe it to our local pilots, to allow them to store their planes indoors. He changed his motion to table and instead bring this agenda item back to review the fee structure for the other hangar at the same time. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval for the Airport manager (Lance Gale) to attend the FAA Western Pacific Conf. June 4th in Torrance, Ca. to make a presentation on our Airport's supplemental funding project with Armstrong Consulting and the FAA staff from the Phoenix office. This is a request from the FAA office Director of Airports / Western Pacific Region

Airport Manager Lance Gale has been requested to attend this meeting; as of this date, it hasn't been cancelled. He advised that we are the only Airport with a completed project from FAA funding. Commissioner Laurie Carson requested backup information showing the cost; Manager Gale advised he has this in his budget for this year, and that the meeting cost \$350 last year. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve this request in an amount not to exceed \$500. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion Only: Quarterly Airport Manager's Report on the Airport

Manager Gale noted his backup material and read it into the record. He elaborated on some repairs that need to be done at the Airport that may need further approval due to their expense. The Board thanked him for his report.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the current policies and procedures for the ARFF Truck at Yelland Field

Manager Gale advised that whenever there is a request for the ARFF truck he calls WPCFD Chief Brett North to notify him; Chief North then provides the truck, even though there's no one certified to operate it. Under current policy, he continued, it was found that ARFF was responded to with uncertified personnel; he asked how the Board wished him to proceed, as he has to sign off on it if we offer the ARFF vehicle or not. Commissioner Ian Bullis asked about the cost/procedure for becoming certified. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances recalled that if the ARFF service wasn't required, we would not proceed, because the certification center is located in Texas and was cost-prohibitive. Manager Gale also remembered the certification cost ran from \$2,000-4,000 per person. Commissioner Travis Godon felt that we aren't required to have the ARFF, if they want us to respond we need them to allow us to be Uncertified. It was noted that ramifications of this could include a lawsuit. District Attorney Mike Wheable's analysis of this is that we always have liability when we respond if we render care that is substandard. If we hold ourselves out as having an ARFF truck and being able to provide those services, we should be certified. He continued that we should turn down ARFF requests, or advise them that we aren't certified upon request. He continued it's a good idea to have someone certified to operate the ARFF vehicle, but at this time it is cost-prohibitive for us. Commissioner Shane Bybee suggested a standardized document alerting people of this fact should work; the Board agreed. Chief North liked the idea of such a letter, but he didn't feel we'd have a liability because we aren't required to have that certification, which is Part 139, which we no longer have. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to stay with the current policy but to post the proper notices, with the assistance of the District Attorney. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to identify the department which ARFF certification and training is to be charged to

Airport Manager Lance Gale wants to know if this will come out of the Airport or Fire budgets. Commissioner Travis Godon felt that the Department distinction could be dealt with at a later time. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the Commission meeting for a break. The meeting was reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of modification to the WPC Personnel Policy Manual, Section 8.2.2, Mileage Allowances to change verbiage from State of Nevada to GSA rate pursuant to the U.S. General Services Administration directive

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch advised this modification is simply a change of wording. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the modification as explained. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action to approve revision of WPC Personnel Policy 6.1.2. Use of Sick Leave to reflect doctor's note requirement after 3 days of missed time

Director Bunch advised he needs to correct the Section of the Policy to 6.2.2; this is a requirement that the CBA states sick notes are required after 3 days, but County Policy doesn't give a specific number of days requiring a sick note. He's requesting that the County Policy match the CBA requirement. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the revision; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Discussion/ For Possible Action: Ratification Of Amendment To Agreement With The Southern Nevada Land Management Act (SNPLMA) For The McGill Ballpark Modernization Project To Provide \$353,000 Of Additional Funding From The Round 17 Special Accounts Reserve, As Approved By The SNPLMA Executive Committee Signed 1/13/2020

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised we had received the grant modification, which she cited as being in the backup materials. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify the Agreement as requested; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-22 to utilize \$20,000 from general fund contingency to cover potential expense related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as authorized under the Declaration of Emergency, Resolution 2020-17

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-22 to utilize \$20,000 from the General Fund Contingency to cover potential expenses related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as authorized under the Declaration of Emergency, Resolution 2020-17. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2020-22

Resolution to utilize \$20,000 from general fund contingency to cover potential expense related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as authorized under the Declaration of Emergency, Resolution 2020-17

Whereas, at their March 18, 2020 meeting the White Pine County Commission approved Resolution 2020-17, a Declaration of Emergency related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, and

Whereas, Resolution 2020-17 authorized "That all County departments shall be allocated monies from contingency not to exceed \$20,000.00 upon request to the Finance Director and at the Finance Director's sole discretion, to purchase necessary supplies and equipment related to the COVID-19 public health crisis,"; and

Whereas, this was not an anticipated or budgeted expense during the fiscal year 2020 budget process, and

Whereas, there is \$167,022 in contingency available to cover this cost:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall utilize \$20,000 from contingency (001-801-56101-000) to cover potential expense related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as authorized under the Declaration of Emergency, Resolution 2020-17 and increase Emergency Management COVID-19 Operating Supplies and Expense (001-340-52103-161) 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 the 8th day of April, 2020.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-24 to utilize up to \$25,000 from general fund contingency to cover estimated additional expense based on the recently approved master contract with Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) that will provide assistance with natural resource issues for the County

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-24 to utilize up to \$25,000 from General Fund Contingency to cover estimated additional expense based on the recently approved Master Contract with RCI that will provide assistance

with natural resource issues for the County. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2020-24

Resolution to utilize up to \$25,000 from general fund contingency to cover estimated additional expense based on the recently approved master contract with Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) that will provide assistance with natural resource issues for the County

Whereas, at their March 11, 2020 meeting the White Pine County Commission approved utilization of up to \$25,000 from contingency to pay for services from RCI for assistance with County natural resource issues; and

Whereas, this was not an anticipated or budgeted expense during the fiscal year 2020 budget process; and

Whereas, there is \$127,022 in contingency available to cover this cost;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall utilize \$25,000 from contingency (001-801-56101-000) for the recently approved master contract with Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) that will provide assistance with natural resource issues for the County and increase General Fund Natural Resources Contract Services (001-703-52915-000) 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 the 8th day of April, 2020.

Ayes: 5
Nays: _____
Absent: _____


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST


Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-23 to utilize up to \$20,000 from general fund contingency to cover estimated additional expense for the 2020 primary election due to the requirement of the Nevada Secretary of State's Office that upcoming primary elections be conducted by mail-in ballot

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised the Board that this money is reimburseable. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances stated this should go into a grant fund; this is an action that isn't required to be taken by the Board. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion but then rescinded it per Director Frances' advisement. No action was taken.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-25 to augment the general fund by \$1,325 from unbudgeted miscellaneous receipts/donations revenues for reimbursements from Lincoln County for juvenile probation training

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-25 to augment the General Fund by \$1,325 as noted for reimbursements from Lincoln County for Juvenile Probation training. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2020-25

Resolution to augment the general fund by \$1,325 from unbudgeted miscellaneous receipts/donations revenues amounts received from Lincoln County for juvenile probation training

Whereas, White Pine County received funding from Lincoln County for registration fees incurred by juvenile probation for training; and

Whereas, both the revenue and expenditures for this juvenile probation training were unanticipated and unbudgeted during the fiscal year 2020 budget process;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the general fund miscellaneous receipts/donations revenues (001-000-36210-000) by \$1,325 for revenues received from Lincoln County and general fund juvenile travel/training expense (001-209-52201-000) 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 the 8th day of April, 2020.

Ayes: 5
Nays: _____
Absent: _____


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-21 to augment the general fund by \$106,000 from unbudgeted lease revenues generated by portions of the County's Emergency Operations Center/Fire Station One for support of the White Pine County Fire Protection District

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-21 to augment the General Fund for \$106,000 for revenues generated by portions of the County's EOC/Fire Station One for support of the White Pine County Fire Protection District as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2020-21

Resolution to augment the general fund by \$106,000 from unbudgeted lease revenues generated by portions of the County's Emergency Operations Center/Fire Station One for support of the White Pine County Fire Protection District

Whereas, the White Pine County Commission took action to approve Resolution 2019-43 at their August 28, 2019 meeting to move forward with a lease for a portion of the Emergency Operation Center/Fire Station One with MedX AirOne, and

Whereas, subsequently, a lease agreement was reached with MedX AirOne and revenues for the County owned building are recorded as revenues in the County's general fund; and

Whereas, this was not an anticipated or budgeted revenue during the fiscal year 2020 budget process; and

Whereas, it is the intent of the County Commission to utilize these revenues in support of the White Pine County Fire Protection District;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the general fund miscellaneous sales and rental revenue (001-400-36401-000) by \$106,000 for projected lease revenues from MedX AirOne and general fund fire protection expense (001-320-52906-000) 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 the 8th day of April, 2020.

Ayes: 5
Nays:
Absent:


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2020-26 to utilize \$3,634 from indigent fund contingency to cover estimated expense for new waiting room furniture that can be properly sanitized for public health

It was advised that this had been brought up by Social Services Director Desiree Barnson during a previous meeting, as being needed amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26 to utilize \$3,634 from the Indigent Fund Contingency to cover estimated expenses for new waiting room furniture that can be properly sanitized for Public Health. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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Resolution Number 2020-26

Resolution to utilize up to \$3,634 from indigent fund contingency to cover estimated expense for new waiting room furniture that can be properly sanitized for public health

Whereas, the Director of Social Services has indicated that a need exists in public health to replace waiting room furniture so that it can be properly sanitized, and

Whereas, the Director of Social Services has indicated that this is an appropriate use of indigent funds, and

Whereas, this was not an anticipated or budgeted expense during the fiscal year 2020 budget process, and

Whereas, there is \$13,178 in indigent fund contingency available to cover this cost,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall utilize \$3,634 from indigent fund contingency (040-505-56101-000) to purchase waiting room furniture for public health and increase indigent fund equipment under \$5000 (040-505-52143-000) 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 the 8th day of April, 2020

Ayes 5
Nays
Absent


Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Discussion/Update: Round 18 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) nominations related to the Cultural Corridor, Nevada Northern Rail Way and Fairgrounds projects

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances explained this was put on because the BLM had notified us they can't accept the combined Parks Project, as they are in different locations; also, we're not doing acquisition and development in one phase any longer. We can only go forward with 3 projects and since the Downtown Park is separated out from the Trails Project to the Cultural Corridor by the Aquatic Center, which is also separate. Tourism & Recreation Board Director Kyle Horvath, District Attorney Mike Wheable, and Ely City Mayor Nathan Robertson provided their comments. It was noted that we can't take action at this time, but rather we will need to either re-prioritize or look at phasing the Cultural Corridor Project. Director Frances continued that she knows the Ag. Dist. 13 has been working on their application for the Fairgrounds, and it would be disappointing if they lost their #3 spot on the priority list. She will return with an agenda item for action on this in the future. Commissioner Travis Godon felt Director Frances should meet with the Parks project proposers and have that brought back to us. Commissioner Ian Bullis felt that those people might disagree as to which project(s) should be going forward. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood stated that the Ag. Dist. 13 advisory board has an engineer on board, and are already investing money into this project. Commissioner Shane Bybee wants to see a plan on how to phase the Parks/Cultural Corridor projects. Director Frances agreed with the Board and advised that if we purchase the property through the grant process, the land must end up in a SNPLMA project. While SNPLMA had initially stated that they would allow both acquisition and development in one phase, they are discouraging it due to the many hoops involved in acquiring the land. Chairman Richard Howe wants the City of Ely to separate the Downtown projects and prioritize them; he wants the Fairgrounds included in for sure. Commissioner Laurie Carson likes the Park by the Aquatic Center, near the Skate Park. She advised of the possibility of directional kiosks being obtained with grant funds and being installed up on the Bypass. Commissioner Travis Godon supports the Park near Love's, but doesn't want to lock up the land. Commissioner Carson suggested verbiage that if the grant doesn't work out, we would not be stuck with the land. District Attorney Mike Wheable wants the Board to consider that this has been done in other jurisdictions, and that the Main Street people are focusing solely on the downtown area. The DowntownExp Park and the Park near Love's would need to be separated out and nominated differently. It was advised this will be on the next agenda.

Discussion/For Possible Action/Direction/Approval of the FY2021 Tentative Budget Revenues And Expenses for all Funds and Departments Including: Commission, Clerk, Recorder Including Special Revenue Budgets, Assessor Including Special Revenue Budget, Treasurer, Elections, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, District Attorney, Justice Of The Peace-Ely Including Special Revenue Budgets, District Court I Including Special Revenue Budgets, District Court II Including Special Revenue Budgets, Judicial Related Costs, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention, Bailiffs, Judicial Court Support, Sheriff Including Administration, Detective, Patrol, Jail, Coroner, Dispatch And Task Force, Fire, Emergency Management, Economic Development, Buildings & Maintenance, Parks Maintenance,

Public Health, Cooperative Agreements-Animal Control, Countywide Expenses, Library, Airport Operating, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, Agricultural District, Emergency Medical Services, Agricultural Extension, Social Services Including Donations Fund, Tri-County Weed, Road Department, Airport Capital Improvement, Capital Improvements, Sb74 Tax Fund, Towns Of Lund, McgGill & Ruth, Senior Center, Industrial Park, Building & Planning, Golf Course, Aquatic Center Including Special Revenue Fund, China Springs, And Camp Success

Director Frances advised the Tentative Budget is due April 15th, so the Board needs to approve the Tentative Budget with what we have. She noted changes had been discussed at the last meeting, and she provided a handout summarizing those changes and meeting the various requests. She noted our budget is still off, and we have a large deficit. She received a proposal from a couple of County Commissioners to see if she could adjust certain budgets any further. Commissioner Travis Godon advised that the handout indicates a savings if we cut Travel and Fuel and reduce operational expenditures by 14%, which would result in a savings of \$890,904 and would put us at 24.81% of our ending fund balance, noting the County mandate is 25%. This would involve no Payroll cuts, he noted, and it would grant most of the current requests. Director Frances reminded the Board that Health Insurance and other renewals remain to be seen. Chairman Richard Howe noted his own cuts, which included the Courthouse steps and reductions to requests from the Main Street Committee, the Aquatic Center, and the Horse Races. The Board liked both Commissioners Travis Godon and Ian Bullis' suggestions; those wouldn't affect the Justice Center Project, which isn't in jeopardy of NOT being funded this fiscal year, which Director Frances assured the Board. Commissioner Bullis asked Director Frances what the proposed adjustments would look like; there should be a special meeting to discuss those adjustments. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised we could combine the aforementioned Emergency Meeting and hold a Special Meeting instead next Wednesday. Commissioner Laurie Carson is concerned after listening to Gov. Steve Sisolak's talk about surgical and thoughtful budget cuts in this State for the next fiscal year. WPC Assessor Burton Hilton empathizes with the Board's difficult job but noted operational cuts have been made in the past, and have been made, which translates into "he doesn't have much left to give." Commissioner Bullis thanked Assessor Hilton for what he's doing, and admits most Departments are being responsible with their spending and not producing waste. The fact remains that expenses exceed income, and we can't spend what we don't have. Chairman Richard Howe asked if we turned in the budget the way it is now and a Department has a major need, the Board can still appropriate future revenues for specific purposes, as Director Frances has advised. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood asked about being prohibited about hiring seasonal employees due to the Declaration, and how he should handle that right now with his current staff. Director Frances asked for clarification on certain items from Director Calderwood such as an Equipment Operator Senior position and moving a temporary Maintenance Worker to full-time for the Justice Center Project. Director Calderwood advised he could "get by without everything except the seasonal employees." He added that 50% of the Maintenance Dept. work is done outside of the General Fund: 52.41% of their work is for the General Fund, and the remainder is for the Golf Course, the towns, Fire District, etc. He added that the General Fund work should be reimbursed by outside agencies, such as the Fire District. D.A.

Wheable advised “we are cutting ourselves twice by not charging services to outside Departments.” Commissioner Shane Bybee felt it might be a shock to the outside Departments to begin to be charged; he suggested a partial charge instead. Director Calderwood reminded the Board that the Fairgrounds Host used to cut their own grass. If they charged for time at the Golf Course, 867 hours would be billed to them, and the problem would just be transferred over to them. Director Frances reminded the Board that “all our funds are decreasing.” She continued that changes to budgets can still be made until May, but cautioned the Board that the EOC is County-owned so we could keep the revenues. It was felt that the current situation would relax and things would not be so tight in the future. Director Frances explained that if the towns were charged, it would be their choice on how to prioritize their funds. The General Fund has been supporting the Special Revenue Funds, she added, and while that’s a good thing, each of those funds need to be more self-sustaining. Commissioner Bybee felt we need to set a level of operational standard and then determine if something could be funded. Director Frances will bring back more information from Director Calderwood next time to decide what would stay and what should go on the Public Works Dept. 's Request List. Director Calderwood allowed the Board to put off his Equipment Operator Senior request for another year or two, but he does need to keep his request in for 2 seasonal positions. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted a dilemma we’re in with the tax revenues and roads; we’re maintaining more roads with the same amount of revenue and less people while expenses keep increasing. He felt we’re getting desperate to maintain what we already have. He suggested making it 3 seasonals instead of 2, if it would help that Department get the work done. Per Director Frances, it was noted a seasonal employee would cost \$23,350/annually. The Board agreed to remove the Equipment Operator Senior and add 3 seasonal employees. The mower was also cut from the list. Commissioner Bybee also wanted to get tighter on Travel; it was agreed to further reduce the Travel budgets and requests, and to make Travel an “as-needed” item to be approved by the Commission on a case-by-case basis. It was also felt the Department Heads could choose to make a staff cut if needed to meet the 14% reduction. Director Frances recapped the changes as discussed today; it was noted this item is for discussion only.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of monthly financial reports for March 2020

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for March 2020 as submitted. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE 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 Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between White Pine TV District #1 and White Pine County regarding radio and antenna equipment on Squaw Peak

Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the MOU between White Pine TV District #1 and White Pine County regarding radio and antenna equipment on Squaw Peak as presented. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of minutes from the following County Commission Meetings:

- **Special Joint County Commission and Fire Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop March 9, 2020**
- **Special County Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop March 10, 2020**
- **County Commission Meeting and Budget Workshop March 11, 2020**

Commissioner Laurie Carson advised of an addition to the March 9th set of minutes and a correction to the March 11th set of minutes. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the meetings of March 9, 10 and 11, with corrections noted. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was noted Public Comment was taken prior to closing the Open Meeting.

Social Services Director Desiree Barnson advised she had received notice that the Ely Bus will be suspended starting April 13th, and they will be furloughing personnel. She will place an agenda item on this on the next agenda.

There was no further public comment.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Possible Motion to close the open meeting for discussion with the Board related to Collective Bargaining pursuant to NRS 288.220

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to close the Open Meeting for discussion with the Board related to Collective Bargaining pursuant to NRS 288.220. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded.

The meeting with the Collective Bargaining was opened and duly held. The meeting was closed at 11:54 a.m. Chairman Richard Howe reopened the regular Commission meeting at 12:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At _____ p.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner _____ made the motion; Commissioner _____ seconded. Motion carried.

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