

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON APRIL 25, 2018 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

Richard Howe, Chairman
Shane Bybee, Vice-Chairman
Carol McKenzie, Commissioner
Gary Perea, Commissioner
Steve Stork, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Lance Gale, Airport Manager
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Director
Desiree Barnson, Social Services Director
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff
Mike Wheable, District Attorney
Megan Brown, Aquatic Center Director

Also Present

Lee Garcia, McGill VFD
Travis Godon
Caroline McIntosh, Downtown Beautification
George Chachas, KGTV-10
Mindy Seal, BLM
Kristy Rozich, Aquatic Center
Donna Bath, Senator Dean Heller
Vaneta Young
Art Meecham, Ely Disposal Services

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mindy Seal, BLM, advised that the EA for the 2018 land sales is coming up for public comment during May. A Press Release will be done on that as well; she noted one parcel is for 80 acres at the Cross Timbers area, 111 acres are surrounding the KOS, and there are 240 acres near the Club 50 on Highway 93. The BLM felt those would sell. Copies will be distributed to PLUAC as well.

Ms. Caroline McIntosh is here today both as a member of the Downtown Beautification Council and as a private citizen. She provided a handout to the Board regarding bulk trash pickup services, which is being offered with the cooperation of the City of Ely, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Council. Cleanup will be done a week at a time in the community, and their goal is to get everything cleaned up prior to the car races. Regarding the agenda items for the Aquatic Center, Ms. McIntosh advised she utilizes the pool daily and enjoys the long-term vision the County had in building this facility. She appreciates how the Center has requested to do more for the quality of life for our families and children. She also supports the swim team; for safety, recreation, and for our school students to be able to join something as an individual sport.

Ms. Kristy Rozich, Aquatic Center employee and Head Coach of the White Pine Middle School Swim Team, is requesting support for the County swim team. She advised she is working with our local parents to create a local swimming team; this is the only team offering year round sport, and kids can have an activity to go to after school and during the summer. We need to secure that such a program wouldn't fail, and would grow; she noted more families and youth are actually demanding a swim team. She read a letter into the record from Ms. Karen Hellman, a parent whose children are on the WPMS Swim Team encouraging support.

Mr. George Chachas cited several agenda items for today; first was the rate increase for Ely Disposal. He asked if the City has been paid first for landfill charges, and didn't think that was the case. He noted that the City Treasurer doesn't have an Accounting Degree, which should have been required. Also, someone has been taking pipe from the dump. As to the downtown Ely area, he felt they're requesting 4 lanes but we're shrinking! Also, he wants the RFQ for the new Justice Center to be at the site of the old Annex. He asked if anything has been

done for pedestrian safety at the preferred site location on the Highway, and cited overhead walkways should have been included in the plans. He felt that the Board needs to “clean house” at the Tourism & Recreation Board, he still hasn’t received information he’s requested. Pertaining to the vandalism that was done to his property on High Street, he wants his money, and is charging the County \$205.00 for damages; he added he pays big taxes and doesn’t get satisfaction. He also brought up the concrete at Commissioner Carol McKenzie’s house; time was called.

At 9:05 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the timed agenda item regarding Ordinances, First Readings, Public Hearings, Bid Openings, and Decisions.

**9:30 A.M. – ORDINANCES, FIRST READINGS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, BID OPENINGS, DECISIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE 491, BILL 03.28.2018c, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 REGULATING COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AT SPECIAL EVENTS HELD AT YELLAND FIELD

Chairman Richard Howe advised this had been discussed during the last Commission meeting. District Attorney Mike Wheable read the operative paragraph from the Ordinance, noting the key language is “for sale or profit.” He explained that if someone wants to come in and do something for profit, they would just need Commission approval. He continued that this is our County event; this Ordinance also protects those who are running the event. Mr. George Chachas felt there should be a charge for it.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 491, BILL 03.28.2018c, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4 REGULATING COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AT SPECIAL EVENTS HELD AT YELLAND FIELD

Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to approve Ordinance 491, Bill 03.28.2018c, an Ordinance amending Title 4 regulating commercial photograph at special events held at Yelland Field. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular County Commission meeting for a Special Meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission. At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting.

**9:45 A.M. – ELY DISPOSAL SERVICE UPDATE**

DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM ELY DISPOSAL REGARDING A RATE INCREASE DUE TO INCREASED CHARGES AT THE ELY CITY LANDFILL

Mr. Art Meecham is here today requesting this due to the recent City of Ely action requiring his company to pay a rate fee on their route trucks when they enter the landfill. They feel this is unjust, as he explained, and until this is all resolved, they will have to pass this charge on to their customers. He noted Ely Disposal hasn’t raised their rates in the past 9 years. The City has placed unfair burden on them and it will be unfair to their customers as well; he didn’t feel that the City’s inability to collect landfill fees from County residents should be placed onto Ely Disposal. Mr. Meecham presented some figures to the Board, with the ending result that this severely impacts their business. He felt it would be better for them if they could get the rate increase to take effect May 1<sup>st</sup> and not be billed until May 28<sup>th</sup>; regardless, they’re out over \$12,000 with no way to collect unless they raise their rates. If this is approved, they could cover their billing for this coming month. He would like to readdress this once they have more accurate statistics. During the discussion, District Attorney Mike Wheable explained Mr. Meecham must comment to the Board since they control the fees with respect to the franchise. Commissioner Gary Perea felt this is in violation of the agreement; Mr. Meecham provided a handout to the Board, from the attorney they hired to look into this matter. If nothing changes

between now and the end of May, he advised they will have to raise their rates on their next billing cycle; he also clarified for the Board this concerns residential, and not commercial. He estimated a raise of \$5.20 additional for residential customers who use their own garbage receptacles. For those with fixed incomes, Mr. Meecham explained they've always worked with them to ensure their garbage is picked up. At this point, D.A. Wheable requested a 5-minute recess; this was granted, after which the Board resumed discussion of this agenda item.

Commissioner Gary Perea wants our District Attorney to look at this agreement and have a letter sent to the City of Ely regarding refunding Ely Disposal their money, as he really feels this is violating the agreement; it's double taxation. Mr. Meecham would prefer to wait unless nothing changes, but he noted that "we do need to be prepared." Commissioner Steve Stork agreed with Commissioner Perea, and also the letter from Ely Disposal's attorney. He felt that to reconcile in the short term, we should allow Ely Disposal to raise their rates now and give them a 6-month period where they can seek relief from the courts; we could ratify it at our next meeting. D.A. Wheable felt there would be a good ground for injunctive relief; going for a 6-month period he felt would be acceptable. He emphasized this is just for discussion today, and it could come back for our next agenda. During the discussion, Mr. George Chachas felt there could be an easy fix; people just need to present proof that they paid the fee to the landfill, and if there is none, then no service would be forthcoming from Ely Disposal. D.A. Wheable emphasized that we're paying for a service, which is totally independent from what the City is doing; he agreed he needs to analyze the agreement. Mr. Meacham thanked the Board for their time.

#### 10:00 A.M. – QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS

#### DISCUSSION/UPDATE/REPORT/APPROVAL – QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS BY GRANT MANAGERS

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised all the grant reports, with the exception of the District Court and the Airport, are included in the backup materials. These exceptions will be brought forward during the next Commission meeting, she noted; she felt the Board could approve the reports as presented. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve as noted. Commissioner Gary Perea made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports as presented with the exception of the District Court and the Airport as noted. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

#### 10:30 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING

#### PUBLIC HEARING

THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE APPLICATIONS FOR A VARIANCE AND FOR A CONDITIONAL SPECIAL USE PERMIT. THE APPLICANT, COMMNET OF NEVADA, LLC (CIS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC) IS PROPOSING TO INSTALL A NEW WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY, TO INCLUDE A 60' WOOD POLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER – THE VARIANCE APPLICATION IS DUE TO THE HEIGHT OF THE TOWER. PROPERTY ADDRESS AND/OR GENERAL LOCATION IS 185 EAST 224<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH STREET, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA (T15N, R63E, SECTION 1) – APN IS 012-751-16

Chairman Richard Howe asked for Public Comment. Ms. Vaneta Young advised this tower is next to where she lives, and she asked if it would affect her T.V., cell phone, etc. Building Official Brad Christiansen responded in the negative; furthermore the "road" of her concern is just a right-of-way. Ms. Young also was worried about a wind problem; Official Christiansen assured her that it will be installed correctly, 12' deep in the ground. Airport Manager Lance Gale asked if there would be a light on top of the structure; Official Christiansen didn't feel that would be necessary by the FAA standards, as he noted other 60' towers don't have lights. Also, he felt that's basically the reason the tower was being kept to 60' in height.

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Building Official Brad Christiansen advised this is location is just south of Blue Diamond Estates, on the west side of the highway. He advised of a typo under the Finding of Facts; to remove “with corrections,” because there were none. He is requesting that a privacy fence around the base of the tower be installed so the mechanics of the tower wouldn't be visible; further, the fence would be metal for longevity. Commissioner Gary Perea disclosed that he's a customer of ComNet, but as that wouldn't have an effect on him whatsoever he will comment and vote on this agenda item. He asked if we should require a steel pole rather than a wooden one? Official Christiansen noted the wooden pole would be replaced with a metal pole, with a concrete base, etc. He added this is just to get them up and going, to see if the use is justified. If they go higher, he noted, they would have to apply for another special use permit. Ms. Vaneta Young advised this is right off of the access road on the property that she sold to Jimmy and Mary Jordan; she wondered about electrical effects. Official Christiansen reassured her that would all be taken care of; he added it wouldn't fall on someone's house, and pinpointed the location for the assemblage. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the application for the variance and a conditional special use permit as described. Commissioner Gary Perea seconded. Motion carried.

#### ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

##### COUNTY COMMISSION

##### RICHARD HOWE, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION/ACTION/DIRECTION REGARDING EQUIPMENT AT THE MCGILL POOL SUCH AS SLIDES, PLATFORMS, DIVING BOARDS, ETC.

Chairman Richard Howe advised that there is some cracking, etc. occurring on the old diving board. The manufacturer had assured us that it wouldn't break, but POOL/PACT will be coming in to inspect it anyway. It was noted that there aren't too many diving boards in natural pools anymore. Also, the concrete piers that support the board are eroding. The slide has some splinters, and it's time to replace it, it was noted. Crews brought in some large rock plus pea gravel to walk on. Although some things need replacing, District Attorney Mike Wheable commented that we still want to make it fun to be out there! Aquatic Center Director Megan Brown was unable to find an outdoor diving board for where the depth changes; it's the water depth that must be maintained for a board. D.A. Wheable advised there lots of liability in that if it isn't addressed properly. The bridge is fine, Public Works Director Bill Calderwood assured the Board; that's why the columns were shored up. In reply to a query from the Board, he advised that the diving board remains while everything else gets pulled out and put under cover for the winter. D.A. Wheable advised that a letter should be sent to the McGill Town Council inviting them to provide input on the pool so we can get the pool ready in time for the Summer season; this would include a outline of some of the options available. Commissioner Gary Perea was in favor of staying with fixed objects, rather than floating things, which we may need to replace in 4-5 years. Commissioner Carol McKenzie would like to see the diving board replaced; it's used a lot, and several generations have enjoyed that. D.A. Wheable suggested Director Brown and County Clerk Nichole Baldwin could craft the letter to be sent to McGill Town Council. Commissioner Gary Perea made a motion to send the letter to the McGill Town Council as discussed. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

LORI ROMERO, SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION TO NV. AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION FOR A HOTSHOT DELIVERY VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,926 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$7,223

Senior Program Administrator Lori Romero advised there was a short window to apply for extra funding for the equipment related to the Homebound deliveries; she submitted the application on May 7<sup>th</sup>. She explained this vehicle will replace the last one they had, which was a 2003 model. The match for the grant will be met through the EJC Foundation. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval of the ratification. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to ratify the application to Nv. Aging & Disability Services Division for a Hotshot Delivery Vehicle in the amount of \$40,926 with a County match of \$7,223. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE NV. AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION GRANT #17-000-66-2h-18 FOR A HOTSHOT DELIVERY VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,926 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$7,223

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances clarified that there was a delivery charge for the vehicle of \$1,500 that hadn't been covered, but there is adequate fund balance in order to cover it. Commissioner Gary Perea made a motion to accept the Nv. Aging & Disability Services Div. grant #17-000-66-2h-18 for the Hotshot Delivery Vehicle in the amount of \$40,926 with a County match of \$7,223. Director Frances indicated there is adequate fund balance to cover the match.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE EJC FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,223 FOR A MATCH TO THE NV. AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION GRANT

Commissioner Gary Perea asked if this is an additional delivery charge; Director Romero noted there was a very short timeframe within which to apply for this, and she appreciated Director Frances working with her to get this through on time. She explained the various deadlines that were involved with this; it did cost a additional fee, \$1,500, which will be addressed in an upcoming agenda item. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to accept the EJC funds in the amount of \$7,223 for a match to the Nv. Aging & Disability Services Division grant as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DESIREE BARNSON, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FROM NV. AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,850 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2019 WITH NO COUNTY MATCH

Social Services Director Desiree Barnson noted this is a "stay strong, stay healthy" program grant that she wrote. Basically, it's to teach seniors how to lift light weights and eat well, to avoid bones going brittle. This will be done at the Senior Center, and the Social Services staff will teach this; there is a 1-day training session for her to do that, and it's included in the grant. Commissioner Shane Bybee commented that it sounds like it will be a good program. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the grant application from Nv. Aging & Disability Services in the amount of \$4,850 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with no County match. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.



DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NDOT 5311 AND 5339 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$162,053.80 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$79,869.20 TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING FUNDING SOURCES: ADSD GRANT \$25,000 (PENDING), WPC PUBLIC TRANS \$27,000, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S WAGES \$15,000, TICKET SALES/DONATIONS/PASSES \$8,000, WPC EQUIPMENT MATCH FROM SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET \$10,800 AND DONATION REQUESTS \$2,069

Director Barnson advised that NDOT has changed their process, so the 5311 and 5339 grants have been combined. She hasn't heard back on the ADSD match, but expects word in a week or so. NDOT had advised her that in-kind would be fine; and Robinson Nevada Mine has reported their check is in the mail and will be here next week. She clarified that the County match will all be covered. Commissioner Gary Perea made a motion to ratify the grant application from the NDOT 5311 and 5339 grants in the amount of \$162,053.80, with the County match to be provided as presented. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FROM NV. AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018-JUNE 30, 2018 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$3,750 PROVIDED THROUGH IN-KIND SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S WAGES

Ms. Vaneta Young pointed out the typo in the agenda item, in that the period would run through June 30, 2019 and not 2018 as printed. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that's a typo, and wouldn't affect the outcome of this ratification request. Director Barnson noted this is used for the County match in order to operate the Ely Bus. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to ratify. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to ratify the grant application from Nv. Aging & Disability Services for \$25,000 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, with the required County match of \$3,750 provided through in-kind Social Services Director's wages. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/RATIFICATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$10,000 PROVIDED THROUGH IN-KIND SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S WAGES

Director Barnson advised this is another new grant, which would provide shelter for transients and we would also have the ability to help people get out of town by purchasing gas for their vehicle. She noted this is a 2-year grant. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to ratify the grant application from Emergency Services Grant in the amount of \$10,000 with a required County match of \$10,000 provided through in-kind Social Services Director's wages. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Howe commended Director Barnson for doing a good job with these grants, which are vital to our community.

#### MEGAN BROWN, AQUATIC CENTER DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL FOR THE AQUATICS DEPARTMENT TO EXPAND ITS SERVICES TO TAKE ON AYSO SOCCER LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION DUTIES

Aquatic Center Director Megan Brown provided some background on this request for the Board; she has 4 full-time staff, who divide their duties as she explained. The people working the front desk would be taking the soccer registrations, just to help with the administration of the program. Mr. Bruce Eldridge has volunteered to do the soccer program as the main person responsible; he will take the registrations, order the uniforms, take care of the phone calls, and basically just be the "information place" for the soccer program. District Attorney Mike Wheable pointed out that there's specific language noting that the County isn't taking over the soccer league, just the administration duties. Chairman Richard Howe felt we do need this program, as long as we aren't going to be a sponsor. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that the Aquatic Center could be the "one-stop shop" for families, and this will help drive the activity towards the Aquatic Center and generate more revenue. Finance Director is uncomfortable with the accounting process due to the sales tax involved. She recommended a special, recreational fund to deposit funds in there would be better, which would allow for tracking and

accountability by segregating it from other Aquatic Center activities. Director Brown advised that the software can take all our different accounts, folders, etc., and she has the ability to build it to whatever we might need. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Aquatics Dept. to expand its services to take on AYSO Soccer League Administration duties. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL FOR THE AQUATICS DEPARTMENT TO CREATE A SWIM TEAM

Director Brown advised this is another step which will increase the programs at the pool. There is a swimming lesson class that our swim team kids are participating in; she noted this week is the last swim meet that will be at the school. Some of those kids will be joining this swim team, she advised; she provided a handout pertinent to this, a result of discussions with Finance Director Elizabeth Frances. For her projections, she explained, she used 10 swimmers. The differences in registration were to show inclusion of low-income fees, etc., as well as some travel for the coach when the team would compete in meets and have to travel. During the Summer she felt there would be 8 meets requiring overnight stays; there was a net total of \$112, with our swimmers, and any amount over that total would be great. If we get more than 25 swimmers, she continued, we might need an additional coach. In reply to a query from the Board, she noted the County is completely covered for liability with any of the activities they have; D.A. Wheable confirmed that, and added that he felt this would grow and be very popular. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Aquatics Dept. to create a swim team. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Commissioner Gary Perea is in favor of this, but he wished there was a way to coordinate things instead of us having to do that. Director Brown noted that some teams are parent-run; we'd just need people who might want to do it, and we wouldn't be getting any revenue. Commissioner Steve Stork noted he was against this initially, but we did something similar with the Golf Course and on that basis he would have to support this as well. Chairman Howe noted that don't want to get involved in sponsoring teams of any kind, but he does like the administration part. D.A. Wheable agreed that while soccer does cost a bit, it brings in more people and in turn more revenue. Commissioner Shane Bybee commented that in his opinion, this would be part of doing the business. Motion and second carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM THE AQUATICS DEPARTMENT FROM JANUARY 2018 THROUGH MARCH 2018

Director Brown cited the programs and groups who bring in the programs; she is currently in the hiring process, as they are really short-staffed now. She felt that accounts for the lower numbers compared to last year at this time. She's spent much time revising pay scales, adding additional classes to the schedule, etc. She reported on the deck project, noting that all the seamed areas not currently filled in will need to have that done with a special caulking, which will cost \$40,000. CORE Construction agreed to pay half of that cost; she is seeking ways to come up with the other \$20,000. In reply to a query from Commissioner Steve Stork, she noted the warranty has already expired. Director Brown continued that she hired 1 full-time Lifeguard this quarter, so she does have a full, full-time staff now. There are, however, only 9 Lifeguards compared to 14 last year at this time; she is hoping to hire at least 15 people during the next 2 weeks for both the McGill Pool and the Aquatic Center's needs. She's updated the policies pertaining to administration and to cover any problems areas we may have. Recent and upcoming activities included the Hospital Health Fair and the Child Preschool Registration, which they will be working on; the Extravaganza, put on by the Assembly of God Church, was a very exciting event, with over 200 people in attendance. That was great exposure for the Aquatic Center, she noted. Her Assistant is now a Certified Pool Operator, so she will have help doing the pool chemicals, etc. The wading pool insulation will be done the first part of May; also, there's a very slippery area at the top of the wading pool ramp, which will be repaired when the pool is drained, as she explained. The McGill Pool has some improvements, such as a new banner at the edge of the road so people can easily spot the location. Changing tables and soap dispensers were added to the restrooms, plus there are non-slip floors in those now. ADA access will be done, and there's a concrete sidewalk from the restrooms to the Lifeguard Shack. Parking signs will be going up in accordance with our new Ordinance, as well. Director Brown added that POOL/PACT representatives will be coming out to

review the area, and if the Board has anything specific they would like to have them look at, please let her know. Commissioner Gary Perea felt that long-term, more permanent, swim toys would be best. Director Brown advised she's also applied for a "Step Into Swim" grant for underprivileged kids to be able to have swimming lessons, but hasn't received a reply to date.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO SET WHITE PINE COUNTY AQUATICS CENTER'S SWIMMING TEAM MEMBERSHIP FEE AND MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Director Brown advised that D.A. Wheable had requested this, so that if the swim team is approved by the Commission, these rates could be set. He noted that the price for families was somewhat steep; he suggested that perhaps anyone who's enrolled on the team could have free access to the pool. Director Brown indicated that Elko does that: Membership on their swim team is considered membership for the family, which brings the kids' families in more often. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the White Pine County Aquatics Center's Swimming Team Membership Fee to include membership on the team as also membership for the family at the Aquatic Center. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**KATHY RICCI, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE REVISED EXEMPT PAY SCALE WITH THE ADDITION OF COMPENSATION FOR A COUNTY MANAGER, PUBLIC WORKS LEAD SUPERVISOR-MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC WORKS LEAD SUPERVISOR-ROADS AS APPROVED APRIL 11, 2018**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances indicated the backup material, noting that Human Resources Director Kathy Ricci isn't present today. The pay scale adds in new positions; those that are highlighted aren't currently filled. The other position added in was the Deputy District Attorney for an additional prosecutor, which was allowed by the Commission, although it was never formally added in. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the revised exempt pay scale with changes as noted. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

**ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL RELATED TO VARIOUS ITEMS AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE FY2019 BUDGET 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 AND 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, ROAD DEPARTMENT, AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, SB74 TAX FUND, TOWNS OF LUND, MCGILL & RUTH, SENIOR CENTER, INDUSTRIAL PARK, BUILDING & PLANNING, GOLF COURSE, AQUATIC CENTER INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, CHINA SPRINGS, AND CAMP SUCCESS**

Chairman Richard Howe reviewed some of the items and added his opinions, noting that he wants us to be ready for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. He identified elimination of the ¼-time Deputy Treasurer increase and the Armed Resource Officer; he had met with Senator Dean Heller and there's a strong push that there could be grants available to pay for that position, for which we may qualify. Reducing the copiers being requested by half was another item he identified. His recommendations would result in cutting the \$445,000 down to \$192,000; he reiterated this is just his own input. Commissioner Gary Perea commented that if we were to approve all the



requests our deficit spending would be at \$1.2 million, and we can't do that! He ran some ideas past Director Frances, including eliminating all the new requests, even his. He asked her to increase all the Dept. budgets, but leave the Election and Natural Resource budgets alone. We are coming in better this year, with the increase in the General Fund being 2% over last year's budget, and felt this would be a good starting point. He added that all these requests wouldn't be done at once, they would occur throughout the year, which would give us some time to get the remaining requests covered. He does have a concern about our 25% minimum requirement in our budget; what he has just outlined would get us to 22%. Director Frances proceeded to review the items she handed out to the Board, line by line. She did note a budget of concern, the Task Force budget, which shows a \$15,000 in deficit spending there. WPC Sheriff Scott Henriod noted that the anticipated revenues coming in for that budget would be \$81,000. During the discussion, it was recommended to continue this budget, as it would still be short by over \$16,000, as it's vital to keeping drugs out of White Pine County, and we should increase the transfer from the General Fund to cover this. Director Frances noted that it is still unknown whether the Federal government would be funding us for the Task Force, so we would need to subsidize that budget with the General Fund at this point. Sheriff Henriod agreed; he cited he's applied for a grant that we are pretty much guaranteed to receive, but right now the funds are frozen, as he explained. He advised that we were unable to spend the funds we received for the JAG grant as someone had "loaned" us \$40,000 from a prior leftover amount in that program, for the purpose of helping us to continue the Task Force employment. Director Frances also noted that it is a simple fix to transfer funds over to the Fire District from the EMS budget, by direction of the Board at their last meeting. She concluded by noting all these changes/revisions will be made available to the public. Commissioner Gary Perea thanked Director Frances for putting this all together, she's spent much time on this, and it's very much appreciated.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-23 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY GENERAL FUND FROM UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,500 TO COVER \$5,000,000 OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE AIR RACE EVENT

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this is the follow-up to action taken by the Commission to obtain \$5 million in insurance for the Air Race Event. She noted this wasn't included in the initial request to appropriate the \$71,500 for this, which is available. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-23 to augment the General Fund for \$71,500 to cover the \$5 million liability insurance for the Air Race event as requested. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried. Airport Manager Lance Gale clarified that this binder doesn't need to happen until just 3 days prior to the event; however, our insurance broker, Mr. Reed, is asking for 10 days, for the reason of this would also provide us with time to ascertain the weather patterns. If snow is on the way, he clarified, we won't be having to pay for this; so June 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the date for binding the insurance. He added that the FAA would definitely be given the information prior to the event, but the insurance binder wouldn't need to happen until then.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-21 TO PAY THE BALANCE OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS CALCULATED ON APRIL 2, 2018 PURSUANT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Director Frances advised that that portion we can move in this fiscal year is the amount legally available to be transferred, as she explained. The balance will be in next year's budget, she added. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Gary Perea made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-21 to pay the balance of the White Pine County EMS special revenue fund to the White Pine County Fire Protection District as calculated in April 2, 2018 pursuant to the interlocal agreement as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/PAPPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-20 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FUND FROM UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 TO COVER FREIGHT ON NEW HOT SHOT DELIVERY VEHICLE

Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-20, to augment the WPC Senior Center Fund in the amount of \$1,500 to cover freight on the new Hot Shot Delivery Vehicle as requested. Commissioner Carol McKenzie seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-22 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND FROM UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,652 TO PAY TO THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2018-21

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised she needs permission from the Board to move the monies from the EMS Fund to the Fire Protection District Fund; this is the first step. Commissioner Carol McKenzie made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-22 to augment the White Pine County EMS fund to the White Pine County Fire Protection District pursuant to Resolution 2018-21. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

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.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2018 COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Carol McKenzie advised of a correction on this set of minutes. Commissioner McKenzie then made a motion to approve the March 28 set of minutes with correction noted. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Budget items for May 10<sup>th</sup>, bring your ideas on budget then.

Ely Disposal to return with information for the Board.

Lund Town Council to come in with concerns regarding speed limits.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the next Commission meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Richard Howe respects everyone's opinion, and he wishes to comment on the public's perception. Some press is being given that "we don't like each other and aren't working together." He noted that we are a Commission of 5 members with lots of business to do, and everyone on the Board is working very hard to make it the best for the community. He emphasized the Commission is not a divided Board, although we are all different people from different walks of life. He added that we're on the right path, we're doing a good job, and he appreciates everyone; he asked that we continue to work well together.

Commissioner Carol McKenzie noted there's a Yucca Mountain meeting Friday in Las Vegas, and that will be the last meeting of that group for awhile. She won't be available for that special meeting; Commissioner Gary Perea will be present for the meeting, by telephone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Steve Stork made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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CHAIRMAN

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WPE CLERK OF THE BOARD