

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 13, 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 Carson, Commissioner
- Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

County Officials

- Mike Wheable, District Attorney
- Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
- Brett North, WPC Fire Dist. Chief
- Desiree Barnson, Social Services Dir.
- Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Dir.
- Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Dir.
- Maxine Lantz, Victim & Witness Services
- Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor (Zoom)
- Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer (Zoom)
- Tim Bunch, Human Resources Dir. (Zoom)

Also Present

- Suzanne Featherston, Kinross
- Dale Thompson, Kinross
- Caroline McIntosh
- Geri Wopschall
- City of Ely Fire Chief Ross Rivera
- Brenda O'Neil, Duckwater (Zoom)

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. George Chachas commented on the agenda item pertaining to the Aquatic Center; he wants the Board to deny this and bring back the allotment that was given to the Golf Course. He feels the Golf Course is a luxury, not a necessity. On the agenda item pertaining to the purchase of property, he felt there was a typo in the amount and wants to know what the Board will accept. As to the agenda item regarding entering into discussions with the City of Ely over police protection, he doesn't want to "give them a dime, as they selectively enforce the law." He continued that he's lost 2 tenants due to being unable to obtain a permit; he's also noticed some trailers going up in violation of the law. He reported that Mr. Keith Carson keeps horses within the City limits in violation of the NRS; he asked where the Planning Commission and Building Inspector are in these? He stated that either we have rules and regulations, or we don't. Mr. Chachas brought up the S&S Railroad with respect to the road tax monies and funds not being accounted for; Chairman Richard Howe cut off his comment as that is a City issue. Commissioner Shane Bybee commented on the railroad; at



that time, the rail line was governed by a separate board, and wasn't under the purview of the Railroad Board of Trustees. He added that Mr. Chachas needs to address those people, instead of charging him.

At 9:09 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Fire Commission meeting. At 9:36 a.m., Chairman Howe adjourned the Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

9:30 A.M. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 510

PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/Second Reading/For Possible Action: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval of proposed Ordinance 510, Bill No. 03.25.2020, an ordinance amending Title 8 of the White Pine County Code declaring that wild horses are not given higher status than cattle, sheep, or other authorized livestock within White Pine County, Nevada. Vice Chairman Travis Godon

Commissioner Travis Godon disclosed that his family runs sheep and cattle, but this doesn't affect them any more or less than any other rancher, so he will be voting and commenting. He noted this had been properly advertised. Chairman Richard Howe asked for public comment.

Mr. George Chachas doesn't understand why this is being considered, since County law can't supercede Federal law; he asked for the basis of this. District Attorney Mike Wheable explained that to the extent there are "loopholes and hiccups," this allows us to protect livestock from unregulated and overbearing nuisance from the Federal government. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Ordinance 510, Bill 03.25.2020, as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

10:00 A.M. LISA SONG SUTTON FOR CD4 (R)

Discussion/Presentation from Lisa Song Sutton, Candidate for CD-4 (R) via Zoom

At 9:59 a.m., Ms. Lisa Song Sutton addressed the Board of County Commissioners and thanked them for this chance to speak today. She came from a military family and grew up in rural Arizona. She feels strongly about immigration and stronger borders. She noted that the Border Patrol is fighting many battles. Her father is a Vietnam war veteran, having served in the Air Force. Ms. Sutton has been shooting guns since she was 9 years old; she's an AA advocate and holds an A rating with the NRA. She defends the Second Amendment right for all Nevadans. She feels that 2020 is the year for people like her to step up and become involved for the betterment of the State. She's volunteered in many facets and worked with organizations over the years, and her door is always open. She desires to build and grow together with White Pine County. She continued that it's clear our County deserves a clear line of communication with the Federal government. She will fight for development opportunities here; she supports diversification of our economy. She thanked the Board and asked for their support.

10:30 A.M. LEAVITT GROUP

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Anthem's medical proposal pursuant to the Leavitt Group documentation to align with our FY21 budgetary structure

Mr. Jeff Hyde, of the Leavitt Group, presented today via Zoom; he advised the Board that it's insurance renewal season again. He cited the Claims Report in the backup materials, showing premiums paid vs. claims paid; we are running at a 75% loss ratio, which is right on track. Our claims are stable and overall things are going well. As a result, Anthem proposed a renewal of a 3% increase across the board. The Plan designs haven't changed, except for the Blue Secure 13 Base Plan, which shows some minor decreases in benefits. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances felt this is good. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Anthem's medical proposal as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of health care coverages presented BY Leavitt Group and to align with our FY21 budgetary structure. Tim Bunch, HR Director & Leavitt Group via Zoom;

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Met-Life vision proposal pursuant to the Leavitt Group documentation in order to align with our FY21 budgetary structure. Tim Bunch, HR Director & Leavitt Group via Zoom;

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Lincoln Life Insurance coverage proposal pursuant to the Leavitt Group documentation in order to align with our FY21 budgetary structure. Tim Bunch, HR Director & Leavitt Group via Zoom; and

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Ameritas Dental coverage proposal pursuant to the Leavitt Group documentation in order to align with our FY21 budgetary structure. Tim Bunch, HR Director & Leavitt Group via Zoom

Chairman Richard Howe, with approval from District Attorney Mike Wheable, opened up these agenda items under the Leavitt Group all together. Mr. Jeff Hyde advised that all of these proposals stayed flat since last year. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that they approved the 3% increase for Anthem and the rest had no increase. She recommended the Board approve their proposals. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve these items listed under the Leavitt Group as recommended. Commissioner Laurie tCarson seconded. Motion carried. District Attorney Mike Wheable clarified that the first and second agenda items are similar; therefore the second item was just for discussion. Commissioner Shane Bybee thanked Mr. Hyde for his aggressive negotiations to keep us at a reasonable level during such tumultuous times. Mr. Hyde thanked the Board as well.

At 11:06 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 11:12 a.m., Chairman Howe adjourned the Road Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

COUNTY COMMISSION

Richard Howe, Chairman

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to send letters, or something else, to recognize and appreciate Kinross Bald Mountain Mine, KGHM Robinson Mine, and/or other local business who makes major donations to our community

Chairman Richard Howe wishes to recognize real supporters of our community. Robinson Mine is donating \$3,000 to White Pine County's needs. We should send a letter of appreciation, perhaps even plaques, but he felt letters might be better given the budgetary situation. Commissioners Ian Bullis and Travis Godon agreed this is a good idea; Commissioners Laurie Carson and Shane Bybee also voiced their approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to send letters recognizing Kinross Bald Mountain Mine, KGHM Robinson Mine, and other local businesses who make major donations to our community. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Scott Henriod, Sheriff

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval for the White Pine County Sheriff's Office to sell a 2004 Harley Davidson Motorcycle FLHTPI Minimum bid will start at \$1,500. Bidding will be a sealed bid process. All bids will be delivered to the White Pine County Clerk on or before May 26, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened on May 27th at the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting. Monies received from the sale will be deposited into the Task Force revenue account. This is the same account that the motorcycle was original purchased from

WPC Sheriff Scott Henriod noted that they had tried to sell this motorcycle before, but hadn't received any bids. Since then, however, several individuals have approached him to purchase the bike "straight out." That's why this is going back out to bid. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to put the 2004 Harley Davidson Motorcycle FLHTPI out to bid as requested and stipulated. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the request for appointment from Gabria Smith to join LEPC and Golf Advisory Board

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised of this request for appointment. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to appoint Ms. Gabria Smith to the LEPC and Golf Advisory Board as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Lori Romero, Senior Program Administrator

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to accept NSIP Supplement Funding in the amount of \$3,349 to be used for commodities with no county match required

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to accept the NSIP Supplement Funding for \$3,349 to be used for commodities, with no County match required. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Lance Gale, Airport Manager

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval and ratification of the Ely Airport Federal DOT Airport Coronavirus Aide Relief Funding Grant. This CARES Act Funding Grant is in the amount of \$20,000 and will be used for operational expenses for the Ely Airport and Yelland Field

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to ratify the Federal DOT Airport Coronavirus Aide Relief Funding Grant. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances reminded the Board there is no match requirement for this, and it had been brought up during a previous meeting. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of price and membership changes for the Aquatic Center

Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich, appearing via Zoom, reminded the Board that this had been brought up a couple of meetings ago. She cited the backup materials and explained that she had taken out the monthly membership and created better options for classes. She kept in the punch passes as being the main selling point, and they made it a better option for everyone. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this is easier for people to understand. She continued that the County is coming closer to other similar-sized aquatic facilities in rural Nevada, and she supports these proposed changes. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the price and membership changes for the Aquatic Center as proposed. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to place two signs in the Veterans Memorial Park as shown in the backup material

Commissioner Laurie Carson complimented the signs. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood explained they will be placed by the creek around Veteran's Day. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve placement of the signs in the Veterans Memorial Park as proposed. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of recommended construction bid
White Pine Senior Center remodel**

Mr. Joseph K. Phillips, PE from Sunrise Engineering, presented the summary of bid results for the Board. He advised the bids were reviewed and opened; the 2 contractors responding were MGM Construction, for \$306,140 and \$274,000 for a total of \$580,140; and Schell Creek Construction, \$347,234.65 and \$309,758.20 for a total of \$656,992.85. He recommended awarding the bid to MGM Construction, noting the total award will be for \$576,000 with some changes; he recommended the base bid with the exception of Line Item 8 to be awarded, which changes the amount to \$420,388, leaving the difference as Contingency for construction that could be added back in at a later date. The timetable of June 4-August 5 is still on track with the Senior Center having to operate out of the High School during that time. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances is concerned about the 37% Contingency, and asked for more information. Mr. Phillips stated there's always a Contingency amount, and if the roof is taken out, we could meet the full amount to make the remaining repairs. He added that the roof is the least important of the repairs needed at this point in time. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood explained why the roof doesn't impact the rest of the project, and could be taken off the list easily. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked if MGM Construction would be comfortable proceeding as discussed; Mr. Phillips felt this is common and it will not be a problem. Commissioner Shane Bybee had a concern with improving the building, but not replacing the roof; Director Calderwood explained the roof isn't that old, and could be replaced in the near future; he added it isn't leaking. Commissioner Bybee isn't comfortable with taking out the room, and wished to look at other options. Commissioner Travis Godon asked if some of the asphalt work was taken out, what would be the result? Mr. Phillips suggested removing the base course from the east side and putting the roof back in. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to eliminate Lines 3 and 5 of the Add Alternate Schedule, and approve the rest, for a new amount of \$519,377. WPC Assessor Burton Hilton, via Zoom, stated that we had applied for this grant with the expectation to perform all of the components. If the Board planned to reduce those, it would be good to show the Foundation that they do plan to finish all of the components, even if they can't be completed all at once. WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric also added, via Zoom, that we need to get clarification of the location of the asphalt that is to be removed. She has a concern that the parking is dismal, and trucks have problems getting in and out; she felt the asphalt is a higher priority. She felt putting the roof off for now would be a better option at this time, as it isn't that old. Commissioner Laurie Carson advised Commissioner Bybee that she is fine with the roof. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the recommended construction bid for \$420,388 and hold back the Add Alternate Schedule Item 8. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried. At this time, Chairman Richard Howe signed a Notice of Award for Mr. Phillips to get things moving forward.

Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

Discussion Only-Presentation and review of Human Resources Operational Analysis

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch, via Zoom, presented an analysis of operations with regard to Human Resources in the County on a monthly basis. He noted the e-learning component lists all zeroes, and he's working with POOL/PACT to fix that. He noted 19% of

the County evaluations haven't been completed, and explained those who didn't complete them are shown in red. The 22 evaluations not done are from the Aquatic Center; they are still being reviewed prior to approval. There are 11 people in White Pine County left over that haven't been evaluated, as indicated. Commissioner Ian Bullis thanked Director Bunch for the presentation.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to hire for Chief Deputy Clerk due to the resignation of Doris Leia Wells effective 5/14/20

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch clarified that tomorrow is the effective date, but yesterday was Chief Deputy Clerk Wells' last day. He noted the Board's decision to stop hiring until June 30th so he is asking for direction. Commissioner Ian Bullis wanted to ensure our offices are staffed properly. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances explained alternatives can be explored and we could gain some savings. Commissioner Bullis clarified that the hiring freeze was not to expand as this would be a swap to replace a current position. Director Frances noted that this employee's payout will eat up the remaining budget for the year because it was not anticipated. Chairman Richard Howe doesn't want to hire someone and then have to let them go a few months later. Commissioner Laurie Carson noted the Finance Committee is working once a week at bills that were passed, to look at cuts. HR Director Tim Bunch recommended that for the next 1-1/2 months, the others left would pick up the duties. The Commissioners echoed their concern. WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin explained the severe need and the impacts to various entities in the County. Director Frances encouraged the Board to be responsible and look at options because the future is uncertain. She noted ways to gain cost savings here and hire a Deputy Clerk instead of a Chief Deputy, and to eliminate the half-time position. Commissioner Travis Godon could support a motion to hire a Deputy Clerk and let the half-time position go. Director Frances explained the requirements to pay unemployment costs that could result from letting the half-time position go. She continued that reducing staff would result in increased unemployment costs. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve, with the layoff to be concurrent with the hiring, or June 30th, whichever occurs first. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. HR Director Tim Bunch will post immediately and provide the 30-day notice to the half-time position.

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Quarterly Grant Reports

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Grant Application being made by Elizabeth Frances to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for funding of 3 AED's and holding cases for 3 County Buildings, a washer and dryer for the McGill Fire Station Bathrooms, and new flooring for the main area of the White Pine County Library in the amount not to exceed \$20,608.70 with a required county Match of \$38,273.30 and will be provided through the following sources: \$1,217.45 for the washer and dryer from the Fire Protection District

Fund, \$3,736.85 for the AED's from the General Fund, and \$33,319.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted we would probably want to pass on this grant application, considering the amount of County match required. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to purchase the washer and dryer, and provide a County match for those. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. The remainder of the items died for lack of motion.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Grant Application being made by Elizabeth Frances to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for funding of a new ambulance to be stationed in Ely to serve the surrounding areas in the amount not to exceed \$62,261.60 with a required county Match of \$115,628.70 and will be provided through the following sources: Fire Protection District Fund

Director Frances had information received back from the Pennington Foundation that the balance can be paid through Pennington. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the grant application as requested and clarified. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/Update: Change of Capital Improvement Projects in Fund 081 for fiscal year 2020 to include relocation of water line for public safety building

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood handed out a diagram and explained this wasn't included in the list of Capital Improvement Projects. It was discovered that the water line for the Jail runs under the sally port. If this isn't relocated, it would be under the concrete of the new sally port. This item will reprioritize the project. Commissioner Laurie Carson asked if we're making good references so that people in the future will know where things are; Director Calderwood replied that pictures are taken every day of the project's progress, and CORE is also red-lining plans and putting the RFI into the plans so things are being properly recorded.

At this time, Chairman Richard Howe recessed the Commission meeting for a break. The meeting was reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction or Approval related to Revenues and Expenses in the FY2021 budget including: Commission, Clerk, Recorder including special revenue budgets, Assessor including special revenue budget, Treasurer, Elections, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, District Attorney including Victim Witness Services, 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 including Gift Fund, Airport Operating, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, Agricultural District, Emergency Medical Services, Agricultural Extension, Social Services including donations fund, Road Department including Public Transit and RTC, Airport Capital Improvement, Capital Improvements, SB74 tax fund, Towns of Lund, McGill & Ruth, Senior Center, Industrial Park, 911 Fund, Tri-County Weed, Building & Planning, Golf Course, Aquatic Center including special revenue fund, China Springs, and Camp Success

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances cited a handout provided during the break which contains additional thoughts for reduction, if and when they are deemed necessary. She encouraged the Board to be very flexible in the upcoming year because they don't have enough data to know what the future holds. When reviewing the list, the Board needs to think about overall impact; what it will take to reopen the service; and what combinations could be effected as well as unemployment costs that could result. She proceeded down the list; it is emphasized that only proposed budget cuts are captured in today's minutes. As items were discussed, it was noted that work still needs to be done, and will only be passed around to other Departments. The Commission needs to focus on the budget and not the consequences when making these decisions.

Commissioner Shane Bybee brought up extending the offer to combine Justice Court and Muni Court; Director Frances will look at that. Commissioner Travis Godon noted the merging of PLUAC and WAC to reduce secretarial expenditures. Commissioner Laurie Carson added that SNWA hasn't withdrawn any water right permits; they plan to hang onto them and to the ranches. Chairman Richard Howe wanted to reduce the retainer fee for Water Attorney Simeon Herskovits. Commissioner Bybee felt that if we drop the fight, it will open the door for SNWA to come right back. Commissioner Godon wants to talk to Attorney Herskovits in order to make the best decision. Commissioner Ian Bullis noted he hasn't seen a client dropping a firm and then hiring them back in the future, that would have caused a problem. Chairman Howe suggested reducing the holes at the Golf Course from 18 to 9 to keep it. Commissioner Business mentioned an outside company might be interested in buying or leasing the Golf Course. Director Frances concluded the list, and noted there are new numbers from NACO the Board should also look at. She added that we need to respond quickly "if things go south." She will include the amendments from today for the health insurance and PACT renewals, and what is related to transfers. If the Board wants her to do something specific, she will do that. Commissioner Godon wants to eliminate the Main Street contribution. Director Frances advised that we need to adopt our final budget at the next meeting, and she foresees another amendment as a result of a special Legislative Session that could occur. A special meeting will be held next Thursday, May 21st, at 9:00 a.m. She will do further analysis and bring everything back to the Board. The Commissioners thanked Director Frances for all her work. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion for Finance Director Elizabeth Frances to move forward with the direction from the Board. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the City of Ely's request to enter into discussions regarding possible modifications to the Police Services Agreement

Ely Mayor Nathan Robertson entered the Conference Room; Finance Director Elizabeth Frances explained to the Board that a 7-year Agreement with the City is in place, with no reopener. She felt it is a good agreement, and it's not encouraging the Board to

reopen the agreement at this time. She clarified that she was looking at the City of Ely's request to reduce the amount they pay for the next fiscal year. She continued there is an agreement to purchase an ambulance that they were going to split and that money could go to this agreement to help them pay for their portion. Mayor Robertson appreciated the Board and apologized for his appearance. He addressed the ambulance purchase and that the City can't use that money to pay for police services, because it's in a special revenue fund. The agreement doesn't take into consideration the "deep troughs in revenues" that they are experiencing. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that the contract was drafted with a concern that the contract would be paid with actual revenues received, and it's based on a formula which works fine in normal years, but what has happened isn't normal, and has impacted the City of Ely's revenues. They want to look at a different formula, having only 3-4 years left to the contract. He wants to even out the payments to help with the City's budgeting process. Mayor Robertson purported that this is in the best interest of the community as a whole. Director Frances advised that next year's revenues are reported in the Fall of 2019, and not enough time is given until the next year's budget needs to be made, which explained the delay. Mayor Robertson explained that this is just a "yea" or "nay" question to consider looking at changing this in the future. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt this was reasonable, and Commissioner Ian Bullis agreed. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to move into discussions with the City of Ely regarding possible modifications to the Police Services Agreement. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Ely Mayor Nathan Robertson thanked the Commissioners.

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

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

Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction on possible changes to emergency financial directives authorized at the 5/6/2020 Special Commission Meeting including adding, changing, or deleting directives based on new information received from the Department of Taxation and other sources

Commissioner Travis Godon added a directive that we encourage the District Attorney's Office to not use County funds to prosecute any violations of COVID-19 regulations or rules. Commissioners Ian Bullis and Laurie Carson vocally supported this directive. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances handed out a response from POOL/PACT regarding a legal liability if we go against directives from the State and the Governor. She followed up with the Nv. Dept. of Taxation, and they cannot reallocate our Net Proceeds of Minerals. Commissioner Ian Bullis wanted to do a "blanket directive" to not use County funds to enforce Unconstitutional directives. Chairman Howe pointed out we're sworn to uphold the Constitutions of the State and the nation. But if we as a County refuse to uphold the Governor's directives, we could face backlash. District Attorney Mike Wheable suggested a separate letter to the elected officials. He mentioned that if we could mandate the enforcement of certain rules and not others, there will be no protection in the administering of our power. From the perspective of the Finance Director, it will be difficult to determine what is for COVID-19, and what is not. D.A. Wheable added that while he's not currently

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enforcing any COVID-19 rules publicly, he is spending 75% of his time dealing with the issues that it has presented. Director Frances likes that this is a recommendation and not a directive. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt this will be a prevalent issue. Director Frances reminded everyone that they have been requested to track their time spent on COVID-19 related issues. She reached out to the Nv. Dept. of Taxation in relation to our ending fund balance, which is fine as long as expenditures don't exceed the ending fund balance. D.A. Wheable added the direction to not prosecute and track all related expenses to COVID-19. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to make changes to the emergency financial directives authorized by the Board during the May 6, 2020 Special Commission meeting as requested and discussed, with direction to not prosecute and track all related expenses to COVID-19. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Brett North, Director of Emergency Management

Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to place an ambulance at the Duckwater Tribe for COVID-19

This was handled under the Fire Commission meeting. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following are "action" items that may be considered in one motion/one vote. They are considered routine, non-public hearing items that have no protests. Any person representing an item or member of the public not in agreement with the recommendations by staff should request to have that item removed from the Consent Agenda. Any County Commissioner may remove any items from the consent Agenda and have it placed in the Action Items.

- *a) Discussion/For Possible Action: to ratify Correspondence Sent on Behalf of the White Pine County Commission.
- *b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Payroll for County Elected Officials.
- *c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of HR Transmittal for Payroll Changes.
- *d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of budget transfers within and between functions or 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 Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

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

- Special April 15, 2020
- April 22, 2020
- Special April 30, 2020

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve these sets of minutes as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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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 Laurie Carson made a motion at 11:29 a.m. to close the meeting as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

The Closed Meeting began at 11:34 a.m. At 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Richard Howe called for a short break at this time. The meeting was reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood stated that the BLM had reached out to him to utilize Marich Field during the day for firemen to use for training; he didn't see a problem with that, and he told them they could use it for that purpose.

Commissioner Laurie Carson encouraged people to fill out their 2020 Census Forms, as we currently have a low response in the County.

Ms. Kathy Tousey went into Margarita's restaurant this morning, and the owner was distraught because someone from the Gaming Commission had showed up to shut down the restaurant, since it's in a casino. Margarita's is now back to doing Take-Out orders. WPC Sheriff Scott Henriod has no objection to the restaurant being open, but he has no authority over the Gaming Commission. He felt this is "nonsense" and that this town has bent over backwards to comply, and this is beyond what is called for. Ms. Tousey requested help from the County Commission. Commissioner Shane Bybee understood that the Governor handed down this responsibility to the Chair of the Gaming Commission. He added that we could try to protect this restaurant, but the State could come in and make it much worse for everyone. The Board thanked her for her comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 p.m., Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE
STATE OF NEVADA

ATTEST:

BY:



CHAIRMAN


WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD

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