

**IN A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 20, 2019
IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
Ian Bullis, Commissioner
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

The Following Was Absent:

Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

County Officials

Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff
Mike Wheable, District Attorney
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Director
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney

Also Present

Donna Bath, NNRDA
Caroline McIntosh, WP Main Street Program
Gretchen Derbidge, WP Main Street Program
George Chachas, KGTV-10
Carol McKenzie
Diana Buckner, Ely Shoshone Tribe/WP Main St. Program
Brad Simpson, Keller Williams Realty/WP Main St. Program
Kyle Horvath, WP Main St. Program/Tourism & Rec. Board
April Bath, Economy Drug/WP Main St. Program
Michael Berny, Hotel Nevada
Elizabeth Woolsey, WP Main St. Program

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed. Chairman Richard Howe encouraged people to think of former Commissioner Steve Stork at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Caroline McIntosh advised she's here today in support of the White Pine Main St. Project, the first agenda item for EDC Contract Services. Commissioner Steve Stork had requested this; he was a very active member in the Main Street project committee and they appreciated his leadership. She added it's difficult to have someone come in and request another Commissioner to step in with this. She encouraged the Board's support in this effort. She also thanked District Attorney Mike Wheable and Finance Director Elizabeth Frances for representing White Pine County at the GOED meeting; and the support for the \$10.2 million loan from the USDA for the new Judicial Center, and all the other projects for which we have received funding.

Mrs. Gretchen Derbidge is also here to support the Main Street Project. With all the changes and plans downtown, she advised that she's going to be investing in that area and starting a new business; that wouldn't have happened without the Main Street Project going forward. She's excited to start on the new project, taking part in giving Ely a new and different tourist business; she hoped the Board will support this.

Mr. Brad Simpson, a member of the Main Street Project committee, thanked Chairman Richard Howe and District Attorney Mike Wheable for their support. This project empowers communities to set their own priorities and opportunities, besides improving the overall quality of life. He cited his past experience in Des Moines, Iowa, where 45 years ago he wouldn't have felt safe walking downtown there; but now it's a fabulous place, with open air markets, new industries, and revitalized old buildings for both residential and economic growth. He felt Ely could achieve the same.

Mrs. Donna Bath, NNRDA, also supports the Main Street Program, and explained that economic development requires many components. We have many volunteer committees in our community, working with broadband, housing, the CEDS program, and others. She had an opportunity to visit the industry that will be coming into our community just last week; she definitely supports this program and encouraged the Board to do the same.

Mrs. April Bath, of Economy Drug, is also excited for the Main Street Project. Economy Drug is one of the most stable businesses in downtown Ely, having opened its doors in 1946 to serve the community. She felt this project

will change the dynamics of our community; people will be attracted to downtown by the kiosks and other things that are planned. She added that this Main Street Project will “open the door” for us.

Ms. Elizabeth Woolsey works for the Great Basin National Heritage Area in Baker, and also encourages Board support for this project. She felt the return on investment will be exponential, and cited the 4 focal points of the Main Street Program: Organization, Promotion, Design and Economic Vitality. She is looking forward to attracting new businesses and housing to benefit the community. Also, travelers going through Ely will help to spread the word that this isn’t just a place to go through, but they will be enticed to stay awhile. She felt this project is “the spark that will light up the City.”

Mr. Kyle Horvath, Tourism & Recreation Board Director, advised that downtown Ely is a gem, but it’s been allowed to deteriorate and it’s bad for the tourists’ experience, the locals’ quality of life, and our economy in general. The community has correctly identified the problems as well as the solutions that need to happen; needing a vast amount of work and resources that would need to happen in order to create a vibrant downtown area. This Main Street Project committee is a group who aren’t afraid of tackling the problems; there is no other program that would offer historic redevelopment, business recruitment, economy lobbying and financial resources from the State. He continued that they appreciate the support and financial assistance up to now, and things have been happening, such as branding and a strategic plan developed to incorporate the four focal points of the program that Ms. Woolsey had cited. Trails, trains, the Golf Course, etc., he mentioned as just a few of the benefits that this 40-year program has sparked throughout the County.

Mr. Michael Berny, of the Hotel Nevada, has been working with the Main Street Program because they believe in downtown Ely, although it’s been neglected for some time. People travel here on their way to other destinations; having a more vibrant downtown may encourage folks to stay here, spend some money, and remember Ely as a great place to come to. Signs, kiosks, etc. promoting other scenic and fun places in White Pine County will certainly inspire people traveling through. He noted they will try to help wherever they can to nurture downtown Ely.

Mrs. Diane Bucker, Ely Shoshone Tribal Chairman, also advised of their support for the Main Street Project. They are our neighbors and members of our community, and would be in favor of actions to bring more development and people into our area. They’ve been working together with Mrs. Donna Bath on this, and they also encourage the Board to support this project.

Mr. George Chachas asked if the Main Street Program would include McGill, Ruth, Baker and Lund communities as well. He added that if funding is available it shouldn’t be given to Mrs. McKenzie to correct her sidewalk. Chairman Richard Howe halted that direction of comments. Mr. Chachas continued that he hasn’t seen an item pertaining to a victims’ fund, there’s been no compensation for his broken windows on High Street property. He noted the Building Official had allowed a shoddy job on fixing his downtown business. Chairman Howe also stopped those comments. Mr. Chachas continued that he’s rented to a professional with a family, and has talked with the D.A., the City Clerk and the Sheriff’s Dept. about his renter—with a 5th wheel—who is being harassed by the Building Inspector. He continued that the County has complained of a housing shortage and yet sold a property worth \$40,000 for just \$4,000; no governmental entity should favor some people and not others. He also added that the former National Guard Armory could be used as a downtown location for the new Jail/Courthouse complex, and that the County does have the funds to achieve that.

Chairman Richard Howe advised this meeting was called today for the purpose of focusing on items pertaining to the County budget, which is due to the State shortly. He appreciated the public comments made today on some of these agenda items. He added that the budget is the most important thing the Commission does, every year; he cited the regular Commission meeting to be held day after tomorrow, on Wednesday, May 22nd.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 GENERAL FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT SERVICES LINE ITEM BY \$15,000 FOR A REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE WHITE PINE MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Commissioner Ian Bullis advised that he lived in Carson City and they had to listen to the business owners complain about this program initially; however, they’re doing better than ever and everyone there realizes they had made a good decision to bring the Main Street Program in to Carson City. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted that we’d been discussing some way to revitalize downtown for as long as he can remember; he felt it’s important that we take this risk and jump in. Seeing as how other communities across the country have benefitted from this, he feels it’s worth the risk. Commissioner Travis Godon advised that he’s normally lukewarm about these things, but he would like to see something on the ground coming out of the \$15,000 the Board has approved for the project, not just something

administrative. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted there's a one-time request for this in our budget annually to support this program; while it's ongoing, the Board needs to appropriate it yearly. If the Board approved this solely for "items on the ground" in order to meet that criteria we would need to see the invoices coming through, or perhaps just a contract with a follow-up report on how the dollars were spent. Mrs. McIntosh wished to clarify, at which point D.A. Wheable noted that if she is heard we would need to open it up to the rest of the public as well. Chairman Richard Howe allowed this comment for clarification. Mrs. McIntosh clarified that the GBNH association gave the committee nearly \$10,000 for the 501 c3, the Articles of Incorporation, and most of the monies will be funneled into that; therefore, she noted, it isn't governmental. They are creating the non-profit, which is how all of the Main Street Programs are set up. There was no other public comment regarding this. Chairman Howe advised that he voted in opposition to spending the \$25,000 last time and he sees no buildings downtown of a historical nature other than the old High School. He felt that for at least 2 years the \$15,000 wouldn't be spent well as the project would still be 2 years away, since we would be in the construction phase for 2 years or more. The businesses downtown have mostly not invested in anything other than their own businesses. Each business owner would have to be approached to see if they would be willing to invest. He continued that as cities die, people move to the suburbs, that's been going on since the 1950s. He is against this due to the inherent perpetuity every year; first we gave \$25,000 and now we're being asked for an additional \$15,000 every year. He doesn't think this is a viable project and a waste of money; he respects others' opinion, this is his. He would rather wait to see what NDOT will have done for us and then come back and maybe consider this. Commissioner Shane Bybee hasn't seen much investment downtown, but then there's an unfriendly situation regarding parking. He felt NDOT would make the parking problem better, which would be a major improvement for all the downtown businesses. He didn't think we should wait on this, especially since it has such a good track record. He added that "if we don't see some action in the next year or two, we can cut it out." He wants to see us rebuild this downtown before it's too far gone to save. D.A. Wheable advised this agenda item is just to include it as a line item in the budget, and later on the Board could set the specifics and provisions as needed. Commissioner Godon felt that as long as we can bring things up in the future to set appropriations, he felt this would be acceptable. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve this with the condition that later on the Commission would have the authority to appropriate as they would see fit. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried 3:1, with Chairman Richard Howe voting in opposition.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO DECREASE FY2020 BUDGETED REVENUES FOR THE GOLF COURSE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FROM \$48,000 TO \$32,000 TO BE CONSISTENT WITH PASSAGE OF BILL NO. 04.10.2019, ORDINANCE #500 PASSED ON MAY 8, 2019

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that the whole reason we changed the Ordinance was for the benefit of the Golf Course. He noted an amended draft will be submitted; this is just for bookkeeping purposes. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to decrease the FY2020 budgeted revenues for the Golf Course Special Revenue Fund from \$48,000 to \$32,000 to be consistent with Ordinance #500. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 GENERAL FUND – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUDGETED LINE ITEMS BY \$10,000 FOR UPGRADES TO WINDOWS 10 OPERATING SYSTEMS AND \$7,000 FOR AN ADA COMPLIANT SOUND SYSTEM AND NEW VIDEO MONITOR FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD IN THE LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

D.A. Wheable advised the Commission can vote for both of these in one motion. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that we would need to be wireless; the old system isn't designed to be wireless. Also, this would provide hearing assistance for ADA compliance, an additional for the general public. In reply to a query from the Board, Director Frances advised we are required by law to be ADA compliant regarding the public being able to hear. D.A. Wheable added that while we already record our meetings, the video recording is something we should do as well; he cited a recent meeting whereby people sitting at the back of the room couldn't hear, and while we aren't required to provide this it's something we should do for the community. Director Frances added that a second monitor for presentations would also be included for those sitting far away from the front screen. When the new Courthouse is built, meetings of the Commission will be held in the large Courtroom in the old Courthouse. Commissioner Ian Bullis advised he deals with sound systems on a daily basis, and he felt \$7,000 would be less than we might need. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve this with the stipulation that it will come back to us with more information on the sound system prior to purchase. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 LIBRARY GIFT FUND BUDGET BY \$740 FOR MATCH EXPENSE ON AN LSTA COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT GRANT

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that Library Director Lori Romero had informed her they are discussing and possibly approve the LSTA grant with funding to come from their Library Gift Fund; she confirmed they have the money in their budget. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to increase the Library Gift Fund budget by \$740 for matching expense on an LSTA community enrichment grant as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 GENERAL FUND LIBRARY SALARY AND BENEFIT LINE ITEMS BY \$658 FOR PROPOSED WAGE INCREASE OF \$0.75 PER HOUR FOR LIBRARY PAGE PLUS ASSOCIATED FRINGE BENEFITS

Director Frances advised that the Library Page would be going up from \$8.25/hour to \$9.00/hour, which would be a 9% pay increase. She noted this has been discussed in the past. Commissioner Shane Bybee noted the labor market in town is very tight, and he would be in favor of doing this. Director Frances added the increase would be effective July 1, 2019. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to increase the Library Page wages as presented. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 GENERAL FUND LIBRARY EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5000 BUDGET BY \$3,129 FOR THREE NEW PANIC BUTTONS TO BE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE LIBRARY

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve increasing the General Fund Library Equipment in order to purchase three new panic buttons for the Library. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 BUDGET FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS THAT HAVE PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR INCREASED RATE ESTIMATES – SPECIFIC NUMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MEETING

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances provided a handout to the Board and advised she would like to have these set in place, regardless of how things might change; those changes that might occur would be minor and these figures themselves would remain the same. She explained the formula allocation to the Board. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to increase the FY2020 budget for the increased insurance rate estimates as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR PROVIDING HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES TO THE TOURISM & RECREATION BOARD

Director Frances provided backup materials for this item, noting that she's worked with HR Director Tim Bunch and they felt this could be done at no additional cost to the budget. She added that Tourism & Recreation Board Director Kyle Horvath felt the \$5,000 was a fair amount, and he will take this to his Board for approval. It was noted the only impacts would be on the revenue side, and that would be an increase. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to increase the FY2020 General Fund Revenues to provide the HR services to the Tourism & Recreation Board as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 BUDGET FOR TRANSFERS OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND BY \$81,000 TO PROVIDE ONE YEAR OF FUNDING TO THE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE TO STABILIZE FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE CYCLES

Director Frances clarified that this money wouldn't be spent unless the Federal government failed to pay the revenues required to maintain the program; in that event, our staff would be more consistent, there would be more stability for them and much less turnover. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to increase the FY2020 budget transfers by \$81,000 to cover one year of the Narcotics Task Force to stabilize the Federal grant revenue cycles as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 REVENUES BUDGETED IN THE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE FUND FOR A TRANSFER IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,000 TO STABILIZE FEDERAL GRANT REVENUE CYCLES

Director Frances explained this is the other side of the transfer which the Board just approved. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to increase the FY2020 revenues budgeted for \$81,000 to stabilize the Federal grant revenue cycles for the Narcotics Task Force as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ADD NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO THE FY2020 BUDGET FOR TRI-COUNTY WEED INCLUDING ADJUST REVENUES AND EXPENSES AS PROVIDED IN BACKUP MATERIALS AND DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that if this is approved, she will bring back a specific agenda item to open that special revenue fund and also a Resolution for this. She worked with Mr. Rope Ashworth, with the Tri-County Weed District; she provided a handout showing what they would like to see in this budget; she would adjust the budget to accommodate this. She added that they are still within their budget. She thanked Lincoln County for their willingness to keep this until the beginning of the new fiscal year. Commissioner Shane Bybee also thanked Director Frances for her willingness to step up and take on this task as well. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to add the new special revenue fund for the Tri-County Weed District as requested and discussed. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 BUDGET FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS THAT CONTAIN PAYROLL FOR INCREASES TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION ESTIMATES

Director Frances cited the backup email from our insurance broker, who encouraged us to take the figures higher. She did this, and subsequently adjusted the General Fund by those same amounts. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve increasing the FY2020 budget for all Departments pertaining to increases to Workers' Compensation estimates as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 BUDGETS FOR GENERAL FUND PARKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,590 AND MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,117, THE GOLF COURSE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,744 AND THE ROAD FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$893 FOR PROPOSED \$1.00 PER HOUR INCREASE ON CAP TO SEASONAL HOURLY RATE PLUS CORRESPONDING FRINGE BENEFITS

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this had been requested by Public Works Director Bill Calderwood, and the Board had asked her to provide these today. She clarified that this is the maximum amount; she anticipated these would be just the maximum and not the norm. Chairman Richard Howe felt these would be appropriate. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve increasing the FY2020 budgets for Parks, Maintenance, Golf Course and the Road Fund as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 GENERAL FUND, DEPARTMENT 211 DISTRICT COURT BUDGET BY THE AMOUNT OF \$16,233 FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY THE STATE

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted we were notified about this from the State; it's a mandatory assessment. It was noted that the Judges have been trying to recoup such unfunded mandates, but it's very difficult to get that money back. District Attorney Mike Wheable felt if we didn't comply we would most likely get a letter from the Governor about this. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt that he's ready to do some negotiating, but he would have a problem just writing a check for this. During the discussion, Director Frances advised that after this biennium the amount would be calculated on the basis of the percentage of accounts, which she explained for the Board; D.A. Wheable commented that nonetheless, this is a 50% increase. Commissioners Shane Bybee and Travis Godon agreed that we should push back and take a stand on this matter. Chairman Richard Howe felt we would be paying this mandate regardless, one way or another; he did note that the percentage appears to be the same for the other Nevada counties. There followed some discussion regarding tabling this and sending along some correspondence noting our hesitancy to approve this; D.A. Wheable noted this agenda item is just to set this up so it will be available in the budget, but we can also send them a letter telling them we don't intend to pay it. He suggested we could ask NACO to come here and report on what is being done in the other counties; it was also noted that as a group of counties we could have more of an impact. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the increase to cover the amount of the

Child Protective Services Assessment as requested, and to contact NACO to discuss this increase. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR CONTINGENCY BY \$50,000 TO \$225,000

Director Frances has some concerns regarding some outstanding items and keeping this figure at a lower amount, specifically the Sheriff's Dept.'s negotiations with the Sheriff's Association Union; the outcome of this is unknown at this point, as is the employees' collective bargaining unit. She noted there is also a murder case coming up, which would involve further expenses. She noted a Resolution could be done as a "placeholder" in the event we would need the funds. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to increase the FY2020 General Fund budget for Contingency by \$50,000 to \$225,000 as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 GENERAL FUND COUNTY COMMISSION BUDGET IN MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE BY \$800 TO COVER THE COST OF PAYING TAXES ON LAND IN RUTH (APN 003-051-04) FOR UTILIZATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FALLEN MINER'S MEMORIAL ON MAIN STREET

Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve increasing the FY2020 General Fund to cover the cost of paying taxes on this Ruth property in conjunction with the Fallen Miner's Memorial on Main Street, as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ADJUST THE FY2020 BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS REQUIRING CHANGES IN CENTRAL SERVICES ALLOCATION BASED ON REVISED BUDGETS AND STAFFING – ADJUSTED NUMBERS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING

Director Frances provided a handout on this, noting it involves HR, Finance and IT. She is just requesting the Board's approval for these, as we're close to the final budget. In reply to a query from District Attorney Mike Wheable, she noted the allocation for the D.A.'s office only specifically pertained to the Fire District's Interlocal Agreement. She wouldn't have a problem amending this to include the D.A. as well, which would be just for a few hours a month. D.A. Wheable commented that this is 60% of what Deputy D.A. Bryan Pyle does, and 30% of what the D.A. does, roughly. Following brief discussion, legal counsel suggested approving this today and then amending it if needed. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve adjusting the FY2020 budget for all funds requiring changes in Central Services Allocation based on revised budgets and staffing, as requested, along with an amendment if needed to include the District Attorney's Office in the allocation. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE FY2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO BRING FIBER INTO THE EXISTING LIBRARY AND COURTHOUSE

Director Frances advised that the NDOT project has been moved up to March 2020, and the fiber wouldn't be happening until that time. She also noted we have additional revenues in our beginning fund balance due to us not spending all we needed to do on our Capital Improvements; she would recommend delaying the project. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to table based on the Finance Director's recommendation. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO INCREASE FY2020 BUDGET LINE ITEMS BY A TOTAL OF \$44,723 IN THE AQUATIC CENTER FUND INCLUDING SALARIES, BENEFITS AND TRAINING FOR THE NEW WAGE SCALE AND TRAINING PROVISIONS JUST AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the increase of \$44,723 in the Aquatic Center Fund as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY2020 BUDGET FOR THE AG EXTENSION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO BE PRESENTED IN THE MEETING

A handout was provided with some adjusted figures for this budget; the State is willing to provide a part-time person for the UNR Cooperative Extension Office, it was noted. The budget included a half-time Administrative Assistant; Director Frances explained the difference between an Administrative Assistant and a Management Assistant

to the Board. She advised there would be no cost to the General Fund for this position. Commissioner Travis Godon clarified it would be for the needs of the community; Commissioner Shane Bybee added that the Cooperative Extension Office is identified by the community as being 4-H. They were pleased to see there is an ending fund balance in this budget. Director Frances cited two changes: The Central Services allocation should be \$2,736 (not \$-0-), and under the Master Insurance line item there should be \$1,297. She added during her review that we would be starting the position at \$14,076, well below what she had requested. She also confirmed that the Administrative Assistant had one time been funded through White Pine County. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to amend the FY2020 budget for the Ag Extension Office special revenue fund based on feedback from the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension as discussed. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ALTER THE FY2020 BUDGET TO ADD A CONTRACT GRANT WRITER, REPLACE THE APPROVED GRANT WRITER POSITION WITH A CONTRACT GRANT WRITER, OR ANY COMBINATION THEREOF

Director Frances apologized as she felt she had provided this information previously. She recalled Mr. Eric Lawrence's presentation for the Board, during which he noted his services are to identify grant opportunities and prepare the grant applications. He would not be monitoring them, reporting back to the Commission, or closing out the grants. The larger portion of grant management wouldn't be covered by Mr. Lawrence, it was clarified for the Board. She continued that the alternatives were to hire an employee, or to hire outside. The General Fund would pay \$29,012 for a half-time County employee, and \$29,012 out of the Emergency Management Fund as she explained. Following some discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to maintain the existing grant writer position in the FY2020 budget. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-20 PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE 500 THAT CHANGES THE RATE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ROOM RENTAL TAXES THAT WAS PASSED ON MAY 8, 2019; THE MORATORIUM WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that Tourism & Recreation Board Director Kyle Horvath had sent an item pertaining to this Ordinance. She explained that that board's bookkeeper had felt it would be easier to make this Resolution effective the first day of the quarter. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20 with the moratorium to change the effective date to June 30, 2019 for bookkeeping purposes. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF CORRESPONDENCE SENT OUT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle advised this covers the Fire/EMS letters going out to the City of Ely, such as the ambulance requests to cover the Silver State Classic Challenge race. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to ratify the correspondence as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/DIRECTION/APPROVAL RELATED TO VARIOUS ITEMS INCLUDING ALL REVENUES AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE FY2020 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, CAMP SUCCESS, TOURISM & RECREATION BOARD, AND TRI-COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

Chairman Richard Howe read the text title into the record, noting "everything listed on this item" for the various Departments. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted the Assessor's Technology Fees can be used as long as they are committed for the fiscal year. WPC Assessor Burton Hilton provided a handout and explained about his current figure for the ending fund balance will change as the end of the fiscal year gets closer. Per NRS, however, this amount is being submitted now, he noted; there's still some room for unanticipated costs. He based his figures on what he knows could happen and is therefore presenting them to the Board. It was noted he assists the Building & Planning Dept. and the Treasurer's Office as well. Director Frances will amend the budget slightly to help fund the IT position as it relates to the Assessor's GIS program; Assessor Burton noted any office he works with can utilize the GIS data. Director Frances indicated we would need to augment his budget for the current fiscal year showing the additional revenues in June, as she explained.

Director Frances provided another handout to the Board for which no action is needed, this is just an update of figures for the Board's information. It was noted the County has remained at the 25% level as recommended; that was put in place a few years ago, as she explained to the new Commissioners.

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the Assessor's Technology Fees as presented and discussed. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman
 Travis Godon, Vice Chairman
 Commissioner Shane Bybee
 Commissioner Steven M. Strick
 Commissioner Ian Bullis

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF A RECENTLY-PASSED ORDINANCE THAT CHANGES THE RATE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ROOM RENTAL TAXES

WHEREAS, NRS 244.137 establishes the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners authority to regulate matters of local concern;

WHEREAS, NRS 244.335 establishes the Board's authority to impose license taxes upon businesses;

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2019, the Board passed Ordinance No. 500, an ordinance amending Chapter 4.04 of the White Pine County Code to raise the total rental business tax rate from 11.5% to 13.5%, providing for 2.5% of the total rental business tax revenue to go to the White Pine County Golf Course; adjusting the notice requirement to reflect that change and adding a severability clause;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA, hereby resolves:

That a moratorium shall be placed on the enforcement of Ordinance No. 500 until June 30, 2019.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED this 20th day of May, 2019.

Approved:

Richard Howe
 Richard Howe, Chairman
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 White Pine County, Nevada

ATTEST:

Shane Bybee
 Clerk of the Board

At 10:44 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 10:53 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:53 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE
STATE OF NEVADA

BY:



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD