

**IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON JUNE 24, 2020 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

- Richard Howe, Chairman
- Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
- \*Ian Bullis, Commissioner
- Shane Bybee, Commissioner
- Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner
- Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
- Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

- Brett North, WPC Fire District Chief
- Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director
- Mike Johnson, IT Specialist
- Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff
- Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Administr.
- Mike Wheable, District Attorney
- Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
- Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer (Zoom)

Also Present

- George Chachas, George Town Media
- Mark Bassett, NNRy
- Gary Perea (Zoom)
- Jeremy Drew, RCI (Zoom)
- Kendra Follett, Sherman & Howard (Zoom)
- John Peterson, JNA Consulting (Zoom)
- Marietta Henry (Zoom)

\*Commissioner Ian Bullis wasn't present for today's meeting as he was out of town.

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Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Commissioner Shane Bybee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION**

This was duly observed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Gary Perea thanked the Commissioners for bringing RCI on board, noting that Mr. Jeremy Drew had joined the Water Advisory Committee meeting last weekend. He is asking today that the Board send the process of how to request RCI's assistance to both Chairmen of PLUAC and the Water Advisory Committee. He just wants to ensure everyone will be on the same page; as any support must come through the Commission, he's hoping to avoid any time delays for assistance that may be needed as soon as possible.

Commissioner Laurie Carson advised she's the contact person for Mr. Drew, and they have routine phone discussions; she offered to help with that request. Chairman Richard Howe added that RCI is on the agenda for today, and this could be addressed at that time as well.

Mr. Mark Bassett, NNRy Foundation President, advised the Board that he didn't submit an agenda item for closure of the road between the Golf Course and the train tracks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event. District Attorney Mike Wheable assured him this annual closure will be handled, and it would be on the next agenda for ratification.

Library/Senior Center Administrator Lori Romero provided an update on the project at the Senior Center. Construction has begun, and there have been some concerns of staff due to possible cross contamination with other entities, i.e., White Pine High School, utilizing their kitchen. The Senior Center is now working from the Elks Lodge, for which approval was obtained from the Health Dept. until the construction is completed. She added that the drive-through is looking much better now, it's not a bottleneck and traffic is proceeding smoothly for the lunch pickups. Chairman Richard Howe wished confirmed that it was due to COVID-19 that the kitchen was moved from the High School to the Elks Lodge; Director Romero confirmed that. Chairman Howe had a concern with paying for the rental of the Elks Lodge; it was noted this will be brought up later on.

Mr. George Chachas had several concerns: The parking lot design at the Bristlecone Convention Center has no ADA requirements, and they need to put the walkway back in. He asked who designed and approved that; Chairman Howe replied that the walkway is a City street thing, but the parking lot is County property. Mr. Chachas maintained that the County has the Tourism & Recreation Board. The Centennial Hall roof still has the black plastic on the roof. Valley gutters should have been done across 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and he added the projects should be done right the first time. He charged the Building Inspector is still the single biggest detriment to our growth, and asked how many times he must point out discrepancies and deficiencies; it's "on your (Commission's) shoulders." He continued with lack of ingress/egress on Avenue D's entryway to Highway 93 and wondered if the Fire Chief had been made aware of that; the City has so far failed to address that issue. He added there's no longer any ADA access by VanCamp's junkyard. Chairman Howe halted the complaint regarding Ms. Carol McKenzie's lack of ADA compliance in Lund. Time was called.

WPC Clerk Baldwin advised of two letters that came in that were requested to be read into the minutes. The first was from Mr. Mike Coster; the second was from Dr. Bryan Hamilton. The letters were duly read.

Chairman Richard Howe apologized for being late to start the meeting this morning; he was in discussion with District Attorney Mike Wheable regarding the Legislative Session, which will be going back into session again on July 7<sup>th</sup>. One of the items to be discussed is mandating mail-in voting. He felt that our citizens should be able to vote as they wish, by mail, in person, by machine; he wants everyone to come back with comments and act as a full Commission to be in support of this, and we would be requesting the Legislation to allow the citizens to vote as they choose. We should draft a letter and place it on the agenda. District Attorney Mike Wheable had some concerns, as the public should also weigh in on this; he wished to have an agenda item on the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Howe also noted Senator Pete Goicoechea had recommended sending the letter to the Secretary of State's Office.

Mr. George Chachas agreed with Chairman Howe on this, that the citizens should be able to vote as they so choose.

**White Pine County Clerk**

**From:** mikerba@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** White Pine County Clerk, Susan Lujan  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comment for 6/24/2020 Commission meeting

For the comments on 6/24/2020.

Chairman Howe and Commissioners

Anticipating my inability to attend tomorrow, I submit these comments on the agenda item dealing with rental/lease of Hangar 2 at the airport. My comments from the April 8, 2020 Commission meeting on the same topic are attached for inclusion in the record, but not intended to be read.

I make the same recommendations as in April:

1. That Hangar 2 be leased as a whole as was historically done until Murray Hewko's passing several years ago. Since then, various methods have been attempted to make the hangar available but the result has been less revenue to the county and total denial of use to local residents and transient pilots in many months.
2. That a new competitive lease be sought by competitive bidding with no minimum bid amount or, if a minimum is set, that it be at the amount of the last long term lease to Mr. Hewko of \$230/month. Recall that the more recent attempt to lease at more than 20% higher resulted in no bids at all.
3. That oral and written bids be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Coster

Dear White Pine county commissioners,

As I mentioned last week I plan to regularly discuss racial justice and racial equality issues. My topic this week is the removal of civil war statues and monuments and the renaming of public buildings and landmarks honoring confederate generals and politicians. These actions are often painted as an attempt to rewrite or erase history. In fact, the removal of these objects and names is correcting a historical narrative that is offensive, oppressive, and factually incorrect.

This applies to us locally. In 2019 Jeff Davis Peak in Great Basin National Park was renamed Doso Doyabi to honor the shoshone people's name for the peak. This wasn't the first time Jeff Davis peak had been renamed. Today's Wheeler Peak was named for Jeff Davis, the secretary of war, by Lieutenant Colonel Steptoe in 1855. In 1869, following the civil war and Jeff Davis' defection to the confederacy, the peak was renamed Wheeler Peak and Jeff Davis was moved to a subordinate peak below the highest peak in the Snake Range.

History is nuanced and rarely simple. After reconstruction, former slaves had regained many of the rights and privileges afforded to them as citizens. Black senators, congressmen, and state leaders worked towards racial equality and justice. Working with black people as equals was an affront to racist white southerners. White leaders sought to strip black people of their rights to vote, assemble peacefully, own property, and hold office. As part of this calculated and intentional effort, the lost cause narrative of the civil war was developed. The lost cause narrative stated that the southern cause was just and right, that the civil war was about states rights and northern aggression. The wrongs of slavery were stripped away as a causal factor in the civil war. This is how history was perverted and rewritten.

As Jim Crow segregation began to take effect and thousands of American citizens were murdered and terrorized without legal consequences, a concerted effort was made to erect monuments to slave owners and confederate personalities such as Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, and Nathaniel Bedford Forrest. Without this context, confederate monuments may be seen as simply a historical curiosity. However, given the oppression and terrorism that black people faced between reconstruction and the civil rights era and the rise of the lost cause narrative, these monuments are symbols of white supremacy and black subjugation.

Ask yourselves, how would I feel going to a school or driving past a monument on public property, honoring the people that fought a war for the right to own and enslave you? When viewed in this context, the vandalism and destruction of these monuments makes more sense.

History is a reflection of today. This has always been true. Thank you for your time and attention.

Dr. Bryan Hamilton  
Baker Nevada

### **9:30 A.M. - NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL RE: A WORK ORDER AMENDMENT FOR SCOPING COMMENTS TO THE ROBINSON MINE EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

RCI's Project Manager Jeremy Drew thanked both WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin and Deputy Clerk Susan Lujan for helping him with this. He cited the backup material and noted the draft letter as the next agenda item. The scoping comments are due June 29<sup>th</sup>; he asked if anyone had questions. There were none. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the work order amendment for scoping comments to the Robinson Mine Expansion EIS. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL RE: A SCOPING LETTER TO THE BLM'S ROBINSON MINE EXPANSION EIS**

Manager Drew cited the draft letter and reiterated the deadline of June 29<sup>th</sup>. This was written based on his review of the EIS, and represents the beginning of the EIS process. He reviewed it for the Board and noted that the Robinson Mine has an alternative regarding the Tripp Waste Dump Area, which he explained briefly. Chairman Richard Howe asked the Board for comments; Commissioner Travis Godon advised he felt good about the letter, and Commissioner Laurie Carson agreed, noting that it was well written. It was suggested a copy also be sent to the Water Advisory Board. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the draft scoping letter as presented and discussed. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL RE: A WORK ORDER AMENDMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF COMMENTS TO THE BLM'S NEVADA STATE OFFICE TARGETED GRAZING IN THE GREAT BASIN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Commissioner Travis Godon abstained from this discussion and the vote as his family grazes cattle, etc., and it is unknown if this item would have an effect or not. Manager Drew advised that he's been tracking this for other counties in Nevada as well for some time; this amendment provides an avenue for permittees to obtain a special permit, which he explained. There will be 4 public scoping meetings on this; it's due July 8<sup>th</sup>, so they will be providing a draft letter for approval at the next Commission meeting. He continued that he has a good sense of what's in the EIS, and feels that it fits in with the White Pine County Public Lands Use Policy. Commissioner Laurie Carson is familiar with this; it was just coming out of Reno when she was appointed to the Commission. Manager Drew was able to listen in on the meeting with the BLM and the N-4 Grazing Board, as she wasn't able to attend due to a Commission meeting on the same day. She noted that White Pine County is a cooperating agency with the BLM on this; a local rancher, Mr. Gracian Uhalde, is also a participant. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the work order amendment for development of comments to the BLM's EA on this as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Travis Godon abstaining.

**DISCUSSION ONLY RE: NATURAL RESOURCE AND PUBLIC LAND ISSUES BEING TRACKED BY RCI**

RCI Project Manager Jeremy Drew thanked Mr. Gary Perea for his kind words during Public Comment earlier today. He advised that for items RCI has covered, as well as items coming to them in the near future, he will be providing regular updates. He noted that RCI is tracking the USDA Forest Service with respect to the greater sage grouse; they are trying to work out their Forest Plan Amendment, and he sees that going forward. He also expected prescribed fire exclusions to be covered as well; District Ranger Jose Noriega didn't feel a categorical exclusion would be done. Manager Drew attended the joint PLUAC and Water Advisory Commission meeting by telephone, and reported they were very productive. He briefly reviewed a meeting schedule for the Board and asked if anyone would like RCI to track something that isn't on their list at this point. Chairman Richard Howe commended him for doing great work for us, and that the County appreciates them. Manager Drew addressed Mr. Perea's other comment regarding obtaining some assistance; he would talk with the Commission and get back to Mr. Perea, but any work orders to be done would need Commission approval. He will provide samples to Mr. Perea of work orders that have been approved to date so they would become familiar with the process. Commissioner Laurie Carson added that whenever the Board has questions or comments, they include Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle in their emails to apprise him as well. It was noted he is already on RCI's distribution list.

**DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL RE: RCI'S 2020-21 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCE AND PUBLIC LAND ISSUES**

Manager Drew thanked Chairman Richard Howe and the Commissioners for the opportunity to assist with natural resource items, and he appreciated working with them for the past 3 months. He wishes to ensure there would be no breaks in the reports, as they will be coming up again after the beginning of the fiscal year. With respect to the budget, RCI put \$25,000 in there, which was what the Commission approved during the budget process; if more is needed, he advised we could make adjustments through Contingency. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances agreed adjustments could be made if necessary. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve RCI's 2020-2021 Master Services Agreement as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL RE: TASK ORDER AMENDMENT #1 FOR 2020-21 CONTRACT FOR COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION, MINOR WORK REQUESTS AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Manager Drew explained this request covers needed coordination and communication; if something taking less than just a couple of hours is done, it could be taken care of this way instead; it would be more efficient. He advised that \$10,000 was the starting rate in the contract, which he felt would be sufficient to get through the next fiscal year, combined with the communication with us. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Task Order

Amendment #1 for the 2021 contract as presented. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**10:00 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION ONLY ON INTENTION TO MAKE INTERFUND LOANS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS GRANT REIMBURSEABLE/OTHER FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised she had made information available to the public on this; it was properly noticed in the Ely Times, and there are sufficient funds in the General Fund to do this. As of June 16, there is \$16,126,528 available; over \$8 million may be used for the interfund loans. She clarified that this is routinely done at the end of each fiscal year. She continued that per NRS, we are required not to have a negative cash balance so a temporary interfund loan is done until the monies are repaid. She added that following the Public Hearing, a resolution is done covering this. Chairman Richard Howe asked for public comment; there was none, either by telephone or in person. He closed the Public Hearing and moved to the next agenda item.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-40 TO PROVIDE INTERFUND LOANS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO VARIOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,500**

Chairman Richard Howe advised that Director Frances had provided an update on this, and asked for further comments; there were none. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-40 to provide interfund loans from the General Fund as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At \_\_\_\_\_ a.m., Chairman Richard 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 OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR SISOLAK THANKING HIM FOR STATE SUPPORT IN WHITE PINE COUNTY**

Chairman Richard Howe appreciated how Gov. Steve Sisolak helped with the funding towards the new Justice Center, and wished a letter of thanks to go out to him. Commissioner Travis Godon personally felt that many people have been hurt in the community by some of the Governor's actions; however, he's fine with sending the letter out. Commissioner Shane Bybee agreed with Commissioner Godon, noting that much of this has come down without direct help from the Governor, although he does sign off on it. Many issues were created unnecessarily, and he's having a hard time with this; he can't put his name on this letter. Commissioner Laurie Carson had mixed feelings; it was largely done through NACO, which worked with the Governor's Office. Also, the Governor had appointed Mr. J.J. Coecoicha to the LEAP Board along with Ms. Marily Kirkpatrick, both of whom have worked hard for us. She would sign the letter mostly because of their

involvement. Chairman Howe suggested sending the letter to the State, thanking them instead of just the Governor. Commissioner Godon agreed, a general thank-you, rather than specific to the Governor. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that could be drafted for the next agenda, and we could address the letter to NACO. During the discussion, he suggested we could specifically address the NDOT project and send it to them as well. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table this for now. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to table this agenda item for the time being. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **TRAVIS GODON, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - DUE TO COMPLAINTS OF CURRENT TENANTS, REVISIT THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING OUT TO BID ON HANGER 2 AT THE AIRPORT IN ITS ENTIRETY, RATHER THAN THE CURRENT SETUP WHICH IS PER PLANE WITH THE OPTION OF NIGHTLY RENTAL IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

Commissioner Travis Godon advised that regarding this hangar, someone had noted 3 planes could fit in this, and therefore all 3 spots were rented, even though only 2 planes were parked in the hangar. However, there was some miscommunication and a helicopter was allowed to park in Hangar 2 since there was space available, which is allowed per the current contract verbiage. He continued that each plane rental is \$55.00/month, or \$165.00/total monthly rent for the hangar. He felt the County could put it out for a slightly higher rate and a longer term; the terms should be changed to avoid this in the future, so he placed this on the agenda. Chairman Richard Howe cited the earlier comments from Mr. Mike Coster, and his opinion based on what Mr. Murray Hewko had paid in rental; he asked the Board for their comments. Commissioner Shane Bybee was fine where we are now, but suggested language clarifying the utilization of space if there is a vacancy in that hangar. But with the amount of rental coming in, he didn't feel there would be enough fee monies that would really make a difference. He felt the priority was more in making the hangar available to more people. We have many private aircraft owners in the area, and he felt a safe, dry, clean place to keep the aircraft is important. He felt that in the case of Mr. Hewko's use of the hangar, it was more of a storage unit, and he didn't see the value of repeating that. He would prefer we would stay where we are in this. Commissioner Travis Godon didn't really have an opinion on this; it just came up after the Airport Advisory Board meeting, and he just wanted to answer someone's question about the rental. He added the hangar isn't utilized by any local aircraft owners. District Attorney Mike Wheable agreed with Commissioner Godon on this, in that it isn't about the money. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle felt we should consider some grandfathering-in, and also have better contract terms that would alleviate some of these problems. We have a unique situation compared to other counties' airport properties, and he would like to review this contract and clarify the legality of it. D.A. Wheable felt the Board could table this until it is reviewed and discussed again by the Airport Advisory Board. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to table; Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

**Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SEND A THANK YOU/APPRECIATION LETTER TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON NDOT PROJECT PHASE I**

Commissioner Laurie Carson advised that for the initial meeting on this, packets had gone out with our information, and she had written a letter for public comment. However, the agenda item was pulled and there was no opportunity for public comment. For the second meeting, it was on the agenda and it was approved, so now the NDOT project is going forward. She added this is for the infrastructure, and especially noted the annual flood situation in central Ely was paramount. She thanked specific individuals for their assistance and support, such as Congressman Mark Amodei and Mr. John Ascuaga of the Peppermill Hotel & Casino, who personally helped to assure that this project moved forward. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to send a thank-you letter to the specific individuals for their support in the NDOT Project Phase 1. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**Elected Officials**

**Burton Hilton, Assessor**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO REFUND TAXPAYER FOR PARCEL 010-510-12 FOR A TOTAL OF \$111.59 FOR OVER-ASSESSMENT PER NRS 361.768**

Chairman Richard Howe advised this is a straightforward request; WPC Assessor Burton Hilton isn't here today to present. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve refunding a taxpayer for an over-assessment as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Mr. George Chachas commented he would like to see an address, not an APN number; D.A. Wheable agreed with this, and noted he would discuss that with Assessor Hilton.

**Catherine Bakaric, Treasurer**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-39 TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR COUNTY FUNDS FOR FY 2020-2021**

WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric advised this is an annual resolution which allows the County to levy the tax rate so that bills can go out and the taxes can be collected. There were no questions from the Board. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-39 to levy the ad valorem tax rates for FY2020-2021 as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

White Pine County  
Board of County Commissioners

Nichole Baldwin, Ex-officio Clerk of the Board

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Resolution Number 2020-40

Resolution to Provide Interfund Loans from the General Fund to Various Special Revenue Funds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$650,500

Whereas, White Pine County accepted reimbursement grants to help fund programs during FY2020 and runs certain other programs pending revenues; and

Whereas, these grants require White Pine County to make expenditures first and then seek reimbursement from the appropriate agency; and

Whereas, this process results in a negative cash balance at the end of the fiscal year in the special revenue funds; and

Whereas, NRS 354.6118 allows the governing body of a local government to make interfund loans under certain circumstances; and

Whereas, the General Fund has a sufficient amount of money for this loan that is not restricted to use (unrestricted cash in the General Fund as of 6/15/2020 is \$8,126,528); and

Whereas, an interfund loan out of the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$650,500 will not compromise the Fund's economic viability;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners authorizes interfund loans from the General Fund to the following Special Revenue Funds in the amounts up to those specified not to exceed a total of \$650,500, that the loans shall bear an annual interest rate of 0% and that the loans shall be repaid within one year:

| Special Revenue Fund              | Fund Number | Loan Amount      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Domestic Violence Fund            | 562         | \$500            |
| Emergency Management Grant Fund   | 725         | \$100,000        |
| Grant Projects Fund               | 735         | \$500,000        |
| Violence Against Women Grant Fund | 760         | \$50,000         |
| <b>Total</b>                      |             | <b>\$650,500</b> |

It is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 24th day of June 2020.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 1  
Absent: 1

ATTEST

Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

RESOLUTION # 2020-39

RESOLUTION TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAX RATES FOR COUNTY FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, White Pine County has established its 2020-2021 budgeted expenditures for certain funds to provide services to its citizens;

WHEREAS, these certain funds require Ad Valorem revenue for their operation;

WHEREAS, the Ad Valorem revenues are assessed by tax rates on real and personal property and certified by the Nevada State Tax Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that White Pine County shall levy the following tax rates for the funds specified. The tax rates will be effective for the Fiscal Period beginning July 1, 2020 and are stated by the number of cents for each \$100 of assessed value of property levied for the following funds:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund                    | 1.6199        |
| Emergency Medical Service       | 0.0350        |
| Senior Citizen Center           | 0.0500        |
| Accident Indigent               | 0.0150        |
| Agriculture District #13        | 0.0350        |
| Agriculture Extension           | 0.0100        |
| China Springs Youth Facility    | 0.0061        |
| County Indigent                 | 0.0700        |
| State of Nevada Indigent        | 0.0600        |
| Capital Improvements            | 0.0500        |
| <b>TOTAL COUNTY</b>             | <b>1.9510</b> |
| White Pine School District      | 0.7500        |
| White Pine School District Debt | 0.2490        |
| <b>TOTAL SCHOOL</b>             | <b>0.9990</b> |
| Hospital                        | 0.5400        |
| State                           | 0.1700        |
| <b>TOTAL COUNTY OVERALL</b>     | <b>3.6600</b> |
| City of Elv                     | 0.0000        |
| Lund Town,                      | 0.0000        |
| Ruth Town                       | 0.0000        |
| McCall Town                     | 0.0000        |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL TAX RATE</b>     | <b>3.6600</b> |

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED the 24th day of June, 2020.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 1

ABSENT: 1

BY:

Richard Howe, Chair

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**BRETT NORTH, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE OPERATION, PLANNING, TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT (OPTE) GRANT APPLICATION MADE BY THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) AND APPROVAL OF THE OPTE GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,755.00 FOR OPERATION COSTS, 2 RADIOS AND A FULL MATRIX MESSAGE SIGN WITH HYDRAULIC TOWER, FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-

WPC Fire District Chief Brett North advised this is pretty straightforward; LEPC approved the purchase of this equipment. He explained the matrix message sign will be used by the Sheriff's Dept., for Flu PODS, EMS, etc. and various uses. We can only get one of

these; he's hoping to be able to get another one next year. The radios will go to the City Fire Dept. for use by their paid staff. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the OPTE grant application made by LEPC and also approval of the SERC grant award as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED WE STAND GRANT APPLICATION MADE BY THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) AND APPROVAL OF THE UNITED WE STAND (UWS) GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,103.00 FOR 6 PORTABLE RADIOS AND 7 THERMAL IMAGERS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-**

Chief North advised this is basically the same thing; LEPC approved the radios for the Sheriff's Dept., and the thermal imagers will go to each of the VFD's in the County as well as to the City Fire Dept. They will be used in fire events, terrorist situations, etc.; the equipment can detect heat sources and devices and can be used in perimeter control to cover such events. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify the United We Stand grant application made by LEPC and also approval of the SERC grant award as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**LORI ROMERO, SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION APPLICATION FOR CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,876 - TAX OVERRIDE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE \$4,781 MATCH**

Senior Program Administrator Lori Romero advised it's grant time again, and this application is for the Congregate meal services. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Aging & Disability Services Division application for the Congregate meal services as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF LETTER TO AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION AUTHORIZING SENIOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR LORI ROMERO TO SIGN ALL GRANT DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE WHITE PINE NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Administrator Romero advised that last year, this was begun, whereby a letter of designation would be required for signing grant documents. Previously, she noted that the Commission Chair had been the signor, but everyone else would sign the reports, so this made the signature requirement standard. Signature designation is made as well as a contact person, in case there are any questions. She clarified that the designation letter is required to send along with the grant. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve sending a designation letter authorizing Administrator Romero to sign the grant documents as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AGING & DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION APPLICATION FOR HOMEBOUND MEAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,136 – TAX OVERRIDE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THE \$7,670 MATCH**

Administrator Romero advised this is for the grant application for Homebound meal services. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the grant application for Homebound meal services as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**BILL CALDERWOOD. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF AWARD OF CONCESSION STAND OPERATOR FOR THE 2020 SOFTBALL SEASON**

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood advised this comes up every year; only 1 application was received. This is being requested to ratify since they had been issued a Liquor Permit and needed a place to serve it! He added the associated fees were approved last year by the Commission. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the award for the Concession Stand Operator for the 2020 Softball Season as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**TIM BUNCH. HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION ONLY – PRESENTATION OF HR OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS**

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch advised this is a “living form” and he is able to do real-time reporting for this. He advised there have been 2 hires for Tri-County Weed District plus 2 hires for the Aquatic Facilities, all seasonal employees. There is 1 open claim which does not show up on the report, but which he listed. 87% of the County received evaluations, and the remaining 13% were the elected officials who chose not to do the evaluations. Director Bunch also reviewed eLearning; there’s a new program from POOL/PACT called Absorb. Already 33 people have enrolled in that and are going forward. The program focuses on training, adherence, and compliance; it will keep us current and active in the training process. In reply to a query from Commissioner Laurie Carson, Director Bunch noted there are other modules, such as a whole COVID-19 series and Public Officials’ modules; he added everyone will have an opportunity to take the modules. Some people will have more than others to do, since the modules are based on peoples’ Job Descriptions.

**ELIZABETH FRANCES. FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARD FROM THE NEVADA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GOED) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,150.00 TO HAVE A PLANNING STUDY DONE ON THE MCGILL SLAG DITCH FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY IN-KIND MATCH AMOUNT OF \$5,060.00**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this grant award will address the McGill Slag Ditch; the in-kind is a combination of work by herself, Tabatha Hamilton, and Public Works Director Bill Calderwood. She clarified there’s no cash match, just donation of their

time. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the CDBG award from GOED for the McGill Slag Ditch planning study as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AWARD FROM THE NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GOED) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,150.00 TO HAVE A PLANNING STUDY DONE ON THE MCGILL SEWER POND FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY IN-KIND MATCH AMOUNT OF \$5,060.00**

Director Frances advised this CDBG grant award is for the McGill-Ruth GID Sewer Pond; she added the lining needs to be replaced and made compliant with the State and Federal laws. She added a study is being done now to help determine the costs of construction for this project. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the CDBG award for the Planning Study to be done on the McGill Sewer Pond as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT (SNPLMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$677,109.00 FOR THE RUTH MINING MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 10, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 9, 2023 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-**

Director Frances advised SNPLMA is starting to make the Round 17 awards; the Ruth Memorial Park was part of that, as well as the Jack Caylor Park (Phase 2) in the City of Ely, and the Duck Pond Renovation. The Ruth Notice of Award was finally received; the one for the Jack Caylor Park was received yesterday, and the Duck Pond Renovation is expected shortly. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to ratify; Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the grant award from SNPLMA for the Ruth Mining Memorial Park Project as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDs) FOR THE NORTHEASTERN NEVADA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NRRDA) FOR 2020 THROUGH 2025**

Director Frances brought this item forward from the last meeting, per the Board's request. She noted the comments received; she will forward them to the pertinent parties. It was noted that basically this is for updating the information in the NRRDA document and cleaning up the verbiage. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve; Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve updating the draft CEDs for the NRRDA as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 513, BILL 06.24.2020, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA, PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2020 IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,161,000 TO PAY IN PART THE COST OF A PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECT; PROVIDING THE FORMS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BOND, THE SECURITY THEREFOR AND THE SALE THEREOF TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; REPEALING ORDINANCE 511 ADOPTED ON MAY 27, 2020; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION AS IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances introduced Ms. Kendra Follet, our bond counsel from Sherman & Howard, who is present today via Zoom. Ms. Follet explained why the prior Ordinance governing this is being repealed and redone: The USDA sets their interest quarterly, and at the beginning of June the interest rate was going to drop. If White Pine County closed the loan after that date, the USDA would require changing our prior Ordinance to conform to one of their regulations on this. It pertains specifically to Section 30, Issuance of Additional Bonds in the future; we would have to have 1-1/2 times the coverage we currently have on this revenues in order to issue the bond. It was by USDA's request that this change is being made, she clarified. Therefore we need to repeal the prior Ordinance which authorized the bond issuance, and this would just replace that. In reply to a query from the Board as to how much will be saved, Mr. John Peterson (JNA Consulting) advised we would save roughly \$7,000/year in the total debt service, assuming the full \$9 million loan is done; it would be over \$200,000 in overall savings. District Attorney Mike Wheable invited the public to comment; there was none. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Ordinance 513, Bill 6.24.2020, repealing Ordinance 511 and other matters as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Shane Bybee thanked Ms. Kendra Follett and Mr. John Peterson for their valuable assistance.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT #01 TO THE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEVADA DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) AND WHITE PINE COUNTY INCORPORATING ORDINANCE 503 INTO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE COUNTY'S FIVE-CENT DIESEL TAX**

Director Frances advised that any time the State of Nevada collects taxes on our behalf, we must have an interlocal agreement in place. Commissioner Travis Godon noted that he was not in favor of this before, and he will vote in opposition, although he clarified he isn't necessarily voting against the agreement itself. Director Frances continued that no one received this at the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, so the taxes haven't been collected; they won't be until they receive this Amendment. She added that the plan is to get this in place so it can commence on July 1, 2020. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to ratify. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify Amendment #01 to the Interlocal Contract between the Nevada Dept. of Motor Vehicles and White Pine County, incorporating Ordinance #503 to include the 5 cent diesel tax as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried 3:1, with Commissioner Travis Godon voting in opposition.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RE-APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-27 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY GENERAL FUND BY \$3,600 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FY2019 DONATIONS FOR THE WHITE PINE COUNTY HORSE RACING EVENT. RE-APPROVAL NECESSARY DUE TO ISSUE WITH LEGAL ADVERTISING**

Director Frances had received confirmation from the Ely Times newspaper that this will be properly advertised; it wasn't done at the time it was requested. She clarified this is just reaffirming what the County did on this; she requested the Board re-approve this, just as was done last July. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to re-approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to re-approve Resolution 2019-27 to augment the General Fund \$3,600 for the White Pine County Horse Racing event as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2019-27**

**Resolution to Augment the White Pine County General Fund by \$3,600 from unappropriated Fiscal Year 2019 donations for the White Pine County Horse Racing event**

Whereas, at their June 26, 2019 meeting the White Pine County Commissioners voted to utilize donations (with the permission of the donors) for the proposed air race event to fund other events in the County this summer including \$3,600 for the Horse Racing Event; and

Whereas, the unused donations were received in fiscal year (FY) 2019 and need to be appropriated in FY2020; and

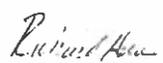
Whereas, preliminary results for the general fund during FY2019 are that revenues will be above budgeted amounts and expenditures will be below budgeted amounts resulting in variances causing the FY2020 White Pine County General Fund Estimated Actual Beginning Fund Balance to be \$13,345,265 (including the \$8,000,000 reserved for Net Proceeds Mitigation) which is higher than what was budgeted (\$12,892,203) by \$653,062 which is legally available for appropriation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the White Pine County General Fund budget from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance (001-000-29905-000) in the amount of \$3,600 and increase the County Commission Miscellaneous line item (001-101-52401-000) by the same amount.

It Is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada

Passed, adopted and approved the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019 and reaffirmed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

Ayes 4  
 Nays 1  
 Absent 1

  
 Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:   
 Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/DIRECTION ON UTILIZATION OF THE CARES ACT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO WHITE PINE COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,020,301**

Director Frances cited the backup materials, noting this is Federal Funding related to COVID-19 expenses. While the direction is simple, she advised much guidance has been given on this; it pertains to necessary expenditures incurred due to public health issues caused by COVID-19. Normally, she continued, when we receive grant funding the Board approves it; however, in this case the funds must be directly related to COVID-19. During her explanation she listed the items which are related to the utilization of the CARES Act funds, such as the Duckwater ambulance; the McGill VFD showers, with respect to the EMTs and firemen bringing contamination back into their homes; hand sanitizers throughout County facilities. The District Court judges also noted that in order to do jury trials and maintain social distancing they would need to rent the Bristlecone Convention Center and there would be expenses associated with that. Director Frances is also looking into revamping our HVAC system to ensure cleaner air would be going throughout the County facilities. She continued that the City of Ely also received some funding; perhaps small business mitigation could be done if people had to shut down. She added that we don't know what Fall/Winter might bring with respect to COVID-19; we could be looking at additional expenses. She will continue to review the guidelines as they come out; she is open to feedback from the Board. Commissioner Travis Godon had a concern for the Fire District, due to our low fund balance because of the ambulance and other expenses. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that most of the Department Heads are salaried, and they would be exempt; but perhaps we could look at some of the secretarial staff's needs. Discussion included ideas on how to do events, such as the Horse Races, and still be in compliance regarding social distancing, etc. Ms. Marietta Henry advised she had met with Dr. David Byun, Chairman of the Board of Public Health, and they did an extensive review of the Fairgrounds; a Horse Race Committee meeting will be held tomorrow. Director Frances advised that should we have another round of this and more people having to work from home, we should be prepared to invest more in laptops to ensure security in the VPNs, for example. The hospital would be another area, in the event of a big outbreak. There were some ideas regarding the Senior Center utilizing some of the Elks Lodge kitchen equipment to assist with their meals. The School District will also be contacted to see about their expenses as well, since they've been putting up meals 7 days/week. Director Frances will verify the differences between the Horse Racing event and the County Fairgrounds to ensure everything would be clear regarding those; she will work with Ms. Henry on this. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve utilization of the CARES Act funds in White Pine County as discussed, contingent upon Director Frances bring back figures on these. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RE-APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-28 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY GENERAL FUND BY \$2,500 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED FY2019 DONATIONS FOR THE WHITE PINE COUNTY AIRPORT DAY AT THE AIRPORT EVENT. RE-APPROVAL NECESSARY DUE TO ISSUE WITH LEGAL ADVERTISING**

Director Frances advised this is the same as the other 2019 Resolution, to handle donations from the Day at the Airport event, which will need to be re-affirmed, as she explained. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to re-approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to reaffirm Resolution 2019-28 to augment the Day at the Airport event as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2019-28**

**Resolution to Augment the White Pine County General Fund by \$2,500 from unappropriated Fiscal Year 2019 donations for the White Pine County Day at the Airport event**

Whereas, at their June 26, 2019 meeting the White Pine County Commissioners voted to utilize donations (with the permission of the donors) for the proposed air race event to fund other events in the County this summer including \$2,500 for the Day at the Airport Event; and

Whereas, the unused donations were received in fiscal year (FY) 2019 and need to be appropriated in FY2020; and

Whereas, preliminary results for the general fund during FY 2019 are that revenues will be above budgeted amounts and expenditures will be below budgeted amounts resulting in variances causing the FY2020 White Pine County General Fund Estimated Actual Beginning Fund Balance to be \$13,545,265 (including the \$8,000,000 reserved for Net Proceeds Mitigation) which is higher than what was budgeted (\$12,892,203) by \$653,062 of which \$3,600 has been appropriated for the horse racing event leaving an estimated balance of \$659,462 which is legally available for appropriation;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the White Pine County General Fund budget from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance (001-000-29905-000) in the amount of \$2,500 and increase the Airport Contract Services line item (001-702-52915-000) by the same amount

It is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019 and reaffirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 1  
Absent: 1

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RE-APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-21 TO AUGMENT THE GENERAL FUND BY \$106,000 FROM UNBUDGETED LEASE REVENUES GENERATED BY PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER/FIRE STATION #1 FOR SUPPORT OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. RE-APPROVAL NECESSARY DUE TO ISSUE WITH LEGAL ADVERTISING**

Director Frances advised this year's Resolution 2020-21 to support the Fire District needs to be reapproved as well as the others done earlier, for the same reason. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to re-approve Resolution 2020-21 to augment the General Fund for \$106,000 for the Fire District as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2020-21**

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

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

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

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

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

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

It Is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 and reaffirmed on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Ayes: 4  
 Nays:     
 Absent:   

  
 Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
 Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RE-APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-25 TO AUGMENT THE GENERAL FUND BY \$1,325 FROM UNBUDGETED MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS/DONATIONS REVENUES FOR REIMBURSEMENTS FROM LINCOLN COUNTY FOR JUVENILE PROBATION TRAINING. RE-APPROVAL NECESSARY DUE TO ISSUE WITH LEGAL ADVERTISING**

Director Frances indicated this Resolution also needs to be re-approved, for the same reasons. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to reapprove. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to reapprove Resolution 2020-25 to augment the General Fund \$1,235 for Lincoln County reimbursements for juvenile Probation Training as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2020-25**

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

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

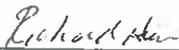
Whereas, both the revenue and expenditures for this juvenile probation training were unanticipated and unbudgeted during the fiscal year 2020 budget process;

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

It Is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 and reaffirmed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTES:

  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-41 TO AUGMENT THE GENERAL FUND FROM UNANTICIPATED AND UNBUDGETED REVENUES FROM LINCOLN COUNTY FOR REIMBURSABLE OFFICE SUPPLIES AND TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSE FOR JUVENILE PROBATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$455**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this is a new Resolution; we're still assisting Lincoln County, and there are expenses involved as she explained. Juvenile Probation will invoice Lincoln County for those, but we need to augment for the revenues and expenditures not previously budgeted. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-41 to augment the General Fund for the Juvenile Probation expenses for \$455 as explained. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman  
 Travis Godon, Vice Chairman  
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**Resolution to Augment the General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues from Lincoln County for reimbursable office supplies and travel related expense for juvenile probation in the amount of \$455**

Whereas, the White Pine County Juvenile Probation Department has been assisting the Lincoln County Juvenile Probation Department at the direction of the District Court Judge; and

Whereas, the costs incurred were reimbursable from Lincoln County to White Pine County at the direction of the District Court Judge; and

Whereas, this was an unanticipated and unbudgeted expense during the FY 2020 budget process;

Now **Therefore Be It Resolved** that White Pine County shall appropriate unbudgeted and unanticipated revenues from Lincoln County for Juvenile Probation Service and adjust accounts as follows

| Account Code      | Description     | Increase  |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 001-209-52101-000 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 117.00 |
| 001-209-52201-000 | TRAVEL          | \$ 114.00 |
| 001-209-52501-000 | AUTO GAS & OIL  | \$ 224.00 |
| 001-000-36210-000 | MISC REVENUE    | \$ 455.00 |

It is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Ayes: 4  
 Nays:     
 Absent:   

  
 Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTES:

  
 Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-44 TO ADOPT THE FY 2020 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES (CEDs) DOCUMENT DATED MARCH 2020

Director Frances advised the Board that she needs feedback on this, as to if is something the Board wants to commit to. She cited the CEDs Vision Statement along with the comment that the City is focusing more on Ely than on the County as a whole. She gave examples, such as the renovation of the historic Courthouse and its being maintained for County Administrative Offices, should be included in this document; she also cited the solar farm. Both Commissioners Laurie Carson and Shane Bybee agreed that the Board should have given Director Frances more direct input, but they're fine with having her go forward and include those, as well as other items discussed in the past. It was also noted some things in the document aren't current. Commissioner Laurie Carson offered to meet with Director Frances to help bring this document up to date and more inclusive. Per legal counsel, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to table, and that Commissioner Carson will meet with Director Frances as noted to discuss this document. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-45 TO AUGMENT THE DRUG TASK FORCE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BY \$6,464 FROM UNBUDGETED TASK FORCE INTERLOCAL REVENUES FOR REIMBURSEMENTS FROM LINCOLN COUNTY FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROWS

Director Frances advised that our Drug Task Force has been assisting Lincoln County with some of these illegal marijuana grows, and they've been billed for overtime incurred in association with that. She explained those revenues need to be appropriated in order to offset the expenditures. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-45 to augment the Drug Task Force by \$6,464 as requested and discussed. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman  
Travis Godon, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Shane Bybee  
Commissioner Ian Bullis  
Commissioner Laurie L. Carson

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Resolution Number 2020-45

Resolution to augment the Drug Task Force Special Revenue Fund by \$6,464 from unbudgeted Task Force Interlocal Revenues for reimbursements from Lincoln County for assistance with illegal marijuana grows

Whereas, White Pine County received funding from Lincoln County for assistance from the Task Force for assistance with combating illegal marijuana grows in their county; and

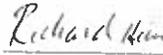
Whereas, both the revenue and expenditures related to this Task Force activity were unanticipated and unbudgeted during the fiscal year 2020 budget process;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the Drug Task Force Special Revenue Fund interlocal revenues (770-000-33102-000) by \$6,464 for revenues received from Lincoln County and Drug Task Force Special Revenue Fund overtime expense (770-300-51102-000) by the same amount.

It Is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada

Passed, adopted and approved the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

Ayes 4  
Nays 0  
Absent 1

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST

  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**UNTIMED ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD:**

- Special May 6, 2020
- Special Joint Meeting with Ely City Council & Board of Public Health May 7, 2020
- May 27, 2020

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve these sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was noted this was taken prior to the Closed Session agenda item.

Commissioner Shane Bybee advised he had been approached by the Elko County Commission; they were going to pass a resolution supporting law enforcement, and he was asked if White Pine County would do the same. However, he didn't feel a resolution really fits with us; we already show our support of law enforcement and fully appreciate them, he noted. He cited the recent example of the show of flags and the tribute that was done to a fallen officer; we live in a community that shows very strong appreciation for our law enforcement. Commissioner Bybee continued that if we take such an action it might actually belittle what it is already happening. He emphasized that they are part of our White Pine County family every day.

Chairman Richard Howe differed in his opinion; he felt the public should be made aware of how we're standing by our law enforcement, and that public recognition is always good. He agreed that we don't really need a resolution, and we are strongly in support of all our first responders. Following brief discussion, District Attorney Mike Wheable felt an agenda item should be put on to discuss what a correct response should be for this community.

Chairman Howe also noted we've been given a challenge with Pershing County regarding the 2020 U.S. Census; they are at 42% participation, and they issued a challenge as we are at 44%. We're both rural counties and within 1%+ of each other. Commissioner Laurie Carson noted that participation in the Census shows in funding for public safety, schools, etc., so this will be placed on the next agenda.

**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**

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to close the Open Meeting at 11:27 a.m. Commissioner Laurie Carson made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

The Closed Session was duly held. Chairman Richard Howe reopened the Commission meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING/DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH WHITE PINE COUNTY**

Chairman Richard Howe asked for public comment; there was none. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the modification of the existing Sheriff's Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement with White Pine County as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:35 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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STATE OF NEVADA

BY:



CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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