

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION ON JULY 22, 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

Mike Johnson, IT Specialist
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Dir. (Zoom)
Tabitha Hamilton, Finance Dept. (Zoom)
Tim Bunch, HR Director (Zoom)
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Ctr. Dir. (Zoom)
Bill Calderwood, P. Wks. Dir. (Zoom)
Mike Wheable, District Atty. (Zoom)
Bryan Pyle, Deputy D.A. (Zoom)

Also Present

Senator Pete Goicoechea
Marietta Henry, White Pine Horse Races
Elly Bullis
George Chachas, George Town Media
Nathan Robertson, Mayor of Ely
Bryan Hamilton, Baker Resident
Andy Britton, Fiore Gold Pan Mine
Ed Spear II, Fiore Gold Pan Mine
Nathan Robertson, City of Ely
Ross Rivera, City of Ely Fire Chief
Charity Marques, JCR Development, LLC
Dean Day, Day Engineering
B.J. Almberg, Basin Engineering
Jonathan Frutchee, ENERGEX
Sandy Frutchee, ENERGEX
Jared Bybee, BLM (Zoom)
Jeremy Drew, RCI (Zoom)
Geri Wopschall (Zoom)

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed; a moment was taken to remember former Airport Manager Lance Gale.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Richard Howe advised that Social Services Desiree Barnson had requested to carry her agenda items to the next Commission meeting.

There were no comments made via Zoom at this time.

Ms. Marietta Henry, Chairman of White Pine Horse Races, provided a current status of that event to the assemblage: The Ag. Dist. 13/Fair & Rodeo Advisory Board held their

meeting on July 20th and decided to wait until the end of the month to make their decision regarding if the Horse Races will be going forward or not this year. They wanted to wait for any forthcoming statements from Gov. Steve Sisolak before they make their decision. She thanked the County Commission for their support.

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton wished to publicly recognize his employee, Ms. Cheryl McNutt, for her 30 years of service to White Pine County. She will retire on August 3rd; he brought in a Certificate for the Commissioners to sign in appreciation of her service. Assessor Hilton continued that she's been a great employee and an asset to the County and the community; this is a big loss for his office, he noted, but everyone wishes her the best! Chairman Richard Howe voiced appreciation to her on behalf of the Board, and that he'd be happy to sign the Certificate. Commissioner Laurie Carson wished to thank Ms. McNutt as well, and was grateful she stayed with the County for that length of time.

Mr. Bryan Hamilton, Baker resident, wished to continue his public comments regarding racism in our society. He noted there's no biological basis for race; that's a "social construct" we created in our society. He did note, however, that there have been more COVID-19 deaths throughout the black community than in others. Racism is a "power construct;" it was built to justify oppression. An example of this was when the white people took the lands away from the Native Americans; we wanted their land, and used racist definitions to justify our actions. He read a few definitions of racism from a book he had brought for that purpose, specifically defining racists and anti-racists. Mr. Hamilton continued that one thing that could be done to combat this is to have training/classes available, specifically bias training and diversity-inclusion training, here in White Pine County. He thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Andy Britton, Fiore Gold Pan Mine, clarified some items regarding the use of the roads in Newark Valley. He noted their name was listed as a business utilizing the roads in question, but they do not use them. Further, they have permission from the BLM to use the road from their current Pan Mine site along the western side; they use it to access their Gold Rock site, for the record. Commissioner Travis Godon noted Mr. Britton had called him last week and confirmed they have no part in the road damage that we are seeing. The Board appreciated Mr. Britton putting his comments on public record.

Mr. George Chachas advised he's still having difficulty hearing people on the microphone and suggested getting a gooseneck for it. He addressed the COVID-19 Federal grant items and felt they were in conflict with Articles 5, 6 and 8 of the (Nevada Constitution??). He advised that the RTC is assisting the City with regrinding a street to prep it for a future chip overlay; he felt that activity should be done under a G.I.D. He added that the traffic is too heavy on that street for a chip overlay. Mr. Chachas charged selective enforcement again with respect to his repeated attempts to improve his property. He chided Commissioner Ian Bullis for not wearing his face mask, and advised that like the other Board members, he took an oath to protect the people. He felt Commissioner Bullis should either resign his position or wear the mask. He added that the County lost a dedicated Health Official because he didn't receive proper support. He maintained that COVID-19 is real, and while there might be some fakery going on it's still a threat. Mr. Chachas continued to relay the lack of ADA requirements at the Convention Center and the loss of the needed walkway; the streetlights that are out also need to be replaced.

At this point, Chairman Richard Howe stated he's tired of hearing comments about the Commission not supporting Dr. David Byun, and that the Board had always supported him 100%. He continued that Dr. Byun had resigned on his own due to "pretty much burnout," he had been working for virtually no compensation and had volunteered most of his time. To accuse this Commission of lack of support for Dr. Byun is totally false, and he didn't want to hear any more about it.

At 9:15 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Special Fire Commission meeting. At 9:45 a.m., Fire Commission Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting; the Board progressed to other agenda items until the next timed agenda item. At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 11:19 a.m., Road Commission Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Road Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

10:30 A.M. – NATURAL RESOURCES

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL REGARDING A COMMENT LETTER REGARDING THE MORIAH HERD AREA WILD HORSE GATHER PLAN

Mr. Jeremy Drew, RCI Project Manager, cited a draft letter in the backup material for the EA on the Moriah Herd Area wild horse gathering plan. He provided some background; there are over 700 animals in the area, of which 75-85% will be gathered and then during the next 10 years there will be subsequent gathers to bring the population down to zero for that area. He indicated supporting the action alternative and to bring the population down during the next 5 years instead of 10, as indicated. He reviewed the contents of the letter briefly for the Board. Commissioner Travis Godon disclosed that a family member contracts with the BLM for horse gathers, but it's a competitive contract and he maintained that he can still vote on this. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the comment letter regarding the Moriah wild horse gather plan as presented and explained. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Legal counsel agreed with the disclosure and that Commissioner Godon could still vote on this. Motion carried.

The Board progressed to other agenda items until the next timed agenda item. At 11:22 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe temporarily recessed the regular Commission meeting and, per legal counsel due to the absence of Chairman Dr. David Byun, opened the special Board of Public Health meeting. At 12:15 p.m., Acting Board of Public Health Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Board of Public Health meeting and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSION

Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO PUT HANGAR 2 AT YELLAND FIELD OUT FOR BID FOR A LONG TERM LEASE WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED TERMS FROM THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD:

- \$230/MONTH FOR 5 YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR 5 YEARS
- ORAL AND WRITTEN BIDS TO BE ACCEPTED
- REASONABLE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Commissioner Travis Godon noted this had been recommended during the last Airport Advisory Board meeting, and was for the same amount as when Mr. Murray Hewko had leased the hangar. The insurance requirement was initially \$500,000, but when the building was found to be in such a deteriorated condition they felt that \$100,000 would be sufficient. Commissioner Godon talked with the current renters, and they are putting a bid in for the above amount. In response to a query from Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle, the hangar would be for the exclusive use of the renters, and they could lock it up. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances asked if the rent would include an escalator, or would it remain fixed at \$230/month? It was noted just as written, for 5 years with an option for another 5 years. Commissioner Shane Bybee suggested that at the 5 year mark a reopener could occur and the opportunity for us to renegotiate the lease would be appropriate; Commissioner Godon agreed with this. During the discussion, Deputy D.A. Bryan Pyle recommended a reasonable escalator be included and have it tied to the current Consumer Price Index (CPI), for example. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to put Hangar 2 out to bid for a long term lease at \$230/month for the first 5 years, and if the CPI rises at the next renewal point of 5 years, the monthly rent could be raised as necessary. Both oral and written bids will be accepted, and a reasonable insurance requirement be set correspondingly. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman

DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM SENATOR PETE GOICOECHEA ON THE 31ST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

The Board welcomed Senator Pete Goicoechea to the meeting; Senator advised that the Special Legislative Session is now over, after 13 days. He stated he NEVER saw the Governor in the building; even with the issues facing us, the delegates weren't invited to the Capitol, either. Although the Senator likened the experience to "working in a vacuum," he felt the session went fairly well. He noted that they did "hold the line on taxes," but the local governments weren't really caught up in that, as he clarified; things were also tough on the School Districts. There were \$160 million worth of reductions to the budget, and commended a couple of Senators—Senator Brian Sandoval for one—who really understood the budget, and therefore it came out fairly well. There was a complaint that the State employees didn't have to take a 12-day furlough; he didn't vote for that because, as he explained, there are a lot of rurals, we're not like Carson City, and we were trying to help wherever we could. Regarding the Honor Camp closure, he advised 50 of those employees were already moved to Pioche and the remainder to Wells; there was no notice that it had

been closed, either, he pointed out. They are saying the Honor Camps will open back up, “but he doesn’t believe it.” He claimed that NDOC did this on their own. Senator Goicoechea next addressed the CARES Act monies, and cited the guidelines—both Federal and NACO—which had been provided. After talking with the Governor’s legal counsel, and with Executive Director Dagny Stapleton of NACO, he recommended looking at the plan, decide what the Board wants to put in for, and just put in for those things. As long as they are tied to COVID-19, he urged the Commission to put in for them, regardless of the rumors. He noted there will be the ability to take some of the funding and give it to the small businesses; he even felt the White Pine Horse Races might be granted funds through a non-profit entity. During discussion related to the Horse Races, he noted that Nevada received nearly \$13 billion in CARES Act funding, and while the focus is on non-profit he still encouraged us to try. He felt there was a good chance the Governor would call another Special Legislative Session, although if it would be in a couple of weeks or even days, he didn’t know. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances asked about the mandates on large gatherings and how it might be seen as directly in opposition to the agreement we signed. Senator Goicoechea agreed about the guidelines for gatherings, but the question is, would we remain in Phase 2 or be in Phase 3 by the time the Horse Races are held? The Governor still has the ability to change the situation. He continued that the County could still submit their requests and make them contingent upon the status and phase that we would be in; he emphasized the CARES Act funding must all be spent by December 21, 2020. Commissioner Shane Bybee wanted to know what the difference would be for the Horse Races being an event held for profit, and a Main Street business that could also use some of those funds? The Senator noted that “all they can do is reject it,” so we could be missing out by not including such things on our list. He did feel that the directive for social gathering would be a huge factor in the CARES Act funding. Reporting on another facet of the CARES Act, he advised that some of the claims for that money are turning out to be fraudulent, including unemployment checks apparently from the State of Nevada! Commissioner Travis Godon asked that, with a 2/3 vote to raise taxes required, does the Senator see the number of Republican seats affecting the vote to the point that we could lose? Senator Goicoechea advised at least 8 Republicans must remain in the Senate in order to hold that 2/3 vote firm; he also felt the races will be tight this year. Commissioner Ian Bullis advised that we came perilously close to having our mines shut down in White Pine County over the weekend. He stated, “We should be thanking God and you guys,” that didn’t happen. Senator Goicoechea clarified that the proposal was for a 40% tax increase, which required a 2/3 vote; that would mean the mines would have to give up health care, maintenance, etc. He added that if that does go through, “we probably wouldn’t have 2 years left” of mine life. However, the budget DID balance, he confirmed for the Board, with no additional taxes being imposed. The Board thanked Senator Goicoechea for his informative report and encouragement.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SELECT A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR EITHER OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2 AS A LIAISON POSITION ON THE NEVADA SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (NSSAB)

Chairman Richard Howe explained this was the Nuclear Waste Advisory Board, and that we always had a member. We have a choice to attend meetings as a full member, with voting capability; or as an alternate member, which means we would receive notices of their meetings and correspondence, normally held every 6 months. Alternate members must provide their own travel expenses, and there's no budget for attendance. WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin noted there is some travel reimbursement for this Board. In reply to a query from Commissioner Ian Bullis, Chairman Howe advised that while there's nothing affecting White Pine County at this time pertaining to the Nevada Test Site, we are kept apprised of the activities of other Southern Nevada boards. Commissioner Ian Bullis expressed interest in being an Alternate Member and being the liaison to keep the Board informed. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ian Bullis as a Liaison—Option 2—to the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board, as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO DR. BYUN

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Byun for his time as Chairman of the White Pine County Board of Public Health. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-49 HONORING LANCE M. GALE

Chairman Richard Howe read this Resolution 2020-49 into the record. Chairman How entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-49, which honors former Airport Manager Lance Gale; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE VOTING SYSTEM AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS, INC. AND WHITE PINE COUNTY, NV TO PURCHASE THE MOBILE BALLOT PRINTER FOR \$2,030 PLUS \$775 FOR LICENSING AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOCC

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that a couple of meetings ago she had asked permission of the Board to buy either a scanner or this printer, or both pieces of equipment. The Board authorized her to purchase the printer; this is paperwork to amend the warranty/licensing agreement. Director Elizabeth Frances advised the Commission that if they do approve this today, the funding will need to be approved to come out of Contingency. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve this first amendment to Dominion Voting systems,

Inc. for the mobile ballot printer as previously approved by the Commission, with the funding to come out of Contingency. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried. Clerk Baldwin thanked the Board.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49

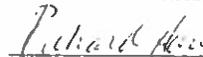
**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HONORING THE LIFE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OF LANCE GALE**

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

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

- That Lance Gale devoted his life to making a positive difference in White Pine County both as a business owner and through his extraordinary public service
- That during his tenure as Airport Manager, Lance Gale developed a reputation for being forward-thinking, shepherding the Ely Airport through an extraordinary period of reinvention and growth
- Born and raised in Ely, Nevada, Lance Gale dedicated himself to his community, volunteering his time and effort coaching baseball and softball, serving on community boards, foundations and committees, and fueling countless racers who competed in the Silver State Classic Challenge open road race
- That Lance Gale's friendly and caring demeanor exceeded only his selflessness in size and scope
- That his contributions to White Pine County, both as a friend and as a public servant, will be deeply missed

INTRODUCED AND PASSED this 22nd day of July, 2020. Approved:


Richard Howe, Chairman


Travis Godon, Vice Chairman


Shane Bybee, Commissioner


Ian Bullis, Commissioner

ATTEST

Nichole Baldwin
Clerk of the Board


Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Brett North, Director of Emergency Management

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) APPLICATION MADE BY THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) FROM THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (SERC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,578.00 FOR PLANNING AND TRAINING FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1ST, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-

Chairman Richard Howe explained this is a ratification; he read the text title into the record. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this is done annually, and at this point the Fire Shows are still being planned for the Fall, depending on the COVID-19 situation. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify the Hazardous Material HMEP grant application made by LEPC as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Desiree Barnson, Social Services Director

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE CSBG GRANT AWARD FOR CARES ACT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,340 WITH NO COUNTY MATCH REQUIRED;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE ESG GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$10,000 FROM THE DIRECTOR'S WAGES;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE WSAP GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,859.40 WITH NO REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE NDOT 5311 GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$220,350 WITH NO REQUIRED MATCH;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE ADSD GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$3,750 WHICH IS IN-KIND FROM THE DIRECTOR'S WAGES;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVE TO EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING ELY BUS SERVICES IN-HOUSE, WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, INCLUDING WHERE IT WILL BE HOUSED;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT WITH COACH USA AND WHITE PINE COUNTY FOR OPERATION OF THE ELY BUS DUE TO COACH USA'S FAILURE TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT;

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR ELY BUS;
and,

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO POST FOR 3 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES TO OPERATE ELY BUS

As Chairman Richard Howe noted at the beginning of today's meeting, these items are being tabled until the next Commission meeting, per Social Services Director Desiree Barnson's request. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to table all the items under Social Services Director Desiree Barnson (Items a)-i) on the agenda) until the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director

DISCUSSION/UPDATE: COST ALLOCATION REPORT BETWEEN THE MAINTENANCE/PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood advised this is a report that's presented annually to the Commission. He explained how the tasks, hours, rates, etc. of each Department are being charged for work performed for the other Department. Road Dept. totals are shown as \$2,370.48, and the Parks/Maintenance Dept. shows \$19,316.30. The difference of over \$16,000 was explained for the work done on the Maintenance Restrooms, Road Shop lighting, and other tasks. He noted the deficit can be made up by the Road Shop simply not charging Maintenance for parts on vehicles; he will keep the Board apprised as the figures change.

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF GRANT APPLICATION BEING MADE BY ELIZABETH FRANCES/TABITHA HAMILTON TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF COVID-19 MITIGATION EFFORTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,127.12 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY IN-KIND MATCH OF \$4,709.04

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this should be in the backup for the grant application; this is just the FEMA grant so we can obtain TPE's and those other related kinds of supplies. The in-kind match will come out of wages and benefits. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the grant application to FEMA for funding of the COVID-19 mitigation efforts as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEVADA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIV. OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS GRANT COVID SUPPLEMENTAL (EMPG-S) FOR THE MCGILL EMS RESTROOMS FOR THE PERIOD OF 1/27/2020-1/26-2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,692.00 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$283,308.00 FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT FUND

Director Frances explained this is CARES Act funding to help us pay for the renovation of the McGill VFD. She will look into the possibility of the grant being affected by the required match with the granting agency. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to ratify. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the grant award for

EMPG, for the McGill Restrooms as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS

Director Frances cited the reports in the backup and asked if there were any questions; there were none. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports as submitted. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FY2020-2021 DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY, INDEBTEDNESS AND FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REPORTS FOR WHITE PINE COUNTY, LUND, MCGILL, AND RUTH

Director Frances cited these in the backup material and noted the additional handout was for White Pine County. She noted these are pretty much the same as in the past, but now more detail is required with respect to the debt service and its coverage as compared to other counties. She also explained the Appendices to the Board, which were also new informational requirements. There were no questions from the Board. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the FY2020-2021 Debt Management Policy, Indebtedness and 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan reports for White Pine County, Lund, McGill, and Ruth, as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/DIRECTION ON PROCEEDING WITH AN EVALUATION OF OPTIONS FOR INDIGENT DEFENSE AS PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised she didn't want to wait until a later time to begin discussing this; the State is looking at Public Indigent Defense on a Statewide basis. She emphasized it's important to begin reviewing our options now, and see what's the most cost-effective option for the County. She reported that we do have another trial coming up that involves the Death Penalty, which will be a higher cost than normal. In reply to a query from Chairman Richard Howe as to how to best proceed with this, she advised that we could notify our current Public Defenders that we're looking into options due to the costs involved, etc. Chairman Howe agreed it would be prudent of this Board to notify them of this, and that we would be waiting to see what the State will be doing. District Attorney Mike Wheable felt this agenda item could be for Discussion Only; no action is needed at this time.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF EXTENSION #2: SLUM/BLIGHT PROPERTY ABATEMENT PROJECT 18/ACQ/09 FOR A CDBG PROGRAM GRANT

Director Frances advised this time extension is being requested due to the nature of the abatement program. Environmental studies must be done first, but CDBG is willing to give us an extension on this in order to allow us more time to identify more such properties. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner

Laurie Carson made a motion to approve Extension #2 of the CDBG Slum/Blight Property Abatement Project 18/ACQ/09 as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATION

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances cited the information included in the backup materials. She advised there is a statement in there that we are eligible; however, that is contingent upon us adhering to the Governor's directives. She listed the various restrictions involved and that this must be approved, as it is in connection with the CARES Act funding. She continued that she could act as the Principal County Administrative Contact in this. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXPENDITURE PLAN

Director Frances cited another handout; this is for the CARES Act Funding Plan for 7/22/2020, which outlines the items to be considered. The yellow highlights are for the things the Commission has already approved; the remainder have not been approved yet. She wished to add the Public Health Officer to the list for \$50,000 additional dollars. She continued that we need a spending plan showing how we are spending the money; she proceeded to review the list. She commented that even those items which wouldn't be eligible—such as the Horse Races—we could still provide in connection with the for-profit small business assistance, in that case the Ag. District 13 Advisory Board. Commissioner Laurie Carson noted OSHA was supposed to show up at the Fairgrounds in connection with that event; we need to consider hand sanitizer stations, to help with areas for larger numbers of people. She specified those wouldn't just be for the County facilities, but portable ones that could be used at some of those types of gatherings. Commissioner Travis Godon wants to add \$30,000 to the small business assistance and earmark it for the Horse Races; so if it does go forward, it would help, and if not, it could be carried over into next year. Director Frances clarified that we can't earmark the funds for a specific entity, but she could update the amount to reflect the additional \$30,000 as he suggested. In reply to a query from Commissioner Godon, she advised there could be a conflict of interest if we were to add another line item to cover it. Commissioner Ian Bullis felt we could put the \$50,000 in there and if the Horse Races don't happen, perhaps we could increase that amount later on. He noted there's about \$207,000 in the fund that hasn't been spent or designated yet. He also would like to see some heat cameras installed for the races; if that event could be demonstrated as being feasible, then he felt perhaps a 3rd party could come into play.

In reply to a query from Commissioner Laurie Carson, Director Frances advised that regarding the allowed cost of sick leave, we haven't reached 60% of the mark yet. Some has already been used, and people have been out for COVID-19 related reasons; the exact balance is unknown. She reiterated that while we create a spending plan for the CARES Act funding, the plan could be amended. She emphasized the importance of getting our

spending plan in, and making adjustments later. Commissioner Travis Godon would like to see the addition of \$50,000 for the Public Health Officer. Commissioner Godon made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditure Plan as presented and discussed, with the addition of \$50,000 for a Public Health Officer. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/ACCEPTANCE OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Director Frances advised this is another set of items that must be signed by a Chief Executive Officer; she could be the Administrative Contact, similar to the previous agenda item, and we will need to outline the terms, requirements, etc. She has reviewed this and had no problem with it; she also provided it to the District Attorney's office, and is awaiting their reply. She is requesting the Board approve this. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Terms and Conditions for Local Governments. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH NACO ON THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to proceed with NACO on the Coronavirus Relief Fund Small Business Program in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR COUNTY BUSINESSES

Director Frances asked if there are parameters the Commission might want to set for small businesses? Something that could be employed in order for the businesses to be quantified? She felt that what NACO had suggested for making certain expenses eligible, such as rent, utilities, and such, would be a good place to start. She would work directly with NACO to help define those parameters, thinking more generally than more restrictive when considering those parameters. The Board agreed with this; Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Small Business Program options for County Businesses as recommended and discussed. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Shane Bybee offered to work with Director Frances on this.

Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO POST EXTERNALLY FOR AIRPORT MANAGER POSITION AND ESTABLISH COMPENSATION RATE

Commissioner Travis Godon advised he had been involved with this, and had worked with HR Director Tim Bunch on this briefly. Director Bunch noted that with the vacancy being recent, there is much responsibility at the Airport; we would need someone who can report to this Board and the FAA and other agencies. He's looking for approval to do this, as well as to address the compensation rate. In reply to a query from Chairman Richard Howe, Finance Director Elizabeth Frances clarified the rate would be identical to

what former Airport Manager Lance Gale was making. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to post externally for the Airport Manager position and keep the same rate of compensation. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TIM PARISH AS INTERIM AIRPORT MANAGER

Commissioner Travis Godon advised that Mr. Tim Parish is with the Ely Jet Center; he's reached out to us and is willing to take care of the daily ground Airport tasks, rather than the paperwork. HR Director Tim Bunch agreed that he would do whatever the County might require during the short-term, per his discussion with Mr. Parish. Commissioner Godon felt we should pay the regular amount for someone who would assist us during the interim. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Tim Parish as Interim Airport Manager until the Airport Manager position is filled. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle was uncertain if there might be a conflict of interest when a contractor runs the Ely Jet Center on behalf of the County, and is also the Airport Manager who would oversee the payment of that contract. He asked if, as part of the ratification, we could have Human Resources keep the daily stuff separate from the Airport Manager's general duties; he also noted that any appointment would be limited by the potential for conflicts of interest. Director Bunch will meet with Commissioner Godon and Deputy D.A. Pyle to determine the Ely Jet Center responsibilities. At this point, Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised she has taken up the duties for the Airport Capital Improvements with Armstrong Consultants, in order for us to remain in compliance. She also reassigned the emails that normally go to the Airport Manager; she wondered if those should be sent along to Mr. Parish. Deputy D.A. Pyle advised he'd be willing to step up and review the emails and keep things in-house until someone is appointed full time. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood added that he could also continue to do those kinds of things. Following further discussion, Commissioner Travis Godon amended his motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Tim Parish as Interim Airport Manager, with Mr. Parish being responsible for the day-to-day on-the-ground Airport operations at the current rate of compensation for the Airport Manager, while the District Attorney's and Finance Offices will coordinate the administrative work portion of the Airport Manager duties, until the Airport Manager position is filled. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE OR USE CERTAIN COUNTY ROADS FOR THE PIONEER DAYS PARADE AND FESTIVITIES ON JULY 25, 2020 IN LUND

Commissioner Ian Bullis asked if it had been decided to do this; WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin noted it hadn't been agendaed properly for the last meeting, and no one has notified her as to if it will be going forward or not, so it's back on for today. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this is in direct conflict with the CARES Act, and she cautioned against holding such events with great numbers of crowds. Chairman Richard Howe agreed that it would be going against the Governor's directives. Commissioner Travis Godon reported that he had heard the event was cancelled. Following a brief discussion it was noted the event was cancelled as of June 28th; so no action was needed by this Board and the item could remain for Discussion Only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Travis Godon offered to all the County people who are at home and are unable to get out to get their groceries, etc., to please reach out to him and he is willing to help out. Commissioner Shane Bybee agreed, as did all the Commissioners; they are willing to help our citizens in need who are homebound.

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch reported there are 17 cases of fraud in White Pine County through unemployment, which he learned through D.E.T.R. (Department of Employment Training & Rehabilitation). He has been dealing with this on a daily basis. He advised that if someone feels they've been defrauded, their first responsibility would be to file a police report. He responds to D.E.T.R., and they forward it on to the State. Director Bunch also faxes the information to the State. Those individuals should check to make sure there's no unusual activity on their credit cards; a good maxim would be to "be informed and be cautious." He continued that POOL/PACT is amazed that our cases have jumped from 11 to 17 in just a short period of time. There are 5 States that are being hit hard with this: Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California, and Arizona.

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances has followed up with POOL/PACT on this matter, and there are people who are concerned that our system has been hacked; however, she noted it's very unlikely we've been compromised. She has investigated this as well, and doesn't believe the White Pine County system has been compromised at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:34 p.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

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