

**IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2019 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

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

County Officials

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director  
Timothy Bunch, Human Resources Director  
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist  
Mike Wheable, District Attorney  
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney  
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Administrator  
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director  
Juan Carlos Cervantes, UNR Coop. Extension  
Carl Gregory, Emergency Management Director  
Lance Gale, Airport Manager

Also Present

Geri Wopschall, Northern Nevada Food Distribution  
Caroline McIntosh  
George Chachas, KGTV-10  
Mike Belin  
Rory Jackson, BCT  
Lester Keizer, BCT  
Earle Keizer, BCT

\* Commissioner Shane Bybee was unable to attend today's meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Geri Wopschall is here today representing Northern Nevada Food Distribution. She invited the Commissioners to attend on February 1<sup>st</sup>, as there is a gentleman wanting to present to the community what kinds of medical devices they can provide for us.

Mr. George Chachas presented his concerns, beginning with a couple of agenda items. First was Ordinance #498, which is being considered to be repealed. He asked if the County had the ability to do marijuana partnerships; he felt a mere 3% wouldn't be acceptable, and that we should do a partnership instead. He noted that we can't even pave our streets without funding, that would surely help. He then cited the agenda item regarding HR Director Timothy Bunch; was he hired at Step 1 or Step 4? He noted there was no information provided on that. Then regarding the reappointment of Mr. Gary Perea, he noted \$6,000 was paid to send people to a funeral; was that budgeted or even approved? District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that had been ratified. Mr. Chachas then brought up the S&S Railroad monies, and that Commissioner Shane Bybee needs to either produce those monies or resign. He also reiterated about former Commissioner Carol McKenzie's lack of ADA compliance for her cement work in Lund; Chairman Richard Howe ceased that discussion. Mr. Chachas continued that we need a newspaper that will report local news; the Ely Times has yet to recognize new Commissioners Travis Godon and Ian Bullis. Chairman Howe pointed out that's a private enterprise; Mr. Chachas responded that it still has an obligation to the community. Another issue was Mr. Chachas' vandalism to his property for which he is still awaiting remuneration of \$205.00, since 2014. During a brief interchange with the Chairman, he added that he's paid over \$10,000 in taxes and he "comes here and gets the bum's rush." Time was called but he continued that last November some work was done on the Centennial Arts building downtown without a licensed contractor, no permit, and he charged selective enforcement. He added that the County has good staff doing good work, while others "go by the wayside." He also asked Commissioner Ian Bullis about the gentleman he had talked with regarding our economic development, and how our community would be affected.

**9:30 A.M. – FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

DISCUSSION/FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 498, BILL 01.23.2019, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ALL OF CHAPTER 4.01 OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY CODE OTHER THAN THOSE PROVISIONS REGULATING MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND REORGANIZING THE REMAINING PROVISIONS UNDER CHAPTER 10.62 OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY CODE

Commissioner Travis Godon noted that this Ordinance would effectively remove the County Business License, with the exception of the marijuana business license portion. He noted that the fee for the Business License wouldn't make or break anyone; he added that he talked with Elko County and they had hired someone to specifically do Business Licenses. They were paying him the same amount as the Business Licenses had brought in; he didn't see the point in continuing with it here. If anyone comes in with a business here, they would be reaching out to this Commission anyway, and they would have to be properly incorporated. He also has talked to several ranchers, who admitted that they might cheat somewhere in order to avoid paying the associated Business License fee, although it isn't a costly amount. Commissioner Godon added that this license might lead to some serious problems regarding attracting businesses to White Pine County, although any big businesses would "already have their ducks in a row." District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that disclosures should be made at this point of Commissioners who have businesses, although it wouldn't affect their ability to vote. He added this is just the first reading. Commissioner Godon cited businesses with his family, he has a business license with the State, and as this would affect everyone equally, he will vote. Commissioner Steve Stork noted this doesn't affect his business in the City; Commissioner Ian Bullis also cited his business in the City, and that he would be affected no more than anyone else. Commissioner Stork noted he initially had heartburn with this but since then he discussed this with WPC Assessor Burton Hilton, who is looking into other options in order to capture personal property tax fees. Therefore, Commissioner Stork felt he wouldn't be opposed to this change. Commissioner Ian Bullis asked how much of these personal property taxes are not being collected; the reply was unknown. Commissioner Godon pointed out we have one of the highest personal property taxes in Nevada; Commissioner Bullis just wants to ensure we're not losing a significant amount of funds. D.A. Wheable noted that Assessor Hilton has been able to capture much and has increased the County revenues; he's doing a good job of identifying properties, without having to rely on this business license scheme. Commissioner Stork agreed with this assessment. Commissioner Godon added that while Assessor Hilton spends monies with imagery updates, etc., he keeps things current, and he didn't see a use for continuing the Business Licenses other than the keeping the marijuana portion in there since those businesses would still need to go through the process. During the discussion WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised her office has processed nearly 200 Business Licenses which would bring in \$15,000; however, she also had to purchase stationery, seals and postage so that figure dropped to roughly \$12,000. Chairman Richard Howe noted that the agricultural folks felt they should be exempt; when the Commission voted to pass the Ordinance, they also voted to readdress the \$75.00 fee to lower the rate. As he views this, we're trying to go after the people who don't pay for the license, those who are exempt; he has no problem with repealing this, and echoed D.A. Wheable's comment that this is just the first reading. D.A. Wheable read the text title into the record and noted that no refunds would be done, the County would just terminate the program. He added that the Business License doesn't appear to be worth it for either the citizens or the County. There will be a Public Hearing on this and an action item on a future agenda.

**10:30 A.M. – UPDATE FROM BCT**

DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM BCT ON I T (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) IN WHITE PINE COUNTY

Our BCT group introduced themselves to the assemblage; Mr. Rory Jackson commented on Airport Manager Lance Gale's report, noting he's a pilot himself, and he's talked with the (Experimental Aircraft Association) EAA folks just last week, who are excited about coming to Ely this summer. The BCT overview commenced, noting they are giving presentations around the State for newcomers, and are giving 5 of these scheduled for this week. It was noted that BCT will have been with White Pine County for 5 years this year! Mr. Lester Keizer cited the Power Point screens for the overview, and Mr. Earle Keizer expanded on the services BCT provides in more detail. The 5 major services are infrastructure support, Help Desk, storage/backup, vendor management and security support. Mr. Lester Keizer indicated "road maps" of where BCT would like to go with the County, and noted Mr. Rory Jackson works with that as well. Mr. Jackson advised that preventing downtime, especially with respect to public safety—the Sheriff's Dept. and the Fire Dept.—are always of prime importance. He continued to review project updates: First was the ongoing ADS migration, which he explained to the new Commissioners. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances confirmed that the ADS system has been with the County since the late 1980's. Mr. Jackson listed the ADS replacement software in the various County offices, such as the Clerk, Finance, Recorder, etc., focusing on the backup systems which will be in place. He also explained the Albert Sensor, which analyzes our IT traffic going into and out of the County, especially in connection with monitoring cyber attacks. The first year of the Albert Sensor is already paid for, it was noted. Mr. Lester Keizer

next advised on the new Courthouse complex, explaining that most of the details will be provided as they are developed. Mr. Jackson added he is working with Director Frances on moving their critical resources into that building and piping a new fiber line to it as well. Director Frances noted that CMAR is falling into place, and more information is forthcoming by the next Commission meeting. BCT thanked the County for their business during the past 5 years; the Commission thanked BCT for their exemplary work.

At 11:12 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe prepared to recess the regular Commission meeting in order to hold a Closed Personnel Session.

**11:00 A.M. – CLOSED PERSONNEL SESSION**

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED PERSONNEL SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEE TIMOTHY BUNCH, TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF HIS EXPERIENCE, COMPETENCY, EVALUATION, AND HIS PERFORMANCE UPON HIS COMPLETING A 6-MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD, TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF SETTING APPROPRIATE PAY SCALE FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried. The session was held, after which Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to close. Commissioner Steve Stork made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:36 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to reconvene the regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Steve Stork made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO SET H R MANAGER, TIMOTHY BUNCH, AT THE APPROPRIATE STEP ON THE EXEMPT PAY SCALE IN CONSIDERATION OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE, NOT TO EXCEED STEP 5, WITH ANY UNBUDGETED SALARY TO COME FROM CONTINGENCY, EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVE FROM HIS 6-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIRE DATE

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to set HR Director Timothy Bunch at a Step 3 on the pay scale, \$77,926, retroactive to a 6-month probationary period. In reply to a query from Commissioner Travis Godon, Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised the difference in pay wasn't readily available but she could get that. There was a discussion noting Director Bunch is currently at Step 1, and Chairman Richard Howe advised we could go to a Step 3 or higher. He also briefly explained the process to the new Commissioners. Director Bunch noted the pay would be retroactive to December 11, 2018, his date of hire. Commissioner Steve Stork pointed out that we need to re-evaluate these exempt positions as there is some disparity as to what some are receiving compared to others. He asked that the proper question should be if this is a fair wage for this position. Chairman Howe noted that in order to avoid this in the future we should set out a pay scale and stick to it, regardless of qualifications or experience; just advertise for it, and the entry level would be adhered to, in his opinion. Commissioner Stork asked if our policy allowed Department Heads to bring in an employee up to a Step 3 without Commission approval; he felt we need to re-evaluate our entire process. Chairman Howe reiterated Commissioner Stork's motion to start Director Bunch at Step 3, effective as of December 11, 2018; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**STEVEN M. STORK, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO PATRICIA HERZOG, DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA MAIN STREET PROGRAM, TO SUPPORT THE WHITE PINE MAIN STREET PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Mrs. Caroline McIntosh approached the Board, noting she represents the Nevada Main Street Program and this has been approved by the Governor's Office on Economic Development (GOED). They're in the process of applying for a \$30,000 grant for signage for Main Street; they are requesting a letter of support from the County Commission. She continued this would be used for "branding," to ensure our community would have consistency throughout. Commissioner Steve Stork asked who would be the fiscal agent for this; Mrs. McIntosh responded the Nevada Northern Railway Corporation is applying for a 5013(c)(3). She emphasized this is not a City/County thing, it's a separate group. She added that the Great Basin National Heritage Partnership have awarded us \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which will be run through the Nevada Northern Railway Corp. Chairman Richard Howe stated he has always had a

problem with this; the Board of County Commissioners gave \$25,000 towards the Main Street Program, but now he sees they're getting ready to send 4 people to a meeting in Seattle. He asked if those funds are being used for that travel; Mrs. McIntosh responded in the negative. She explained that GOED will be paying for 35 Nevadans to go, and the stipend is \$1,200/person, including their registration. Any out-of-pocket expenses after the \$1,200 is exceeded, is what they are requesting, she clarified. Chairman Howe advised that while he supports the Board's decision, he has his opinion on this, which he has already stated for the record. He noted he will continue to monitor this. District Attorney Mike Wheable clarified the agenda item is just requesting support, with no match for the grant for signage and branding of the downtown area. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to draft a letter to the Director of the Main Street Program in support of White Pine County's grant application. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Chairman Howe asked D.A. Wheable if he should sign the letter, knowing that he would vote against it; the reply was yes, he should sign it. Commissioner Godon pointed out that the money has already been spent. Motion carried 3:1 with Chairman Richard Howe voting in opposition, although he will be signing the letter.

#### **IAN BULLIS, COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

#### **DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING POSSIBLE OPENING PRAYER DURING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Commissioner Ian Bullis noted that the City Council already does this; we have a pledge of "one nation under God," and it wouldn't hurt to invite Him to the meeting. He is just bringing it forward to the Board for their consideration. Chairman Richard Howe noted that if we do this and someone in the audience has a problem with this, it's mixing religion and politics; having prayer before meetings is something he wouldn't be in favor of, just because it would be mixing prayer with a meeting. He suggested an action item at the next Commission meeting could be done; District Attorney Mike Wheable agreed but advised that if the Board approved this they would have to open it up to all others who would want to pray to their god(s) as well. Commissioner Bullis informed the Board that the White Pine Ministerial Association just rotates people in for the City Council prayer, and no one seems offended by it, in fact people seem to enjoy having that. He added that he's heard from some people that it's a shame the Commission doesn't do it for their meetings. Commissioners Travis Godon and Steve Stork advised that while neither of them are opposed to this they would like to avoid "any more issues that we don't need." Commissioner Stork added that he's fine with it, just for the record.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **NICHOLE BALDWIN, COUNTY CLERK**

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT JACOB CARTER TO THE PUBLIC LANDS USERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PLUAC) REPRESENTING AGRICULTURE**

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that Mr. Jacob Carter was a PLUAC member, he just let his membership lapse at the end of the year. She confirmed that he did submit a letter asking to be reappointed, and that he's a valuable member on that board. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint Mr. Jacob Carter to PLUAC as requested; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT GARY PEREA TO THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC) REPRESENTING THE BAKER GID AREA**

Chairman Richard Howe noted that Mr. Gary Perea is a very valuable asset to the County having anything to do with water issues. Chairman Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to appoint Mr. Gary Perea to the Water Advisory Committee representing the Baker G.I.D. area as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO REAPPOINT TIM PARISH TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS AN AIRPORT TENANT**

Clerk Baldwin advised that Mr. Tim Parish has been a member of the Airport Advisory Committee for a long time, and he's seeking reappointment. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to reappoint Mr. Tim Parish to the Airport Advisory Committee as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT MIKE WHEABLE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised that the Audit Committee is short on members, and Finance Director Elizabeth Frances encouraged District Attorney Mike Wheable to join the group. Commissioner Steve Stork made a

motion to appoint D.A. Mike Wheable to the Audit Committee as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF CANDICE CAMPEAU TO THE DEBT MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WHITE PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Clerk Baldwin advised that Ms. Candice Campeau has been appointed by the White Pine County School District to represent them on the Debt Management Commission. The County Commission is being asked today to accept the appointment. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion of approval. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to accept the appointment of Ms. Candice Campeau to the Debt Management Commission as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**JUAN CARLOS CERVANTES, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION EDUCATOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO ALLOW JUAN CARLOS CERVANTES TO HIRE FELIPE HENRIQUE DE MOURA, A PH.D. STUDENT IN THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL SCIENCE, FOR A 12-MONTH TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2019 WITH A STIPEND OF \$22,800 TO PERFORM TASKS TO FULFILL THE LAND GRANT MISSION OF THE NEVADA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION – THE STIPEND IS WITHIN THE EXISTING BUDGET**

Chairman Richard Howe asked if this is part of White Pine County's budget; Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that last year there was a request for interns in this budget, which was denied. There is a line item providing for Agricultural Extension activities; if Educator Cervantes plans to use those funds for this purpose and the Commission agrees to proceed with this intern hire, she will work with him to get the budget adjusted properly so it will reflect that decision and change. Chairman Howe's concern is over the \$22,800; he asked if the Cooperative Extension Office is under the auspices of the State; the reply was affirmative, under the University of Nevada-Reno. Director Frances verified those funds were pulled last year when the internship was denied by the Commission. Commissioner Steve Stork asked if this Board were to approve this, where would the funds come from; Director Frances noted they would be from the line item for the Ag. Extension activities. Educator Cervantes gave an example of one such activity, the Drone Program, which was picked up by the School District. He noted this request has no effect on the Department's Operating Budget; his emphasis will be on promoting agricultural growth in the County. He noted that since his Needs Assessment has been completed, he can focus on promoting agriculture as a mainstay. He added that if agriculture is ignored as an industry here in White Pine County, noting that "ranchers who do not use the latest science to reduce costs or improve efficiencies will not survive." He emphasized that it must be kept active. Commissioner Travis Godon is fine with this, but since this is Educator Cervantes' department, "if he thinks this is the best use of his fund, then I say let him do it." Commissioner Steve Stork commented that he felt nothing detrimental could come out of this. Educator Cervantes assured the Board that there are additional funding sources besides this stipend being requested. Director Frances pointed out the wording is wrong in this agenda item, as no one has been hired yet; she would like the motion to be made to reflect that he can go forward with hiring Mr. De Moura, and then she would work with him to amend the budget accordingly. In reply to a query from District Attorney Mike Wheable, Educator Cervantes advised Mr. De Moura has already been working for 6 months, via other funding sources as he noted earlier. D.A. Wheable advised the motion could make this effective today and then on the next agenda the Board could approve the augmentation; Director Frances agreed. It was also noted this will straddle across FY 2019-2020; she will work to ensure both fiscal years are reflected properly in this budget. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to allow Juan Carlos Cervantes to hire Felipe Henrique De Moura for a 12-month term effective January 23, 2019 with a stipend of \$22,800 already existing in the Cooperative Extension budget to fulfill the Land Grant Mission of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**CARL GREGORY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management Director Carl Gregory advised that the EOC, although it has been operating for some time, was officially activated with the State of Nevada on December 31, 2018; he noted that was an historic moment for White Pine County. He is currently working on ID cards for fire personnel and all the EOC stakeholders who will be in that building; he explained the card color system, which is based on the Emergency Disaster System in place in White Pine County. Director Gregory has been sworn into LEPC, and he advised they will be doing elections soon due to some reorganization within that committee. In reply to a query from Chairman Richard Howe, Director Gregory

advised he has a call in to the State official regarding if the LEPC Chairman could be the County Emergency Management Director, and is awaiting news on that. He added that the LEPC Bylaws state that at their first meeting of the calendar year they do elections for officers; if that includes the Chairman being the Emergency Management Director, he will find that out shortly. He also advised he has submitted an HMPE grant for LEPC, although he had very little notice, and got it in on time; it's for \$16,000, which will cover the Fire West Show. He continued that for the personnel in the county that don't get to go, he located a self-paced certification program online for those people so everyone will be covered. He also received an EPWG grant for \$8-9,000. Chairman Howe thanked him for the update and commended him for doing a good job.

#### **LANCE GALE, AIRPORT MANAGER**

##### **DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE 2019 ELY AIR RACES AND AIR SHOW**

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised the 2019 Ely Air Races will be held June 13-15 this year. He noted that the IF1 Racing Team has a new President; they held their first board meeting last week, and he's confident they've approved our contract with them. He noted a couple of things had been changed on the contract per our legal counsel. He continued that we have 12 guaranteed aircraft that will be coming in to do the races. Last year we needed 350 volunteers; this year we will only need 75, since most everything related to those needs has already been done. The first meeting of volunteers will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., where they can sign up for the places where they will be needed. Some of the other performers during the races will include air balloon rides, beginning at 5:30 a.m. each morning; the C130 will be present all 3 days; and the Wings of Blue will be performing each day as well, sending parachutists out of their planes and down to the field. He noted that we're one of the few events in the West where this is done. There will also be some small airplanes, some P-51 Mustangs, and the SUU Aviation School will have a display along with their aircraft. There will also be a carnival coming in; they will be situated off the Airport property, it was noted. There will be a new parking area as well. Manager Gale noted the Air Show events will run from 8:00AM-2:00PM daily, and the carnival will be open from 2:00PM-10:00PM daily. There will be some Harley Davidson bikers coming in, as well as a Las Vegas biker club; Monster Trucks will also be here to do some car smashing, as a side event. He continued that he's met with the FAA and the Reno Air Races Association, and they will help us out with some funding and other items. He advised that next year the Reno Air Races Association will probably be taking over this event; they were impressed with us last year, and they definitely want to be part of it. Manager Gale noted that eTix has tickets online; a video with the Ely Air Races is also available to watch online. He noted that the ticket prices have been lowered and simplified; the fees are per day. White Pine County residents get discounts, as do seniors. He cited \$20/daily fees, with the County/senior discount being \$15/daily. Parking is free, but RV's will be charged \$50/day to park at the Airport. He shared with the Board the various advertising posters, postcards, etc. for this event; information has been sent to all 6 Western States, plus "any metropolitan city within 500 miles of Ely" received materials as well. An article in Nevada Magazine will be printed this month, like what was done for last year, he added. Manager Gale next addressed the insurance, noting he's been working with the insurance carriers and underwriters; he's awaiting a quote. He added for the Board's information that the County will be the additional insured for the carnival. With respect to the Federal government shutdown, he advised that unfortunately includes air show permits throughout the United States. However, he called and talked with our administrators, and assured the Board that our permit—which was issued for 3 years—remains valid. Commissioner Travis Godon advised that public funds going through this doesn't sit right with him; our roads aren't maintained well, and he can't support public funds going to this. He emphasized he has nothing against anyone, that's just his opinion. Manager Gale explained the event deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>; if proper funding isn't received, or ticket sales aren't coming in to support this, the County will not take a loss and the event will be cancelled. He continued that gives us 30 days prior to the opening day, a good cushion. Chairman Richard Howe is happy with that deadline, but wants a figure showing how much is needed by that deadline. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised an agenda item during April could be done to see where we are and what we have. He added that the more activities we have at the event, the better turnout we will have. Manager Gale and the Board agreed with that. D.A. Wheable noted that drag racing in Eureka has been cancelled for this year, and there followed a brief discussion regarding the possibility of bringing that in. Manager Gale noted that he had already been approached for that, he asked the FAA, and utilizing the runways for drag racing is definitely out of the question. However, the idea was broached that the SSCC might be willing to bring in a dozen of their cars for a display, for example, in order to further promote their races. D.A. Wheable added a 5K race or a bike race in the morning could also be done, and he recommended Manager Gale work with the Ely Outdoor Enthusiasts for some ideas. In reply to a query from Commissioner Ian Bullis, Manager Gale advised he is working with 3 food vendors and they're discussing some great options and ideas. Other possibilities discussed included non-profit groups such as the Boys & Girls Club; the Archery Club; Tears, Fears & Beers, and also the air medical flight companies, possibly bringing in one of their helicopters. Manager Gale advised the med flights are already committed this year as well; also the WPHS seniors, who have learned to build drones, will be bringing them to the

Airport and flying them inside an enclosed hangar. Commissioner Steve Stork noted that SUU is setting up a local pilot program; Manager Gale confirmed that 6 students took the course last year. SUU will be here all 3 days with a plane and a helicopter. During the discussion, Manager Gale addressed the local paper, noting they are a major hurdle for this event; he stated flatly they won't advertise the Ely Air Races, and there are other local events that aren't being advertised either. Chairman Richard Howe voiced appreciation to Manager Gale for his great presentation.

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON A COMPILATION OF EXPENDITURES TO DATE FOR THE 2019 ELY AIR RACES AND AIR SHOW**

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised there's no backup on this because nothing has been spent on this yet. However, he did note everything is committed; due to last year's setup the County won't have to pay anything other than perhaps through the Tourism & Recreation Board side of it. Commissioner Steve Stork reiterated that he would like to see a list of the commitments received, the contracts entered into, etc. Manager Gale advised the second Commission meeting of next month would be good for him to provide that update.

**KRISTI ROZICH, AQUATIC CENTER DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF A RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER AND CALVARY ASSEMBLY FOR RENTAL OF THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR**

Chairman Richard Howe noted that Commissioner Ian Bullis had brought this up; Commissioner Bullis advised this was now irrelevant and we could table this. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised a disclosure should be done; Commissioner Bullis advised he is the Pastor of Calvary Assembly, and he is disclosing this contract would be with the organization he pastors. He noted he will abstain from the vote. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to table this agenda item; Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried with Commissioner Ian Bullis abstaining.

**TIMOTHY BUNCH, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF COLA FOR KRISTI ROZICH POST-PROBATIONARY PERIOD (JAN. 25, 2019) PER BOCC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

HR Director Timothy Bunch advised that on September 26<sup>th</sup> the Board passed a cost-of-living increase; however, those employees still in probation status wouldn't receive theirs until the 6-month probation period had passed. Director Kristi Rozich got her evaluation and will be at that point in time this coming Friday, he noted. Chairman Richard Howe clarified that the COLA for Director Rozich is paid. Chairman Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the COLA for Ms. Kristi Rozich as approved at the Commission meeting last September 26<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

**ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-01 TO AUGMENT THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ROAD FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$231,146 FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF WP-03/-LONG VALLEY ROAD FROM UNANTICIPATED REVENUES**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised this was anticipated during the FY2019 budget process. The funds will be coming from the Bald Mountain Mine; she will augment the monies per this resolution. In reply to a query from the Board, it was noted they are paying for this due to their heavy vehicles utilizing this road. Commissioner Ian Bullis advised that he has a concern with fixing a road outside the County, but he will address that at another time. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 to augment the White Pine County Road Fund for \$231,146 to repair/maintain WP-03 (Long Valley Road) as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-02 TO UTILIZE CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$406 FOR TREASURER'S OFFICE'S EXPENSES FOR NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING 12/5/2018**

Director Frances advised that people had that day off pursuant to County Policy and the collective bargaining agreements. However, since the Treasurer had to attend a meeting outside the County that day, she had to have her Chief Deputy Treasurer on duty since the elected officials were required to keep their offices open, she clarified for the Board. She added there was no significant fiscal impact by the Treasurer doing this. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 to utilize Contingency in the amount of \$406.00 for the Treasurer's Office expenses for the National Day of Mourning, December 5, 2018 as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Howe, Chairman  
Travis Godon, Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Shane Bybee  
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Resolution Number 2019-01

Resolution to Augment the White Pine County Road Fund from Unanticipated Revenues in the Amount of \$231,146 from Kinross Mining for Repairs and Maintenance of WP-03/Long Valley Road and to Increase Road Maintenance Supplies by the Same Amount Which was Unanticipated and Unbudgeted During the FY2019 Budget Process

Whereas, the White Pine County Road department has an agreement with Kinross Mine for the repair and Maintenance of County Road WP-03/Long Valley Road; and

Whereas, the repairs and maintenance material costs for the work done on WP-03/ Long Valley Road will be reimbursed by Kinross Mine when invoiced; and

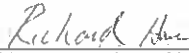
Whereas, this was an unanticipated and unbudgeted revenue and expense during the FY2019 budget process;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall augment the White Pine County Road Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues in the amount of \$231,146 (060-000-36201-000) and increase the Road Department Road Maintenance Supplies line item (060-451-52508-000) 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

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ATTEST:

  
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Resolution Number 2019-02

Resolution to Utilize Contingency in the Amount of \$406 to Cover Treasurer's Office Staff for the National Day of Mourning Which was Unanticipated and Unbudgeted During the FY2019 Budget Process

Whereas, President Trump declared Wednesday December 5, 2018 as a National Day of Mourning, elected offices were to remain open, the Chief Deputy Treasurer was required to work; and

Whereas, this was an unanticipated and unbudgeted expense during the FY2019 budget process; and

Whereas, the FY2019 General Fund Contingency Account had a beginning balance of \$153,000 of which \$24,514 has been utilized to cover the overlap of the previous and current Human Resources Director and associated expense, \$13,000 for District attorney expert witness fees, \$7,500 for Sidwell GIS services for a Well Data Layer, \$1,000 for Deputy Public Health Officer, \$5,500 for appraisal and survey of County Owned Property, \$12,000 for a lobbyist for the Justice Center Project, \$20,000 for the Main Street Project, and \$715 for the WPC Treasurer Bond leaving a balance of \$68,771 which may legally be used for this purpose,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall utilize contingency in the amount of \$406 to cover the increased payroll and benefit costs in Treasurer's Office and adjust accounts as follows:

Account Code	Description	Increase	Decrease
001-107-51101-000	WAGES	\$ 329.00	
001-107-51201-000	RETIREMENT	\$ 48.00	
001-107-51203-000	FACT	\$ 24.00	
001-107-51206-000	MEDICARE	\$ 5.00	
001-600-54101-000			\$ 406.00

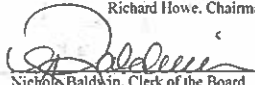
It is Further Resolved that the Finance Director shall forward the necessary documents to the Department of Taxation, State of Nevada.

Passed, adopted and approved the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board



**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-03 TO UTILIZE CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO COVER COST OF COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances explained that we always budget for what we feel we would need; if the Court appoints an Attorney, we are required to pay for them. A case came up, and this is being requested to bring everything back into balance. District Attorney Mike Wheable clarified that the State requires that when an individual needs an appointed attorney, we must provide one. He noted that a case had arisen where resentencing was necessary, and the County needs to pay for the Court-appointed attorney. Director Frances added that we've kept an average balance over the past 7 years in that budget, but monies are also in the Contingency Fund to cover this as necessary. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-03 to utilize Contingency for \$20,000 to pay for a Court-appointed attorney. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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**Resolution Number 2019-03**

**Resolution to Utilize Contingency in the Amount of \$20,000 to Cover the cost of a Court Appointed Attorney for T. Collman Which was Unanticipated and Unbudgeted During the FY2019 Budget Process**

Whereas, the courts appointed an attorney for a T. Collman appeal; and

Whereas, this was an unanticipated and unbudgeted expense during the FY2019 budget process; and

Whereas, the FY2019 General Fund Contingency Account had a beginning balance of \$153,000 of which \$24,514 has been utilized to cover the overlap of the previous and current Human Resources Director and associated expense, \$13,000 for District attorney expert witness fees, \$7,500 for Sidwell GIS services for a Well Data Layer, \$1,000 for Deputy Public Health Officer, \$5,500 for appraisal and survey of County Owned Property, \$12,000 for a lobbyist for the Justice Center Project, \$20,000 for the Main Street Project, and \$715 for the WPC Treasurer Bond, and \$406 for National Day of Mourning costs in the Treasurer's Office leaving a balance of \$68,365 which may legally be used for this purpose;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that White Pine County shall utilize contingency (001-801-56101-000) in the amount of \$20,000 and increase the Judicial Related Costs Attorney & Investigation line item (001-207-52709-000) by the same amount to pay for the court appointed attorney;

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1

  
Richard Howe, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2018**

Director Frances cited the reports in the backup materials and noted she would be happy to answer any questions. Commissioner Steve Stork wished to clarify that under the General Fund Expenses Direct Summary, we are 91% spent on Judicial costs; Director Frances noted the full amount of the Public Defender fees is fine, and with what this Board just approved that \$20,000 figure will be deducted from the balance. Commissioner Stork also asked about the Aviation Gas Tax; Director Frances explained that we realized more revenues than anticipated, which was good. Commissioner Ian Bullis noted that we spent nearly \$500,000 on equipment in IT; he wondered if that was a recurring expense. Director Frances clarified that involves the very large ADS replacement project, and we're having to spend

money to replace all that software in the various County Departments. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports for December 2018 as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL TO SEND COMMENTS REGARDING H.R. 253, THE NEVADA TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL, TO CONGRESSMAN MARK AMODEI'S OFFICE**

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised this bill was originally passed over a decade ago; it provided for the transfer of public lands to White Pine County (White Pine County Public Lands Bill). Some issues have arisen with that process; subsequently, Senator Dean Heller and his local representative, Mrs. Donna Bath, worked on some language to address various concerns and sent a letter to the Legislators on this. Somehow, he related, the Senate passed this "in the middle of the night" and pointedly excluded White Pine County from the bill. D.A. Wheable continued that we need to send a letter to Congressman Amodei urging that we get back into this bill; we can write the letter and ratify it later. The letter should indicate that we support the original language that was included in this bill. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to send comments regarding HR 253, the Nevada Technical Corrections Bill, to Congressman Mark Amodei's office as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS:**

- November 28, 2018
- December 12, 2018
- Special Joint December 12, 2018
- Special January 2, 2019

District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that although the two Commissioners who were present at these November and December meetings are no longer in office, we could face OML law issues if these aren't approved. He recommended approving these sets of minutes as they are today and our two new Commissioners could vote on their acceptance. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the November 28, December 12, Special Joint December 12, and Special January 2, 2019 sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Steve Stork advised the BLM is working on the Silver State Trails comment period; the 30-day window was extended an additional 29 days. However, he sees a problem with many people needing information from the BLM in order to finalize their comments, and no exchange of information is occurring. He felt we should ask the District Attorney via an item on the next agenda to request another 60 days for public comment. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle will draft a letter and have it ratified at the next Commission meeting, in order to save time.

Commissioner Travis Godon noted that at the next Baker Area Citizens' Advisory Board meeting he will be going out there to see about their zoning issues, and he can report on that next time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:44 a.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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