

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION & SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE FIRE COMMISSION HELD ON MARCH 24, 2021 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
Jill Perez, Deputy County Clerk

County Officials:

Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
James S. Beecher, District Attorney
Lori Romero, Library Director
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Michael Johnson, IT Specialist
Tabitha Hamilton, Finance Office
Sheriff Scott Henriod
Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director

Also Present:

George Chachas, George Town Media
Isaac Bullis
Marcie Ryba, Dept. of Indigent Services
Shane Cooper, Titan Constructors
Alex Santaella, 4H Coordinator
Buzz Rosevear, Basin Engineering

Present via Zoom:

Geri Wopschall, Nancy Baker, Jeremy Drew (RCI), J. Gianoli, Burton Hilton (Assessor)
Mary Sorenson, Marieta Henry, Lori Romero, Cody Coombs, Caroline McIntosh,
Eldridge, Public Defender Richard Sears, B. Coca, Chris Thorson, Dan Randles, Jennifer
Lee-City of Ely, Mark Holloway, Moira Kolada-NDOW, Maxin Lantz-VWS, and others

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Commissioner Shane Bybee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT Cody Coombs addressed the Board via Zoom in regards to item 2a, the letter that Commissioner Bullis will be writing to SNPLMA priorities for Round 18 Projects. He stated he would support the Commission's vote for the WPC Fairgrounds upgrade to be the number one priority. He feels it's an existing facility that already has been budgeted for maintenance and he believes it will save the county more money by doing this project first. The other projects will require more maintenance and operations budget that the county

might not have. The building that is being proposed for this project will bring more people to the county and provide large events in the winter time.

Caroline McIntosh addressed the Board via Zoom. NNRy was moved to the 2nd level and she would like to see it moved to the 1st level. NNRy is embarking on the Train to Trails Program and she feels it is very vital for the whole project for WPC Tourism and Recreation as they build more single track trails. She felt it is an economic generator for our community and she would like to have that included in the letter to SNPLMA.

Finance Office, Tabitha Hamilton addressed the Board. She was asked to read aloud a public comment letter from Ag 13 Chairman, Kathryn Brunson. The goal of the WPC Fairgrounds upgrade is to elevate and enhance. It would create new opportunities to boost tourism for WPC while enhancing the history that is the WPC Fairgrounds. While some proposals have a "redistribution of wealth" impact, the WPC Fairgrounds upgrade proposal has a "new money" impact, which is money coming from outside the county. For example, the average tourist spends \$113 per day in WPC. White Pine County Fair & Horse Races bring in around 4,000 tourists over the 4 day event totaling an estimated \$1,808,000 in new money for the community. Chairman Brunson stresses the importance for the future of this event so the WPC Fairgrounds does not become stagnant in its development. By enhancing the facility by including an Indoor Events Center, WPC Fairgrounds will be able to help in their efforts by providing a space to host events during inclement weather. Chairman Brunson asked that the Commission reconsider the importance of the WPC Fairgrounds upgrade.

George Town Media, George Chachas addressed the Board. He felt like he continues to get the cold shoulder because he has yet to receive a response in writing regarding numerous complaints that he continues to bring to the Board. He supports the consideration in the letter to SNPLMA requesting reconsideration of priorities. He reminded the Board that Heritage Park should be scrapped and feels it should not be built next to a truck stop. He stated there are other parks in the County that need improvement and does not feel another park is needed. He stated the NNRy should be last or eliminated altogether. They have suffered rumored embezzlement in the amounts of \$10,000 or more and they do not operate under the NV Open Meeting Law. It is a husband and wife who run NNRy and do the book keeping and he stated that is nepotism which is not allowed under the NRS. He feels the railroad should not be on the list for grants until a change is made. Once again, he feels everyone needs to wear a mask. Time was called.

1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. 9:15 A.M. RURAL DESERT SOUTHWEST BROWNFIELDS COALITION

***1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to appoint a new representative to the Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition. Lorina F. Dellinger, Nye County Assistant County Manager** Nye County Assistant County Manager, Lorina F. Dellinger addressed the Board via Zoom. She stated Deputy DA Bryan Pyle resigned from the Coalition and they are requesting someone to replace him. James Beecher, DA suggested he be placed on the Board. Commissioner Carson inquired how often the Coalition met and if Chief Deputy District Attorney Mc Kinzie Hilton would be a better suggestion for the Coalition. DA Beecher

stated Chief Deputy District Attorney Mc Kinzie Hilton has a lot of cases and he does not want to over burden her work. Commissioner Carson made the motion to put James Beecher, DA, on the Coalition. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. 9:30 A.M. NEVADA DEPT. OF INDIGENT SERVICES

1) Discussion/Update: on the temporary regulations from the Board of Indigent Defense Services. Marcie Ryba, NV. Dept. of Indigent Services NV. Dept. of Indigent Services, Marcie Ryba addressed the Board regarding this item through a slide show presentation. She explained what her office does and how they work with the community. They are here to give any assistance to WPC when it comes to Indigent Defense. Their mission is to provide support for the Counties, to develop and maintain quality cost effective Indigent Defense systems that meet the needs of the local communities and the requirements of the constitution and State law. Her department has a Board of Indigent Defense Services that has been tasked with certain items to including the creation of regulations. Professor Anne Traun is the Chairman and Dave Mendiola is the Vice Chairman and they have a lot of representation from the rural communities on the Board. They are required to pass certain regulations and they can provide copies of the regulations. They are required to collect data on Indigent Defense. They are required to establish a standard contract. There is a contract that WPC can use but the County doesn't have to use their contracts. The County can continue to use their own contracts as long as it is approved by their department. The current reporting requirements are found in NRS 260.070 which states, the Public Defender reports to Department of Indigent Services by 05/1 and makes a plan for the fiscal year with the estimate for the cost and the workload of the Public Defenders. Initial Plans will be due by 09/3. All of this can be found on the website dids.nv.gov. She would like know who the Board would like her to speak with on this plan. DA Beecher suggested Public Defender Sears would be the best option due to him having the most experience. Public Defender Sears addressed the Board via Zoom stating he is willing to participate and he understands the issues from many years of being involved. He feels it is appropriate and he gives his consent. Commissioner Carson asked if the Board of Directors is an oversight Board. Dept. of Indigent Services Ryba stated the Board does have certain requirements that it has to meet which are set forth in NRS 180.320 and she invited the Board to reach out to her if there are any questions.

Chairman Howe called for a recess on the regular County Commission at 9:45 am.

The Chairman temporarily recessed the regular County Commission Meeting for a special joint meeting with the White Pine County Fire Commission.

C. 9:45 A.M. SPECIAL JOINT COUNTY COMMISSION & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT George Chachas addressed the Board regarding 1c1, he did not see a victims' fund identified in any of the departments. He felt he had not been compensated for any pain or damages done to him.

***1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction or Approval related to Revenues and Departments in the FY2022 budget including: Commission, County Manager, Clerk, Recorder including special revenue budgets, Assessor including special revenue budget, Treasurer, Elections, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, Countywide, District Attorney, Justice of the Peace-Ely including special revenue budgets, District Court I including special revenue budgets, District Court II including special revenue budgets, Judicial related costs, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention, Bailiffs, Judicial Court Support, Sheriff including Administration, Detective, Patrol, Jail, Coroner, Dispatch and Task Force, Fire, Emergency Management, Economic Development, Buildings and Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, Public Health, Cooperative Agreements-Animal Control, Library, Airport Operating, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, Agricultural District, Emergency Medical Services, Agricultural Extension, Social Services including donations fund, Road Department, Airport Capital Improvement, Capital Improvements, SB74 tax fund, Towns of Lund, McGill & Ruth, Senior Center, Industrial Park, Tri-County Weed, Building & Planning, Golf Course, Aquatic Center, China Springs, Camp Success & Various Grant Budgets.**

Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director Finance Director Frances addressed the Board and passed out an analysis of estimates of ending fund balances for each fund that was budgeted for the County and explained the differences between each sheet. She reminded the Board that the revenues had not been updated and should be by the end of the next business day. She stated she would work directly with different elected officials and she will keep an eye on China Springs and come back with a recommendation after the revenue projections come in. She stated there is about \$10 million in the general fund, however, \$8 million is reserved for mitigation if mines close, then the County will have funds to deal with that issue. There is a total of \$18 million in projected expenditures for next year and that would put the County at about 11% in reserves. The resolution says the County needs to be at 25%. She reminded the Board she left \$2.8 million in transfers out to SB74. She explained the new employees that have been requested in each department as well as the temp employees. The temp employees would assist with the move and overtime for the Clerks' office. There is an increase in overtime for Bailiffs for social distance trials at the Convention Center. Chairman Howe asked if Bailiffs had to be deputized. Commissioner Bybee stated Bailiffs are listed as a category 3. Director Frances continued with the custodian being a new position. She spoke with Public Works Director Calderwood on the possibility of outsourcing a custodian. Chairman Howe thinks we are better off hiring a full time custodian vs. a contract. Commissioner Bullis stated it would be cheaper to do a contract employee, however, having an employee has a positive outcome over a contract employee. The employee would be a better fit for what the County is looking for. Commissioner Carson and Director Calderwood discussed how much of a difference he thought it would be; Director Calderwood indicated it would be three days a week vs. a full time employee. The contract employee would not be as flexible when it comes to cleaning the courtrooms if there was a jury trial. Chairman Howe stated the County will move forward with hiring a custodian. Director Frances continued with some information that can be found in the notes regarding the Maintenance position for the duration of the Justice Center. Director Frances stated Director Calderwood expressed his troubles with hiring and is looking at outsourcing. The increase in parks is only if the maintenance position is not filled. Director Frances continued with the Indigent funds

having a .75 new position. Director Barnson did ask Director Frances to reevaluate the position and she has not seen any formal paperwork from the State just yet. The state funding will cover 4 out of 6 hours until 06/30/22. Of the IT Technicians, one of the two employees is paid out of the general fund, the road fund, and the assessor technology fund. She has suggested a shift of funds to include the 911 funds due to him working on the 911 systems in the upcoming year. Director Frances stated the next two budgets will show wages going in and wages going out. It is basically just a wash and she will have more information at the next meeting. She spoke about a letter from Molly Walt with the RSVP requesting \$14,408 from the Indigent funds and she will work with Director Barnson on this budget making sure she has the total amount available. The JAVS system for the Justice Court needs to be upgraded so all systems will be the same with the cost being \$27,000. Director Frances will work with Judge Bishop to see if he has any funds available so Judge Bishop can offset some costs. It is Commissioner Bullis' understanding that county meetings will be held in the old court rooms and he asked about the sound/ recording systems. County Clerk Baldwin stated JAVS would be a good idea and the staff is already trained with utilizing it. Director Frances met with Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich. The Aquatic Center is no longer considered a new building and the maintenance fees have gone up. She will have the revenues at the next meeting giving a better idea of where the budget will be.

***2) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the minutes from the Special Joint County Commission and Fire Commission and Budget Workshop Meeting held March 8, 2021** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated if this Board hires a County Manager, they need to get rid of 2 County Commissioners.

The Chairman adjourned the special joint meeting with the White Pine County Fire Commission and reconvened the Regular County Commission meeting.

D. 10:00 A.M. SNPLMA ROUND 17 PUBLIC HEARING

1) PUBLIC HEARING/Presentation/Discussion and public input on the preliminary designs of each of the three Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 17 park improvement projects: Jack Caylor Park Phase II, Ruth Memorial Mining Park, and Court House Park- Duck Pond Remodel. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director Director Frances addressed the Board with the assistance from Finance Office Tabitha Hamilton, and Civil Science, Cody Howick via Zoom. This is about an 8 stage project and they are in the second stage. 1st, Jack Caylor Park, there is not much wiggle room when it comes to what is put in the park. He moved onto the Ruth Memorial Mining Park. Mr. Howick stated there was a meeting with the Ruth Board to come up with some ideas on the park. Director Frances explained how Ruth plans on making a zero scape park to keep the watering down. County Courthouse Park/Duck Pond Renovation was next. He wants to reconstruct the pond to give it a more historical feel making sure there is a covered seating area and a security fence to keep people out of the pond. The Board was concerned if the

fountain will still be in the Pond. Mr. Howick stated there will be a fountain, just not the existing one that will be moved closer to the Library. Based on environmental assessments, construction will start possibly late summer. He is anticipating some hiccups with the environmental assessments with the duck pond so it may possibly be next spring. The ducks will be moved up the hill, where the old annex was, for safety during the construction.

George Chachas addressed the Board, in regards to agenda item 1d1 regarding the round 17 of the SNPLMA improvement projects, the Jack Caylor Park phase 2 should be dropped all together. A children's park should never be built across from a working RR. It's a possible hazard. It's not fenced. Some of the improvements on the west side along Ave A have encroached onto private property. On the north side of the park someone has an old boat with broken windows. He has been reporting it for 2 years. The last photo he took in 03/2021 shows the area is not fenced off and is dangerous. The Board wants to clean up the town? Why do it selectively? That park initially was down in Central Ely in what Mr. Chachas claims to be a poor zone. Kids who didn't have an economic opportunity or their families didn't have what others did so you took the park away from them and put it right next to a working RR. The park should be put back in Central Ely where it came from. The Board has to address the issues for those people who are economically challenged and don't have the same opportunities as others. He reminded the Board of the tragic accident that happened when the annex was torn down by a non-caring negligent contractor, causing substantial bodily harm to a young child. All they had to do was put up a fence and the contractors failed to do that. The young child was snow sledding down that hill, hit a pile of debris, and here you are putting a park right next to a working RR. No fencing whatsoever and this is not the first time he has warned the Board about this, let alone the city. He doesn't know who the engineer is that did phase one, but Mr. Chachas thinks the engineer needs to be black balled. Where's the due diligence? The Board has a safety factor that needs to be addressed and it's not being addressed to this day. He is against the Jack Caylor Park and the expansion. The other two he has no problem with. Commissioner Bybee made a clarification on one of the false statements that Ave A is no longer private property.

F. 10:30 A.M. BUILDING DEPARTMENT

***1) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Petition for vacation and abandonment of road or easement. The property that the petitioner would like abandoned borders APN 005-117-04 and is described as a 20 foot strip along the southerly boundary line of Lot 12, Block 14, of Elko Street and a 10 foot strip along the westerly boundary line of Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 14 of Saval Avenue of the Baker Town site, Baker, NV. The Petitioner is Adrienne I. Joy. Buzz Rosevear, Basin Engineering Basin Engineering, Buzz Rosevear addressed the Board. Adrienne is just cleaning up her estate. There has been no opposition from any neighbors and it doesn't affect the existing roads. Chairman Howe asked for Public Comments. George Chachas addressed the Board on this matter. His concern is the Board has no expertise and doesn't take the time and read the rules and regulations on this type of matter. He has a concern on the 10 foot abandonment, it should only be 5 foot. Assessor Burton addressed the Board via Zoom stating the Assessor's office has no objection on this matter. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

G. 10:45 A.M. DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

1) Presentation/Discussion Only: by Division of Water Resources regarding Special Assessments. Dan Randles, Division of Water Resources Division of Water Resources, Dan Randles addressed the Board via Zoom. Mr. Randles gave a brief overview about the office. The mission of Water Resources is to serve, protect, and manage ground water and the state's water and how that water is allocated throughout the state. Chairman Howe asked if Mr. Randles has anything to do with the dam at Cave Lake and if his office did any dam safety. Mr. Randles stated no and suggested speaking with Chris Thorson. Chris Thorson addressed the Board via Zoom. Mr. Thorson stated they have been working with NDOW and the engineer throughout the process. He is not sure of the timeline for NDOW and knows they are working on funding. Chairman Howe shared how important the lake is to the county and for our tourism. He also asked if the county could be updated with the progress of the dam and lake.

***2) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Acknowledge Receipt of the Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on the following State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources lists, according to NRS §§ 534.040. White River Groundwater Basin \$6,906.06 Steptoe Groundwater Basin \$16,839.33, Huntington Groundwater Basin \$3,415.85, Lake Valley Groundwater Basin \$38.80, and Ruby Valley Groundwater Basin \$364.93.** Burton Hilton, Assessor Assessor Hilton addressed the Board via Zoom. He reminded the Board this was brought up during the last meeting and the Board decided to table until Dan Randles was available to answer questions. Vice Chairman Godon noticed there is no math or graph that shows the increase and asked for an explanation. Dan Randles stated the assessments within the state for surface water have been conducted since about 1913 and about the 1940's for ground water in different basins. This provides money to their office to do work, like the work that was spoken about in the presentation, especially crop or pump inventories and the staff being out for water level measurements and the staff for surface water. The assessments in the basins are for the work being done. Each basin has its own account in the office and it is tracked per basin. Each year they look at every single basin with the amount they have spent within that basin based on what they have been collecting and he tries to forecast a little bit out because as he puts these together in 2020, those funds will not be available to the office until 2022. By dollar amount, it is a small increase. Each basin is reviewed every year and they do take in account the cost. Commissioner Bybee was just curious about Steptoe Valley. The increase from last year to this year was substantial. The Board saw a 50% increase and wanted to know how this happened. Mr. Randles stated they formally did a crop inventory and are in the process of switching back to a pumping inventory. The crop inventory would go out and look at the fields whereas a pumping inventory would look at any permanent well within the Basin. The workload has increased within the Basin. This is still the lowest rate in the state. Vice Chairman Godon asked what prompted the change from crop inventory model to this metering. Was it State law that was passed or regulations? Mr. Randles responded that to his knowledge, they are just increasing their presence in the Basin to have a better tracking system because not all of those rights in the Basin are for irrigation. Mr. Thorson stated in Steptoe there is about 120,000 acre feet, only about 35 to 40,000 is actually for irrigation.

They are only tracking about 25% of the Basin. In order to get the whole picture of what is actually happening in Steptoe, for example, the only way to do that is to convert from a crop inventory to a pump. Now they are looking at all rights, from mining to municipal to commercial. Commissioner Carson expressed that there is still a lot of concern out there and we will be keeping our ear close to the ground. Chairman Howe asked for a motion to approve the fees. Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***3) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Acknowledge receipt of the Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on the following State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources lists, according to NRS §§ 533.280, 533.285, 533.290 Humboldt River Distribution \$632.34, White River Distribution \$3,712.50. Burton Hilton, Assessor** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSION

1. Commissioner Ian Bullis

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to write a letter, or multiple letters, to SNPLMA requesting reconsideration of priorities submitted by the Board of Commissioners** Commissioner Bullis addressed the Board. He clarified he was approached by Director Kyle Horvath of Tour and Recreation with the original letter regarding prioritizing the Trails Project, which is separate from the projects the Commission had chosen to prioritize. The Trails Project did not make the cut and Director Horvath made a really solid case and it deserves a second look. Commission Bullis stated he does agree with Director Horvath. Commissioner Bullis stated Chairman Howe expressed a discussion may be in order for any possibility of buyers' remorse over the priorities the Commission originally put together. Chairman Howe suggested a round table discussion to see if any one of the Commissioners had any buyers' remorse or anything to bring to the table. Commissioner Bullis has not changed his opinion and continued with all projects being a great idea, but the Commission had to prioritize the projects. He showed great concern over how it looks and sounds on the Board to choose to reprioritize projects. He stated when it comes to the Fair Grounds, he feels SNMPLA is not the only source of funding and he has a feeling the Ag 13 Board has other avenues of funding. He does not want to change his opinion on what was voted on and is willing to help track down more funding if needed to help the Ag 13 Board.

Vice Chairman Godon likes the Fair Grounds Event center. The first reason is for building the budget. He loves the park idea but shows concern with moving forward with the size of the park at this time. Second, this facility would bring in another thing for Ely and it will bring more people in. He thinks from a diversification standpoint, the County should start something that would bring more people in. Once people start coming in and start spending money, the other projects will look more affordable. Commissioner Godon felt the Fair Grounds should get some reconsideration because it would be the best way to bring in funds.

He feels there are a lot of dedicated people who sit on the Ag 13 Board who are willing to look after and take care of the Fair Grounds if needed.

Commissioner Carson agreed with Commissioner Bullis, and thinks the County could do a letter of support and she doesn't think it would be ok to go back and say we made a mistake.

After speaking with some of the community, Commissioner Bybee agreed that the Fair Grounds should be moved up the scale. He is concerned on how it will make the County look if there is a letter to make a change, not only now, but in the future if and when the County applies for funding again. He is not comfortable with making a change midstream.

Chairman Howe explained the difference between the funding lists. First, the Commissioners will prioritize the projects. They will go to the SNPLMA Board. There is the primary funding list, the secondary funding list, and the not recommended list. There is a \$24 million grant waiting for us and he is afraid of being turned down. The Heritage Park was listed #8, NNRy was at #14. The WPC Fair Grounds made the not recommended list at #23. If the Board turned down the money now the Board could possibly be turned down in the future. He thinks this is part of the hard job and not everyone will agree with them. Chairman Howe asked for a motion. Commissioner Bullis made a motion for a letter regarding the Trail system and nothing else. Chairman Howe inquired about the Trail system. Director Frances responded in the capital improvement category, The Ward Mountain Bike Trail Project. Chairman Howe asked if it was part of the agenda. DA Beecher explained if the trail system was on the original list of priorities, asking for a reconsideration would fit, but because it was not on the original list, asking for SNPLMA to consider this new project did not fit the agenda. Commissioner Bullis stated that was the whole agenda item originally. Mr. Horvath approached him regarding that project specifically asking the Board to send a letter of support. DA Beecher advised, if the Board wanted to prioritize it just as any number then the Board can send a letter and it fits. Finance Director Frances reminded the Board had until April 14th to write a letter. Commissioner Bullis removed his motion. Chairman asked for a motion. This item died for lack of motion.

B. ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Sheriff Scott Henriod

***a) Discussion/for possible action: Approval to send Deputy Lowell Sommervold to K-9 Training in the amount of \$9,992.50** Sheriff Henriod addressed the Board. The K-9 handler resigned and the K-9 needs a new handler. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the request for resignation from Ruth Town Council for the removal of Toni Connell due to lack of attendance** Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to partner with Alex Santaella and the local 4-H organization to support their up and coming Health Rocks program to be held at the White Pine County Aquatics Center for 8 weeks for 3 hrs/day, 1 day/wk on Fridays to be held in the conference room for one hour and then to participate in open swim. We are also requesting an approval of a \$380.00 discount to cover the cost of the room and swimming period** Director Rozich stated the cost total would have been \$480 and she would like to give a discounted cost of \$380. Director Rozich is in full favor of this project and thinks it's a wonderful idea. Alex Stantaella addressed the Board. This program is an anti-vaping, anti-Tabaco, anti-drug program thru building positive relationships in the community. There is a vape shop a block away from the Middle School and that is the age group we are trying to reach. By getting 12 to 15 kids to join, we get our foot in the door in hopes to get more kids to use the facilities and become more active. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve this item. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Commissioner Carson asked if Director Rozich is ok with the budget to be able to afford this program. Director Rozich stated she feels it is a fair cost in working with the 4H program and the youth. She feels this is a positive thing to do with the youth and the budget is very solid. Motion passed.

2. Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

***a) Discussion/for possible action: to consider a special meeting on April 13, 2021 to conduct department head evaluations** Tim Bunch Human Resources Director, stated he spoke with Chairman Howe the previous day and he believes the Board wants to change the date to 04/7.

***b) Discussion/for possible action: to approve changes to special prosecutor job description as presented and approved by the District Attorney** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***c) Discussion/for possible action: Interview and consideration of Mark Holloway applicant for the vacant airport manager position** Mr. Holloway addressed the Board via Zoom. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch went through the interview questions. Mr. Holloway told the Board a little about his youth and how he joined the service at age 18. He has had many flying jobs and felt he retired way too young and is looking forward to finding a job in aviation. He feels he would be good for this position with his background and knowledge in aviation and his background in security with the prison setting. Great customer service for him would be providing a facility that is clean and well managed for everyone, not just for the customers he has now but for the customers he has in the future. Also being opened to do things that makes the airport in good standing with the public such as, being on social media so the public could ask questions and the staff could respond right away. He feels he would be good for this position because he is up to all the challenges from small tasks like changing a light bulb to large tasks like dealing with grants and working with the FAA. As far as dealing with trying to get matching grants for the airport, he doesn't have any experience, but he is looking forward with working with the state in making this happen. He feels he had the upper hand in the prison system, but would much rather speak with

everyone and treat everyone the same to make things work and get a good outcome. He is looking at working another 5 to 7 years tops and thinks he will be retiring again for a second time. He is looking only for a part time position. His leadership style is to treat people the way he wants to be treated. Commissioner Carson asked if he was familiar with smaller airports and if he has ever been to White Pine County. He stated he is and was at the airport 3 weeks ago. Commissioner Bybee asked if he was planning to relocate or commute. He stated he was looking at relocating. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***d) Discussion/for possible action: to approve the compensation table for Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in order to ensure rate of pay is PERS compensable as approved by District Court Judge Steven Dobrescu** Finance Director Frances informed the Board this will impact the budget for this year and she would have to adjust the budget next year if approved. This would put the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer at a Grade 15 on the Sheriff Office pay scale. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve effective 07/01/2021. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-21 to utilize \$5,900 from contingency to cover the cost for repairs to the Assessor's Office truck** Director Frances stated this is from the last meeting. The Assessor did get a quote and she was just asking the Board to make the funds available. Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-22 to utilize \$3,541 from contingency to cover the cost of the Precision Document Imaging annual support agreement required for the Clerk's Office** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-23 to utilize \$9,993 from contingency to cover the cost of canine handler training for a new Sheriff's deputy required due to staff turnover** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-24 to utilize \$5,000 from Aquatic Center Fund contingency to cover the cost of a new element for the boiler and a new control board for monitoring and controlling pool systems** Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Agenda. Any County Commissioner may remove any items from the consent Agenda and have it placed in the Action Items.

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: to ratify Correspondence Sent on Behalf of the White Pine County Commission.**

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Payroll for County Elected Officials.**

***c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of HR Transmittal for Payroll Changes.**

***d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of budget transfers within and between functions or programs within a fund that do not increase the total appropriation of the fund.** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: approval of a grant application to the Office of the Attorney General Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) funds for the continuation of the Victim/Witness Services program administered by the District Attorney's Office. This is a reoccurring grant request. Maxine Lantz, Program Director/Advocate** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to consider a project for SNPLMA funding submitted by the Ruth Town Council to change the old Community Church into a museum and a place for special events. Melissa Spear, Chairman of Ruth Town Council** Mary Sorenson addressed the Board via Zoom. All town artifacts that were given to Ruth from BHP are housed in the old church building. She was not sure of the cost to fix this building. Finance Director Frances suggested working with Finance Office, Tabitha Hamilton on this project with SNPLMA on a proposal. Chairman Howe stated this will be left as a discussion item.

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

- **February 24, 2021**
- **Special Joint & Budget Workshop March 8, 2021**
- **Budget Workshop March 9, 2021**
- **Budget Workshop & County Commission March 10, 2021**

March 10, 2021 minutes were moved to next agenda. Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve with one correction noted. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***d) 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. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch & Finance Director Elizabeth Frances** Commissioner Bullis moved to close. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Meeting went into closed session at 12:27 pm. Closed session ended at 12:32 pm.

***e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction on annual step increases as they pertain to the Article 9, Section B of the Agreement between White Pine County and The International Union of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch & Finance Director Elizabeth Frances Meeting came back into open session at 12:35 pm. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve to reinstate the step increases. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

***f) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction on annual step increases as they pertain to unrepresented and exempt employees. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch & Finance Director Elizabeth Frances Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to reinstate the step increases. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Bybee showed appreciation to employees who helped out during this uncertain time with funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Godon made the motion. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 pm.

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