

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON APRIL 24, 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

Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director
Lance Gale, Airport Manager
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Director
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Mike Wheable, District Attorney

Also Present

George Chachas, KGTV-10
Pete Mangum
Susan Wetmore
Kay McMurray, Ely Times
Ramona Maestes
Chris Maestes
Susan Wetmore
Nathan Robertson
Robert Gower, Silver Lion Farms
Joel Hochhetter
Cynthia Angelopoulos, McGill
Carol McKwenzie
Meg Rhoades
Mark Bassett, NNRy
Ross Rivera, Ely Fire Chief
Dean Day, Day Engineering

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Wetmore advised that during last Friday's meeting there were many speakers, letters read into the record, and conversations, all of which took place at the front of this room; it's very difficult to hear everything. This is a public meeting and we need to hear what is being said. Please purchase mikes for all the Commissioners, the District attorney, and the Clerks, as well as for this podium. The Commissioners are grumpy with their constituents for not knowing about the Fire/EMS changes. You may have discussed those, but did you visit the towns and fire stations for their meetings, and discuss their needs/concerns? The Commission liaisons need to do their responsibilities, it's part of what you signed up for. She urged the Board to visit the other townships and listen regularly to what their constituents have to say. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that we have been discussing about getting speakers, etc., to take care of the hearing problem; he apologized for his comments during that last meeting.

Pete Mangum advised that he's worked for the UNR Cooperative Extension Office for 32 years; he retired in 2013, and has since then witnessed some dismantling of the Extension office. People came and went, their hours have been cut, and that all affects their program. While it's a very small part of the County's budget, it's a big impact to the community. He encouraged the Board to see all our kids have been doing through those programs, and invited them to meet with UNR representatives following the meeting today.

George Chachas asked about the agenda item about renting ambulances to AirOne; he thought the City of Ely was going to get the ambulances. He also asked about the budget whereby the Board is considering raises of 25% for some, and from 12-15% for others; where is the County getting the money for that? He wants the County to follow the CPI (Consumer Price Index), and they need to remember who they represent and what their incomes are. He continued that the downtown businesses want to keep Aultman at 4 lanes; reducing traffic reduces business. He wants the County

to refund the money from the Business Licenses, since we are no longer doing those; he wants his money back. He added that we didn't follow our own guidelines, after quitting it after just a year. He asked if there's a non-discriminatory clause included when the County obtains loans or grants? He cited the Building Official with respect to the Community Choir building; they're a private club, and they need to return the \$4,000 they got; we aren't supposed to support private businesses. He concluded by noting he's still waiting for his property damages to be paid, and asked about the Victim's Fund to compensate those who have had property damages.

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin read letters into the record, from Lund Fire Chief William L. Hendrix and from Lund Fire Dept. Captain David Hendrix.

At 9:10 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular Commission and opened the Road Commission meeting. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Road Commission meeting and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting. At this time, Chairman Howe then recessed the regular Commission meeting to open the Special Meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission. In due course, Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting.

10:00 A.M. – SILVER LION HEMP FARM

DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM SILVER LION HEMP FARM

This item was tabled due to an emergency and they were unable to attend to provide their update. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

11:00 A.M. – SNPLMA

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR SNPLMA WP-11 NORTHERN NEVADA HISTORIC RAILROAD MUSEUM INTERPRETIVE TRAIL, PHASE II

WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric advised there were some mistakes in the first bids that were received, so they had to redo the process. President Mark Bassett, NNRy, provided a map to the Board and gave the good news that the bid they received came in slightly less than last time, so they are ready to commence with this. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised of Mr. George Chachas' concern regarding overlapping of private property. Commissioner Steve Stork asked if any of this area really overlap private property; President Bassett advised there was a question regarding Avenue A, which was felt to be a public street and so the City sewer was constructed under that assumption. However, it's a private street, so before anything is dug this will need to be resolved. The bid amount, submitted by Reck Bros., was \$967,853.24, which was lower than the engineering estimate for this project. Engineer Dean Day explained this will allow some room for Change Orders to be done if needed. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to award the contract for SNPLMA WP-11 Northern Nevada Historic Railroad Museum Interpretive Trail, Phase II, as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MIKE WHEABLE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO CLOSE AND SECURE STATION 1 EFFECTIVE 6PM TODAY, APRIL 24TH FOR ALL DISTRICT EMS AND FIRE DISTRICT PURPOSES (EXCLUDING FULL ACCESS AND USE BY EMERGENCY MANAGER)

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that several of these agenda items were already done in the Fire Commission meeting; he noted that language changes were made to allow for the County portion. He wished to clarify that this agenda item is NOT the District Attorney closing down Station 1. Commissioner Steve Stork provided his disclosure statement. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to close and secure Station 1 effective 6PM today, April 24th for all District EMS and Fire District purposes (excluding full access and use by Emergency Manager). Commissioner Shan Bybee seconded. Motion carried 4:1, with Chairman Richard Howe voting in opposition.

21 April 2019

Dear Fire Commissioner Chairman Richard Howe

I am requesting this be made public record in your next meeting

I am writing this letter to inform you of my resignation as Chief of The Lund Volunteer Fire Department at 12:00 AM on 23rd of April 2019. I have held this position since I started the Lund Volunteer Fire Department in May of 1975. This has been one of the hardest decisions of my adult life. I am torn by obligation to my community which is why I started the dept. to begin with, as no fire protection was available or offered by any other entity for the communities of Lund and Preston.

Our lifestyles and laws have changed. The new nasty word "liability" raises its ugly head in all types of issues and situations today. It appears to me this is what's happened in our county as far as fire protection is concerned. A huge can of liability worms appears to have been opened and I'm not comfortable fishing with them. Having been the fire chief in Lund for all these years one would think the "Fire Commission" would at least contact me before totally destroying and shutting down our main "Artery", Station 1 in the fire district. I have received zero communication from anyone in the fire commission. The only knowledge I have is hearsay and what I have read in the newspaper and on social media. If I'm not worth the time to discuss and be informed about fire issues in my response area then I'm apparently not trusted and don't belong being the Chief of Lund VFD.

I didn't expect the thanks I have never been given by the County Leaders for 44 years of service as chief and building 10 different types of fire trucks for our dept and the county labor free, but I at least deserve a heads up with what the fire commission has done.

In closing I would like to mention finances as that seems to be your priority rather than lives and property. For the last 44 years all the county owned fire equipment and fire apparatus for the Lund Volunteer Fire Department has been purchased with grants, occasionally matching with donation monies and a small budget provided by the Lund Town Council which comes from the State. The only exceptions are the water tender which came from the fire district which my son helped orchestrate when he was the first fire district chief and the Pierce Pumper procured by Chief Waters. This pumper was partly funded by the selling of two of our type 1 engines. One was purchased by several music concerts sponsored by the Lund VFD and the other engine was a FEMA grant I wrote as chief. The matching monies were donations White Pine County has had a cheap ride as far as providing financial help for The Lund Volunteer Fire Dept.

I have enjoyed my volunteer career and wouldn't trade the memories of all the good folks we have been able to help with the many various calls as well as assisting our federal cooperators. We have answered many calls in our response area in 3 Nevada counties, 1950 sq. area miles and 186 miles of state, county and US highways.

I would like to especially thank my dear wife Arlene who was our "Volunteer Dispatcher" for 30 plus years while providing 24-7 nursing care for our "Jodi" who was and still is on life support. During her career at one point she was the only communication for a 2 week period that had county wide paging capability and ran the county wide pages from our home with a radio.

April 21 2019

Mr. Richard Howe, White Pine County Fire Commission Chairman

I am requesting that this letter be read into the public record in your next scheduled Fire Commission meeting.

I am writing this letter informing the White Pine County Fire Commission of my resignation as Captain and a "Volunteer" Firefighter with the Lund Volunteer Fire Department effective 12:00 AM on April 23, 2019. I was raised by a family that dedicated their whole life to public safety and helping out our fellow man. I also had a desire to help out where I could, and joined up with the Lund Volunteer Fire Department in 1989. I was elected to the position of Captain not to long after that, which position I held until October of 2008 when I had the opportunity to become the Fire District Chief for the White Pine County Fire District. I was Fire District Chief from October 2008 through October 2012. During this time I was involved directly with all meetings, agreements, trainings, incident responses and all of the other items and issues including unfortunately the politics. I struggle to understand how individuals were, and still are today putting dollars on peoples lives and property. Due to the hostile workplace situation and the affect the unnecessary stress it created I resigned from the Fire District Chief position in October 2012 and resumed my position as a "Volunteer" and position of Captain with the Lund Volunteer Fire Department.

I have been able to respond and train in all parts of White Pine County and all neighboring counties and have the upmost respect for the career and volunteer responders in these areas. I have been able to work side by side with county fire, city fire, state, federal and contractors during my time in the service. The folks out doing the work have all worked together and got the job done, safely and efficiently. The only problem is when the politics and dollars are brought to the table by not those doing the work, but by those in political positions. I have seen first hand how the Fire District has progressed due to the volunteers putting their blood, sweat, tears and time into being able to provide the best level of care and service available.

system we bought for our home and still have to serve as "Lund Fire Base". Also my son David who since 1989 has been my right arm in the fire service both in the Lund VFD and while serving as "The First Paid Chief" in the White Pine County Fire District. My daughter-in-law Tawnya has served as a Historian and auxiliary, helping provide food on incidents. Without their help I couldn't have made the Dept. function. Our family has given the county of White Pine a total of 142 years. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the career and volunteers who have helped and served with me the past 44 years. I won't mention names here but some of you have stayed with me until the end has I guess finally arrived. I so appreciate those of you who through the years stayed with me and provided me with the support to continue the battle to try to stay afloat just to help a fellow being in need.

I would hope this issue, situation, disaster or whatever is the proper term can be resolved by John Q. Public. It's time for their help, the firefighters have fought courageously to the end. Sadly enough at least in this life as we know it the "good guys" many times finish last if they don't get the help they need. I would hope this will kindle a fire for the public to take the steps to stop this before someone loses their life, property, residence or home loan because of poor decisions.

I am thankful for all the many special friends, both career and volunteer I have in the fire service and the great help they have been during my tenure as Chief. I am going to miss you all. If the Fire District is repaired and made right with elected fire commissioners in county precincts I would be more than interested to serve again.

Sincerely,

William L. Hendrix

William L. Hendrix Chief, Lund Volunteer Fire Department

I have still not been informed by the Fire Commission or a representative as to what has actually taken place and what to expect. I am amazed that not a single Fire Commissioner has reached out and asked the opinions, concerns or suggestions from any of the volunteers or career staff. There is a lot of experience and understanding of how and why things work throughout the county and yet it has not been taken advantage of by any of the Fire Commissioners. It is pretty frustrating being expected to have a job to do and receive no communication, guide or contact especially when it involves life safety. Liability is a huge concern in today's world and without a clear understanding of situations it is easy to become liable for something even when you are attempting to resolve an issue. I'm not willing to accept the responsibility for poor decisions, made by someone without the working knowledge and complete subject information, when the solution is blatantly obvious to anyone who has a working knowledge of the potential risks involved. This type of action shown by the Fire Commission to the volunteers and career staff is very sad. To treat people with such a lack of respect when they are quite literally willing to put their lives on the line and "Volunteer" to do it is beyond words. I know that a lot of volunteers have already resigned and I know that there are more to come. So there will be no problem finding the proper size turnouts and other Personal Protective Equipment to fit each one of the Fire Commissioners. Not to mention some mighty big boots to fill. I challenge each of you to become actively involved by joining up as a volunteer firefighter or EMT and put in the amount of hours that each of us have, and to attain the certifications that we have. Maybe then you will have a better understanding of just what it takes to make the system work.

If the Fire District is ever able to have an actual board of Fire Commissioners that are from separate District's throughout the county to represent everyone in the county equally, I would be interested in once again responding as a volunteer firefighter.

Sincerely,

David Hendrix 04/22/19

David Hendrix
Captain, Lund Volunteer Fire Department

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO DIRECT COUNTY MAINTENANCE TO RE-KEY THE LOCKS TONIGHT AFTER 6 PM, AND TO SECURE ANY WPCFPD FIRE AND COUNTY EMS APPARATUS, PROPERTY, PREMISES, AND BUILDING, ALLOWING ONLY THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO BE OPEN AND AVAILABLE, INCLUDING THE EMERGENCY MANAGER'S OFFICE, CONFERENCE ROOM, AND OTHER NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGER'S USE, AND TO PROVIDE NEW KEY TO EMERGENCY MANAGER

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to direct County Maintenance to rekey the locks tonight after 6PM and to secure any WPCFPD Fire/County EMS apparatus, property, premises, and building, allowing only the Office of Emergency Management to be open and available, including the Emergency Manager's Office, Conference Room, and other necessary facilities for the Emergency Manager's use, and to provide a new key to the Emergency Manager. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO DIRECT WPC FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PRORATE THE PAYOUT FOR TERMINATED WPCFPD PAID EMPLOYEE'S REMAINING REGULAR TIME PAY THAT WOULD BE ACCRUED THROUGH JULY 19TH, 2019, AND TO PAY OUT ANY ACCUMULATED LEAVE, VACATION, OR SICK LEAVE ACCUMULATED AND CALCULATED AS OF TODAY'S DATE

Following brief discussion, it was noted there would be a change from "terminated" to "paid Administrative Leave." Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork approved direction to the Finance Dept. to prorate the payout for paid Administrative Leave Fire District paid employees' remaining regular time pay that would be accrued through July 19, 2019 and to pay out any accumulated leave, vacation, or sick leave accumulated and calculated as of today's date. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO TEMPORARILY RENT FROM TODAY'S DATE AT 6 PM UNTIL JUNE 30TH, 2019 AT MIDNIGHT FOR A TEMPORARY RENTAL FEE OF \$8,000/MONTH PLUS UTILITIES, UNTO MEDX AIRONE, CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE WPCFPD STATION 1 BUILDING AND BAYS, BEING ONLY THOSE AREAS NOT OCCUPIED, DESIGNATED, OR USED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGER. FURTHER DESIGNATION/DETAIL OF SPECIFIC SPACE TO BE RENTED, EXCLUDED, AND COMMON SPACE SHARED WITH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO BE OUTLINED IN RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO BE RATIFIED AT NEXT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING (RENTAL FEE TO BE PRORATED FOR REMAINING DAYS OF APRIL)

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to temporarily rent from today's date at 6PM until June 30, 2019 at midnight for a temporary rental fee of \$8,000/month plus utilities unto MedX AirOne and those areas specified in the agenda item, and to be ratified at the next Fire Commission meeting. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION TO RENT TO MEDX AIRONE UP TO TWO AMBULANCES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FROM TODAY'S DATE AT 6PM THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2019, EXCLUDING MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FUEL FOR A MONTHLY COST OF \$500/MONTH (RENTAL FEE TO BE PRORATED FOR REMAINING DAYS OF APRIL AND ANY MEDICAL SUPPLIES OR FUEL USED WILL BE TRACKED AND REIMBURSED FOR ACTUAL COSTS TO THE WPCFPD)

Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion reflecting the action taken by the Fire Commission. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION (TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY) TO GRANT UNTO MEDX AIRONE A TEMPORARY AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONCURRENT AMBULANCE FRANCHISE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO, AND PROVIDING AMBULANCE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR "LIFE-FLIGHT" ORIGINATING ONLY AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL/CLINIC WITHIN THE CITY OF ELY AND TERMINATING ONLY AT THE COUNTY AIRPORT EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY'S DATE AND TERMINATING AT MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 30TH, 2019 WITH A POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OR MODIFIED TERMS UPON REQUEST BY THE CITY OF ELY, AND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY TO RATIFY THE SPECIAL FRANCHISE, TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADVERTISEMENT

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that the County Code states a franchise should be granted on ambulance franchises; there is an emergency exception. He noted that we do have one with respect to coverage since the paid staff have turned in their keys, as he clarified. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a

motion to grant to MedX AirOne a temporary ambulance franchise for the sole purpose of providing ambulance services for life flight transports, effective from today's date until June 30, 2019 at midnight, and to hold a public hearing during the first meeting in May to ratify the special franchise, as noted and discussed. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPROVE WRITTEN TEMPORARY AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELY FOR EMS/FIRE SERVICE, AND/OR TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY, GRANT UNTO THE CITY OF ELY AN AMBULANCE FRANCHISE FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND SPECIAL EVENT EMS/AMBULANCE SERVICE PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE FROM TODAY'S DATE AT 6PM THROUGH MIDNIGHT ON JUNE 30TH, 2019, AND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY TO RATIFY THE SPECIAL FRANCHISE, TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADVERTISEMENT

District Attorney Mike Wheable explained this pertains to the ambulance franchise needing to formally be put in place, although the emergency clause in the agreement covers us. Commissioner Steve Stork provided his disclosure statement. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to acknowledge and approve the written temporary agreement with the City of Ely for EMS/Fire and including granting an ambulance franchise for countywide emergency medical service to the City of Ely as specified in the agenda item above. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELY FOR EMS SERVICES, AND/OR TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY GRANT UNTO THE CITY OF ELY AN EXCLUSIVE AMBULANCE FRANCHISE FOR COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AND SPECIAL EVENT EMS/AMBULANCE SERVICE PURSUANT TO COUNTY CODE, FOR THE LIFE OF THE AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WPCFPD, AND THE CITY OF ELY FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMS SERVICE BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FIRST MEETING IN MAY TO RATIFY THE SPECIAL FRANCHISE, TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADVERTISEMENT

District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that part of the agreement the City/County entered into included granting the City of Ely this so that they could run all the calls in the County. The Special Public Hearing needs to be done, including the advertising of same. Commissioner Steve Stork provided his disclosure statement. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve this as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. D.A. Wheable added that this will be drafted so that the City of Ely will have the ability to run their ambulance as well as the County. Motion carried.

CATHERINE BAKARIC, WPC TREASURER

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AN AFFIDAVIT FOR DELINQUENT TAX MAILING

WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric read her affidavit into the record. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the affidavit for delinquent tax mailing as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

NICHOLE BALDWIN, WPC CLERK

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE AND WHITE PINE COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS AT NO COST FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 30, 2020

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin cited the backup materials, noting this contract covers some requirements that were given to all County Clerks by the Secretary of State at the end of last year. We are required to purchase Albert Sensors and hardware, but the State would also reimburse us, and they did that. She explained that the sensor improves cybersecurity during elections; we purchase, install and maintain it, plus send out various reports. She is requesting the Commission approve this, as it's at no cost to the County. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve this contract as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

AFFIDAVIT OF CATHERINE M. BAKARIC

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE)

I, CATHERINE M. BAKARIC, do hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that the following assertions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief

- 1 That I was appointed as Treasurer and ex-officio Tax Receiver for White Pine County, Nevada and have been acting as such since July 1, 2013.
- 2 That I have mailed notices of delinquencies to 869 delinquent White Pine County taxpayers by April 4, 2019;
- 3 Current year delinquent parcel notices totaled 669.
- 4 Prior year delinquent parcel notices totaled 132.
- 5 Three year delinquent parcel notices totaled 68.
- 6 Of such, the number of letters returned was 27 with 24 of those deemed undeliverable and 3 resent

DATED this 24th day of April, 2019

Catherine M. Bakaric
Catherine M. Bakaric
White Pine County Treasurer

Signed and affirmed to before me by
Catherine M. Bakaric this 24th day of April, 2019

Shonna K. Sampson
NOTARY PUBLIC



DEPARTMENT HEADS

LANCE GALE, AIRPORT MANAGER

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON ELY AIR RACE/AIR SHOW FOR JUNE 13-15, 2019

Airport Manager Lance Gale thanked the Board of County Commissioners for all they are doing for White Pine County, and for all the hours they spend for the community; he noted he was speaking as a citizen of the County. Manager Gale explained that the IF1 was given a deadline to have some tasks completed regarding the Air Races/Air Show, and while they did 80% of those things the deadline was yesterday. He noted that the event requires EMS support, in reply to a query from the Board, Manager Gale explained he has no access to the files, and the plan that we submitted to the FAA for last year's event is most likely in Station 1, to which he no longer has access. During the discussion, he continued that the FAA was coming next week to observe our mock disaster, for which the FAA has to sign off. The ARFF vehicle must be certified, and the IF1 group requires that certification so they can put their plan together for the event. That must include personnel, their certification, etc., and how they would be responding to different situations. He advised this was all put together with the assistance of the Fire District; unfortunately, Manager Gale doesn't have a copy of that. D.A. Wheable noted that the County staff was either putting this together and we do have one, which we must try to locate; or they don't have one. During the discussion the issue of paper trails was brought up. The budget for the event this year, including insurance, was \$154,000; Manager Gale explained that the capital improvement projects that were part of the \$5 million this Airport was awarded, was because we WERE going to have the event. There were both financial and EMS factors that were up against deadlines, which he explained in detail. The Air Race Committee will represent that we will recommend NOT holding the Air Races/Air Show this year; but he won't do anything until this Board takes the action they need to take today. As of this date, there were only 10 tickets that were sold; he emphasized the County "hasn't spent a dime on this" to date. He added the protection clause in the contract which states the County has 30 days prior before the scheduled event to bail out. In reply to a query from the Board, Manager Gale noted \$22,000 had been raised, and many people came forward with their sponsorships. It was clarified that of the \$22,000, \$15,000 is in-hand and \$8,000 was committed.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/TO APPROVE AND PROCEED WITH THE ELY AIR RACES/AIR SHOW EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13-15, 2019

In reply to a query from Chairman Richard Howe, Airport Manager Lance Gale advised that if this Board decides not to proceed with the event, he will come back on May 8th as we would still have that 30-day window. The Board gave their comments: Commissioner Ian Bullis wished to hear the reasons the Air Race Committee would have for recommending this; he wants to ensure that our actions wouldn't derail the Reno Air Races' desire to take over our event. Manager Gale explained that the IF1 was "a big deal;" besides our waiver process, the FAA does accreditation for these events. The IF1 wants to be a "stand-alone" organization, and once they are accredited they can do that. However, if there is no event, "there is no accreditation." He continued that they met with the IF1 officials last Friday; many things didn't happen, or weren't in place, that they had said they would do. For example, we just got the list of 16 pilots from IF1 yesterday; we should have received that list months ago. Commissioner Steve Stork voiced disappointment that at the race meeting in early April, there were 9-1/2 months into a 12-month window to get the races organized but there were many things that hadn't been done even at that time. Also, during the past month, the EMS issues and the closure of Station 1 certainly contributed, although it was a combination of things. Commissioner Travis Godon agreed, noting that blaming the cancellation of the races on the fire/EMS concerns wasn't the whole story. Chairman Howe added that people weren't getting the answers they were looking for. While he assured the assemblage that the City has the EMS thing covered, there were just too many things that had gone on for too long and providing less than half of the answers we needed. Commissioner Shane Bybee didn't wish to comment. D.A. Wheable asked why we got so much done last year, although we had less time to do it in; Manager Gale explained that we didn't get our waiver until 72 hours away from the actual event. The FAA had advised the IF1 of everything they had to do, which was basically all done by our Air Race Committee last year. If it wasn't for our committee, he noted, we wouldn't have had our races last year. Commissioner Ian Bullis wished to clarify that we are having to close the Air Races down this year "because the ball was dropped by the people actually coming out to do the race, and not because of anything on the County side of it." Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve and proceed with the Ely Air Races/Show event scheduled for June 13-15, 2019. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion failed 0:5. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to oppose proceeding. Motion carried 5:0; the Board unanimously voted not to proceed.

DISCUSSION ONLY: REGARDING HOW THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE/EMS SERVICES BETWEEN WPC AND THE CITY OF ELY WILL IMPACT MED FLIGHTS, EMS RESPONSE, AIR RACES AND AIR SHOWS, AARF TRUCK TRAINING, AND POSSIBLE EMS REQUIREMENTS AS WE WORK TO BRING AIR SERVICES BACK TO YELLAND FIELD WITH FAA REQUIREMENTS

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised he had a question regarding the interlocal agreement; there is no definitions regarding how the entities can respond to the Airport for incidents that could occur. He did contact our insurance broker, though, and they did answer his question. But for the ARFF vehicle, and here he cited the inventories being done, who would run the budget for that now? The reply was that the WPC Fire District would be doing that. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised that the ARFF truck had been run by the City in the past; that truck used to be in Salt Lake City, but now it's in Dallas, Texas, and the certification question had come up. D.A. Wheable assured the Board that it will be covered. Ely City Fire Chief Ross Rivera commented that he doesn't have a copy of that certificate, and that's one of the things they will need to track down. There was a brief discussion about the ARFF certification at the Airport; it's really not required, since it was under the Part 135, which we had lost. However, Manager Gale advised that we are now back into compliance to get air service back to the Airport; he's been taking part in discussions regarding that. D.A. Wheable confirmed this, noting "we are working on being prepared for that." There followed a brief discussion whereby our further Airport grant applications would be affected if certain coverages at the Airport aren't met; however, we are good for Part 135 at this point in time. Commissioner Steve Stork was disturbed with how everything has rolled out with the FAA closing the Airport, etc. Manager Gale added that he had received a phone call regarding notifications; basically, he had to make phone calls to all the commercial carriers and CEOs that we had no ARFF services at our Airport; it was further noted that Emergency Management Director Carl Gregory had notified people that all life flights and NDF flights would have to be rerouted to other Airports. Commissioner Stork wanted to know how that all came about, and stated that it put White Pine County and the Commission in a bad light. D.A. Wheable emphasized that Station 1 wasn't closed until today, April 24th; and Commissioner Stork added we aren't mandated to have ARFF services unless we are Part 139, which we are not. Manager Gale explained how he had been given direction from the FAA about those issues. These concerns will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON THE AIRPORT ACIP 2018 & 2019 PROJECTS

Airport Manager Lance Gale advised that our Airport is 94% Federally funded; as we are a sponsoring agency, we only have to match 6%. We therefore repaired/replaced the south end of the runway in 2016; in 2018 we did the center section runway/taxi area, and those are 94% completed to date. What remains is the fog seal; we are underbudget, so now this year we can fog seal everything. He explained that would mean everyone would be of uniform color prior to striping the runway/taxi areas. He continued that will be done in mid-May; the alternate runway may be utilized during that period. Last year, \$13 million was spent on Airport improvements. We applied for discretionary funding, and we got it—the only Western regional Airport to receive it!—in the amount of \$5 million dollars. We saved over \$300,000 by not having to pay for those improvements. Manager Gale continued that this year's project—during 2019—is that the ramp area at the south end of the Airport will all be rehabilitated, cracksealed, and fog sealed. We put out RFPs and received 2 bids for that project. The grant will be roughly \$110,000, with a match of \$6,000 from the County, and the project should commence in July/August. He did note the Airport would have to be shut down for application of the fog seal, roughly for 6 hours on two different days. All the commercial carriers will be notified, and in an emergency we could open up the north half of the Airport runways.

KRISTI ROZICH, AQUATIC CENTER DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE AQUATIC CENTER AND MCGILL POOL HOURS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2019 BASED ON CURRENT STAFF NUMBERS

Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich advised that she will need 29 staff members in order to have everything run smoothly this summer; she currently has 10 Lifeguards, 1 Cashier, and 4 Swim Instructors. She is trying to cross-train people as well. She is cross-training 3 people now, from McGill, she noted. Typically she's been advertising with respect to holding summer camps, the swim team, etc., but she is waiting a bit longer to see if she can get enough people; she asking for some ideas. She wants to have McGill open Friday through Sunday and have some operations done at the Aquatic Center during the weekends. She might start off with shorter hours and hold as many classes as possible, so long as people keep turning in their applications. Commissioner Ian Bullis felt that if the Board approves these hours people might not be happy; he suggested making sure the reason for the changes are that she needs more staff help. Director Rozich advised she's being very vocal about their need for people to help right now. They are paying just over \$9.00/hour, which is at the high end of pay for part-time people, it was noted. Human Resources Director Tim Bunch advised the McGill Town Council is providing some incentive for training costs and keeping their status in the summer; they're offering \$100,000 for completing their training. Commissioner Bullis suggested a future agenda item to strategize this further. Commissioner Shane Bybee advised that jobs are available, but there are no applicants. He is concerned because we have investments here, and we need to keep them in place. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve changing the Aquatic Center and McGill Pool hours for the summer, and authorize Director Rozich to do what she feels best regarding the hours. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that Director Rozich has done some research, and some of the different incentives explored need to be brought forward; those should be placed on the next Commission meeting agenda. Commissioner Steve Stork referred to the national standard for staffing swimming pools, and asked if we are mandated by our insurance to keep to that standard. Director Rozich replied in the affirmative; depending upon the situations and classes being held in the pool, for example, the standards change from 1:10 people, 1:15, or 1:25; she added there is a time schedule involved with staff coverage as well. Commissioner Stork felt this is an emergency situation and we need to get the pools staffed, and we have a short timeframe to do it in; he added that "it's key to McGill to having the pool (there) open in the summer." Director Rozich emphasized that it isn't her intent to shut down the McGill pool. Commissioner Shane Bybee added that he wants the McGill Pool to remain open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, no matter what. Chairman Richard Howe suggested closing the Ely Pool down 1 day a week to allow the McGill Pool to remain open all weekend. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted that once we have staff, we can change scheduling. Following brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold a special meeting on this matter next Tuesday, April 30th, at 9:00 a.m. It was noted that 2 Commissioners won't be here on that day, but there would be enough Commissioners present for a quorum. Commissioner Ian Bullis' motion was recalled for the Board, and Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO USE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS TO PURCHASE A PLAYGROUND FEATURE FOR THE MCGILL POOL

Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich advised that former pool director Megan Brown had items in place with changes made to the gutters, etc. Some funds still remain in the budget; a trampoline was purchased for the McGill Pool, but they still wanted something for the littler kids. Some items that had been discussed at that time were found to be lacking in safety, or they needed additional equipment which would be costly (as a solid base, even electricity). She cited some ideas in the backup materials for this agenda item. Commissioner Shane Bybee asked which one she would

recommend; she likes the Discovery Center, #4 or #5. D.A. Wheable recommended a “not to exceed X amount of dollars” in the motion would be good. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve Capital Improvement Funds to purchase a playground feature for the McGill Pool, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

TIM BUNCH, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch explained that his predecessor started this process, but there’s no current Job Description for this; this will alleviate that problem. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the Job Description for Chief Deputy Treasurer as submitted. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM AND TIMELINES TO CONDUCT SAID EVALUATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CBA ARTICLE 9-B

Human Resources Director Tim Bunch noted that the policy is a key issue, since these forms need to be done 60 days prior to the new fiscal year. So if no evaluations are done, there is an automatic step increase for individuals, as he explained. He added this is a POOL/PACT template that he tailored for our use. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances asked about a proposed timeline; he responded that we’re already outside that window, and we can’t ask the Department Heads to evaluate and make the timeline deadline. Next year, however, the window will be from April to May, he noted. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood asked if the Performance Evaluation and raises are done, would those be for the cost-of-living increase or a step increase? The reply was, it will be a step increase. Director Calderwood then asked, if people are already at the 8-step max, what would their incentive be? He felt it should be based on one’s cost-of-living so there would be a loss by the employee if they didn’t perform. Director Bunch noted that would need to be taken up by the separate bargaining units. Commissioner Ian Bullis asked if someone was doing a bad job, would this also cover us if we didn’t give them the raise? Director Bunch replied in the affirmative, noting that we need to have consistency and have a continuous evaluation process throughout the County. Director Frances asked if he is training the Department Heads on how to properly conduct those evaluations; he responded it’s on his “to-do” list. He will discuss this with the Department Heads and do a “mock evaluation” session with them and select individuals. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the non-exempt employee Performance Evaluation Form and timelines to conduct said evaluation in accordance with CBA Article 9-B, as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/DIRECTION/APPROVAL RELATED TO VARIOUS ITEMS AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE FY2020 BUDGET INCLUDING: COMMISSION, CLERK, RECORDER INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGETS, ASSESSOR INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGET, TREASURER, ELECTIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE-ELY INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGETS, DISTRICT COURT I INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGETS, DISTRICT COURT II INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE BUDGETS, JUDICIAL RELATED COSTS, JUVENILE PROBATION, JUVENILE DETENTION, BAILIFFS, JUDICIAL COURT SUPPORT, SHERIFF INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION, DETECTIVE, PATROL, JAIL, CORONER, DISPATCH AND TASK FORCE, FIRE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE, PARKS MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS-ANIMAL CONTROL, COUNTYWIDE EXPENSES, LIBRARY, AIRPORT OPERATING, NATURAL RESOURCES, TRANSFERS, CONTINGENCY, AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION, SOCIAL SERVICES INCLUDING DONATIONS FUND, ROAD DEPARTMENT, AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, SB74 TAX FUND, TOWNS OF LUND, MCGILL & RUTH, SENIOR CENTER, INDUSTRIAL PARK, BUILDING & PLANNING, GOLF COURSE, AQUATIC CENTER INCLUDING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, CHINA SPRINGS, CAMP SUCCESS, TOURISM & RECREATION BOARD, AND TRI-COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

Chairman Richard Howe summarized the text title into the record, using the language “as written and listed on the agenda item today.” Finance Director Elizabeth Frances provided a packet showing the projected fund balance and the utilization of funds as updated via changes made by the Commission to date. She added we are still within the 25%

range as set forth by the Nv. Dept. of Taxation. She continued on through the list, noting 4 items in particular she wished to bring forward:

Tourism & Recreation Board, Tri-County Weed District, the Horse Races, and the Task Force. For the Tourism & Recreation Board, she has contacted their Director Kyle Horvath but has yet to hear back from him; she will keep the Board posted.

For the Tri-County Weed District, she reported that Lincoln County is asking us to take this over; she's been working with Rope Ashworth on this. We will be taking on a \$1.2 million budget for this, she noted. She explained the breakdown of their budget; it has an ending fund balance of \$-0-, and she felt they would need a cushion so she will be discussing this with them. She would need to set up a special revenue fund and then they would be added to our payroll as soon as possible.

She explained the Horse Races next; the Board agreed to leave this budget at \$30,000 for now.

For the Task Force, she recommended pre-funding this for 1 year due to the constant instability at the Federal level. That way, she advised, the funds would be in there for reserve if the Feds decide not to fund for this. The two positions in there would have at least a year in that event, she noted. As the Board discussed, she will transfer \$81,000 into that fund.

Commissioner Shane Bybee asked about the Tri-County Weed District bookkeeping; would we be taking that on or going through a private contractor? Director Frances advised they are a government entity and they would have to flow through our County books. It would be done in-house; Rope Ashworth will be providing that to us.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MARCH 2019 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Director Frances handed out the March 2019 Financial Reports today and advised she will put them on the agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to table this agenda item; Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY GRANT REPORTS

Director Frances advised that not all the quarterly grant reports that were due were turned in, but she is requesting the Board's approval for those that were; she noted they're listed in the backup materials. She will work on the remaining reports with the Department Heads. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve the reports that were submitted. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the quarterly grant reports that were submitted. Commissioner Steve Stork 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 Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE MAY 2019 AS NEVADA WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the Proclamation to declare May 2019 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

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

March 27, 2019

Special Jt. County Commission/Fire Commission April 9, 2019

April 10, 2019

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve these sets of minutes. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to approve the March 27th, April 9th, and April 10th sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

WHITE PINE COUNTY PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF
NEVADA WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH - MAY 2019

Whereas, wildfire significantly impacts Nevada's environmental, economic and social well-being; and

Whereas, residents of Nevada's fire-prone communities need to accept responsibility for living in high fire-hazard areas; and

Whereas, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation surrounding the home and appropriate home construction and maintenance to resist ignition; and

Whereas, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by practicing evacuation from their homes and communities, and

Whereas, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring good access in and out of their communities for emergency responders

Therefore be it proclaimed, that the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners supports the month of May, 2019 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month and this year's theme:

Wildfires Happen.
Is Your Community Prepared?

as a means for education and a call for residents of White Pine County to take action now to reduce the wildfire threat and prepare their homes, families and communities for wildfire

Passed, Approved and Adopted this <insert date> day of <insert Month>, 2019 by <insert Name> of White Pine County

Attest

PUBLIC COMMENT


There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:41 p.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ian Bullis made the motion; Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

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