

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON JULY 8, 2020 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission

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

County Officials

Mike Johnson, IT Specialist
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist
Brett North, WPC Fire District Chief
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Also Present

George Chachas, George Town Media
Nathan Robertson, Ely Mayor
Bryan Hamilton
Ross Rivera, Ely Fire Chief
Gary Perea (Zoom)
Diane Arvizo, NRHA (Zoom)
Jeremy Drew, RCI (Zoom)
Dagney Stapleton, NACO (Zoom)

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gary Perea commented via Zoom regarding the controversy about masks, with respect to COVID-19. He voiced support of our Board of Public Health Officer, and all that he is doing for the community. As a business owner, he has a concern about the State closing casinos due to their lack of compliance. He felt we should be wearing masks in order to help out the economy, and reiterated his support of our Public Health Officer.

Ely Mayor Nathan Robertson extended his gratitude to White Pine County for their help; he added that Public Health Officer Dr. David Byun had made a decision that took a lot of courage to make. While this is a recommendation rather than a mandate, organizations are being asked to cooperate, and they've done so willingly. On the 4th of July, he continued, the community came together and we made ourselves as safe as possible. It takes courage to make hard decisions, in the face of overwhelming facts. He continued that in the letters the City of Ely sent out regarding wearing masks, while there is no active control the City is aware there are areas that are not in compliance and those could face some public nuisance fines; he noted there is time given for these businesses, organizations, etc. to comply. He emphasized that the City is in the information/education mode, and they would like to

remain there without having to go further. He appreciates the courage shown in our community.

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that at the quarterly meeting yesterday, on behalf of the Department Heads, a discussion was held on the current COVID-19 situation. They requested she approach the Board with their concerns. Basically, it appears we have some spread of the virus; the Department Heads were wondering how to deal with employees who may have been exposed, and what would that look like. Since they didn't have the expertise to provide clear answers, our Public Health Officer Dr. David Byun replied to their queries in that he shares their concerns but has a reasonable plan to minimize risks. He reported there are only 3 active cases, and the rest have recovered from the virus. He cited contact tracing as a method to locate those people who have been exposed; once they are identified, we would be more comfortable in our daily work and staffing decisions could be made more clearly. Being able to provide essential services to our citizens is a concern and it was felt contact tracing would help. He advised that the Hospital testing is faster now, 45 minutes, which means less time for potential exposure and less business interruption. Dr. Byun also recommended that if a contact had been met for more than 10 minutes, the person potentially exposed should be tested from 5-7 days AFTER the exposure, as any sooner the virus wouldn't be detected. The Department Heads also discussed the need to wear face masks; it was generally agreed that not all of the Departments would need to wear them, just those who service the public. They felt that if someone is facing or serving the public directly, the masks should be worn.

Mr. George Chachas felt the Legal Defense Fund on today's agenda was ridiculous; he felt if someone is knowingly violating the law, there's a politician wanting to bail them out. Law enforcement should bear the brunt of layoffs; he cited discrimination on the lack of remuneration for his losses due to vandalism. Another agenda item pertains to the Jack Caylor Park; he noted it's right next to an unfenced lot with lots of broken glass, etc., and it's not a safe location unless that lot is cleaned up; he maintained the Building Inspector is turning the other way on that. Mr. Chachas continued that he went to visit Mr. Rudy Herndon over the 4th of July weekend; he's restoring a home and theatre in McGill. He's having to come up with handicapped parking when there's no lots available to do that, and further there's no regulation mandating off-street parking. He cited the Building Inspector again, maintaining that this needs to be addressed. Apparently there's selective enforcement of the law, and "depending on who you are, nothing gets done." He wants answers. Time was called.

Dr. Bryan Hamilton spoke to the issues of racial equality and race relations, and that he's coming to the Board out of humility. He noted that "race" doesn't exist as a biological concept, and there's more diversity in Africa than one would believe. He advised that black people and Latinos are dying more than others from COVID-19. He maintains that it's the system that exists, which is all about power, which changes the way we look at racism. He noted that regarding "white privilege," whites don't like to be called "white;" we're not used to be identified by a race. He pointed out that we don't have to struggle as much because we're white: He felt the Board should ask themselves, "If I was a different color, would I have been elected?" He added that the County Commission could be a very powerful voice for change.

At 9:15 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe recessed the County Commission meeting and opened the Fire Commission meeting. At 9:30 a.m., Chairman Howe adjourned the Fire Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

10:00 A.M. – NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-46 – A REQUEST TO TRANSFER THE COUNTY’S 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND CAP TO NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NRHA)

Ms. Diane Arvizo, NRHA Director of Home Ownership Programs, was present via Zoom; she thanked the Board for the opportunity to present today. She provided a brief history of what NRHA has accomplished since 2006, when White Pine County first transferred the County’s private activity bond cap to them. They’ve assisted from 51 families that first year, up to 9,000 families currently. The pool of unused funds goes towards single family assistance programs, namely the Affordable Mortgage Program and the Down Payment Assistant Program, as she explained. She is requesting the Board’s support again today so they can continue to fund the single family programs. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-46, to transfer the County’s 2020 private activity bond cap to NRHA as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried. In reply to a query from the Board, Director Arvizo advised there is education available online regarding the programs and their requirements; there will also be media advertising on our local radio station to help as well. She added the NRHA does own the Bristlecone Apartments, which project has just been completed. She will include an update on those for her next report to the Board, to be placed on the next Commission agenda.

10:30 A.M. – RESOURCE CONCEPTS, INC.

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

Mr. Jeremy Drew, RCI, reported via Zoom that there’s not been much that has changed since his last report on these issues. He did note that the Moriah Herd Area Horse Gather Plan EA has just opened up for Public Comment; it’s due July 24th, and he felt we could put that on the next agenda. He also reported on various upcoming meetings during the next 2 weeks that he will be attending on the County’s behalf. He encouraged the Commissioners that if they had items they would like him to pursue, to contact him. The Board thanked him for his update.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL REGARDING A COMMENT LETTER TO THE BLM NEVADA STATE OFFICE PRESCRIBED AND TARGETED GRAZING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Commissioner Travis Godon abstained from this agenda item due to his family’s ranching involvement. Mr. Jeremy Drew advised the BLM is taking a proactive step in doing the EA; they’re looking to streamline things and come up with a program that will be consistent through all Districts for a use permit to address this, specifically cheatgrass and red broom. RCI feels the program is consistent and they do support increasing grazing that won’t affect current grazing. They wish to ensure the program wouldn’t be so cumbersome

as to discourage grazing permittees from participating; he felt just some refining would be needed, as well as to ensure no curtailing of term grazing limits or other authorizations would be involved. He continued that a more permanent permit would be more efficient, and wouldn't be harmful to existing grazing operations for the permittees. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to move forward with the comment letter to the BLM as presented. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Travis Godon abstaining.

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

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White Pine County
Board of County Commissioners
RESOLUTION No. 2020-46

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA
PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 2020 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND
VOLUME CAP TO THE NEVADA RURAL HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND OTHER MATTERS
RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 348A of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 348A of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), there has been allocated to White Pine County, Nevada (the "County"), the amount of \$343,318.90 in tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap for year 2020 (the "2020 Bond Cap"); and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (the "NRHA"), has requested that the County transfer its 2020 Bond Cap to the NRHA for the purpose of providing a means of financing the costs of single family residential housing that will provide decent, safe and sanitary dwellings at affordable prices for persons of low and moderate income ("Single Family Programs"); and

WHEREAS, the County is a local government as defined by NAC 348A.070; and

WHEREAS, Section 348A.180 of the NAC provides a procedure whereby the County may, by resolution, transfer to any other local government located within the same county, all or any portion of its 2020 Bond Cap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 315.983(1)(a), the NRHA is an instrumentality, local government and political subdivision of the State of Nevada (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, the NRHA is located within the County, pursuant to NRS 315.963, which defines the NRHA's area of operation as "any area of the State which is not included within the corporate limits of a city or town having a population of 150,000 or more."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County does hereby find, resolve, determine and order as follows:

Section 1 - Recitals. The recitals set forth herein above are true and correct in all respects.

Section 2 - Transfer of Private Activity Bond Volume Cap. Pursuant to NAC 348A.180, the County hereby transfers its 2020 Bond Cap in the amount of \$343,318.90 to the NRHA for its Single Family Programs.

Section 3 Use of 2020 Bond Cap The NRHA will use the 2020 Bond Cap for single family purposes in calendar year 2020 or carry forward any remaining amount according to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, for such purposes.

Section 4 Representative of County Pursuant to NAC 348A.180(1), the Director of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry (the "Director") may contact Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk, White Pine County, regarding this Resolution at (775) 293-6509 or by email at WPClerk@WhitePineCountyNV.Gov or in writing at 801 Clark Street, Suite 4, Ely, Nevada 89301.

Section 5 Additional Action The County Manager and Clerk of the County are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions as necessary to effectuate the transfer of the 2020 Bond Cap, and carry out the duties of the County hereunder, including the execution of all certificates pertaining to the transfer as required by NAC 348A.

Section 6 Direction to the NRHA The NRHA shall notify the Director in writing as soon as practicable of the occurrence or nonoccurrence of any term or condition that would affect the disposition of the 2020 Bond Cap.

Section 7 Representative of the NRHA Pursuant to NAC 348A.180(3), the Director may contact Diane Arvizo, Director of Homeownership Programs of the NRHA regarding this Resolution at (775) 886-7900 or by email at Diane@NVRural.Org or in writing at Nevada Rural Housing Authority, 3695 Desatoya Drive, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Section 8 Obligation of the County This Resolution is not to be construed as a pledge of the faith and credit of or by the County, or of any agency, instrumentality, or subdivision of the County. Nothing in this Resolution obligates or authorizes the County to issue bonds for any project or to grant approvals for a project or constitutes a representation that such bonds will be issued.

Section 9 Enforceability If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 8th day of July, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA

By Richard Howe
Richard Howe, Chair

ATTEN:

By Nichole Baldwin
Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSION

RICHARD HOWE, CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF LETTER TO THE NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING VOTING OPTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING GENERAL ELECTION

Chairman Richard Howe felt that our citizens should be allowed to vote, whether in early voting, mail-in, or in person; he noted that Secretary of State Barbara K. Cegavske agreed with this. He cited the draft and asked the Board's opinion; they agreed it was perfect. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve sending the letter to the Nevada Secretary of State regarding voting options for the General Election as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE CENSUS CHALLENGE FROM PERSHING COUNTY

Chairman Richard Howe reiterated Pershing County is roughly within 1% of us; they were at 42 and we were at 43 when they issued the challenge. Now White Pine County is up to 45, so we are accepting the 2020 Census Challenge from Pershing County. It is hoped we will be able to reach 100%. There was discussion of putting some money into this, individually and not as a Board, out-of-pocket; the winning County will have something that can be donated to their community. Following some discussion, it was agreed a donation could be made to the Senior Centers, either Pershing's or ours, whichever wins. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to accept the Census Challenge from Pershing County, and that a letter be sent indicating our acceptance of the challenge. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM LUND TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING MAINTENANCE ON ROADS IN LUND

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood advised he had met with the Lund Town Council members; while it is unknown what had been committed to in the past, he assured them that everything the County has committed to do and approved through the Regional Transportation Commission has been done. The only delay that occurred was the second oil stabilization process, which wasn't completed until June of this fiscal year. He added that he will provide updates on that during the next Road Commission meeting. Director Calderwood continued that they're scheduled to chip this year, and the chips are already being hauled; he did note that if the chips are under 24 tons, an additional \$150 fee is added. Therefore in order to do this, the entire town of Lund would definitely be over 24 tons; doing it all at once would be more cost-efficient. As to phone calls; for calls to his cell phone, he always responds; he's not sure where the misinformation is coming from, but he assured that within the month all of Lund will be chipsealed and on time, for when it was scheduled to be done. He maintained that everything in the letter from the Lund Town Council had been approved by the Regional Transportation Commission. Commissioner Shane Bybee took extreme exception to the letter; the County is based on a per-gallon fee, and we're getting the same level of funding that we were given 15 years ago. He continued that means we've got 30% less funding than what we received back then, and we're doing more work. We've been answering the phone calls, working on the projects, and this letter really sets him off. During the discussion, Chairman Richard Howe noted that when something is put into the budget, it can't be acted upon until the next fiscal year; the Lund Town Council needs to understand that. Director Calderwood advised that they don't understand the timeframe involved prior to actually moving forward after the request has been made. He added that frankly, even if this Board were to send them a letter, by the time they receive it, the chipsealing will be taking place. Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle advised this should be left as a discussion item, with no action required.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF LETTER TO THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE ON CRITICAL FUNDING ISSUES

Chairman Richard Howe cited the Board's appreciation for NACO and all they've done for us, as well as all the help we have received and are getting from all the agencies. He added this letter expresses the thanks, from the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the County as a whole. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to approve the letter to NACO thanking them for their support as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF LETTER TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD REGARDING THEIR SUPPORT FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH THE HIGHWAY 50 PROJECT THROUGH DOWNTOWN ELY

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances cited the letter she handed out this morning for the Board to consider. Chairman Richard Howe advised the letter thanks the State Transportation Board for moving forward and bringing back the funding for this big project, that's really helping our community. He noted each Commissioner will be signing individually. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve sending the letter to the State Transportation Board for their support of the Highway 50 Project in downtown Ely as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

TRAVIS GODON, VICE-CHAIRMAN

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE D.A. AND FINANCE OFFICE TO BRING FORWARD A STRUCTURE IN WHICH WHITE PINE COUNTY CAN SET UP A LEGAL DEFENSE FUND TO REIMBURSE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT GET FINED FROM STATE AGENCIES AND/OR STATE REGULATORY BODIES AS IT RELATES TO GROSSLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL/ANTI-BUSINESS STATEWIDE COVID-19 MANDATES. PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCE: CARES ACT RELIEF FUNDS

Commissioner Travis Godon felt that as this had already been discussed, tabling this agenda item would be fine. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to table this; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

SCOTT HENRIOD, SHERIFF

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT TO PURCHASE BREATH TESTING EQUIPMENT. GRANT AWARD WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EQUIPMENT. COUNTY MATCH IS AN IN-KIND MATCH, TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN HOURS, IN THE TRAINING IN THE USE OF THE DEVICE

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised that WPC Sheriff Scott Henriod was unable to attend today, and he had requested that she present for him. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify the Office of Traffic Safety

Grant to purchase breath testing equipment as requested, with the in-kind match to be provided by hours through the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

JUDGE STEVE L. DOBRESCU, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE, LINCOLN AND EUREKA COUNTIES AS A PART OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

Director Frances advised this is an annual contract that is done for the three counties, White Pine, Lincoln and Eureka. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement among White Pine, Lincoln, and Eureka counties as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT (SNPLMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$492,271.00 FOR THE JACK CAYLOR PARK PHASE II PROJECT FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 10TH, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 9TH, 2023 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-

Director Frances advised that this is the 2nd of the 3 from the Round 17 SNPLMA Awards. She will answer any questions the Board might have; there were none. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to ratify the grant award from SNPLMA Round 17 for the Jack Caylor Park Phase II project as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

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

Ms. Dagney Stapleton, of NACO via Zoom, is here today to report on the CARES Act funds for White Pine County. She explained this is a fund which assists with the impacts and expenses directly occurring as a result of COVID-19; this is based on models other counties and States have created. Clark County set up a program with their funds last month, and we are utilizing their program as a model for White Pine County. Applications and screenings for businesses are included, plus the contract will help us through the process as well as reviewing the applications to ensure compliance. For example, for physical changes needed in order to accommodate spatial distancing, cleaning equipment for sanitizing, etc., NACO would contract with the contractor to provide those. The County would indicate their interest in this and a portal would be created; she emphasized that the County would have final approval and would distribute the funds to the businesses. In order to pay NACO for utilizing the program, an assessment would be requested of the County. CARES dollars could be used to pay the contractor, and White Pine County would be the Administrator for the County in this. She did note there's a limited range of items that we could spend the CARES dollars on, plus we would need to spend all that we receive; otherwise the unused funds would revert back to the State. Ms. Stapleton continued that

UNR would also be a partner that we could utilize for assistance and support, such as assisting us with the paperwork and other related tasks. Chairman Richard Howe advised that nearly all the County's businesses are within the City limits; he asked how that would work, and would it pertain to both the incorporated as well as unincorporated areas in the County. Ms. Stapleton noted that would be the Board's decision to make; we could share the dollars with all the businesses, whether or not the City would be willing to partner with us. She advised there's a formula that we could use in order to reach the desired proportion with the City of Ely or on our own. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised she hadn't approached the City on this yet, but if we work with NACO on this it removes us from the situation of having to review individual businesses; it would be more on a 3rd party basis. She would like to discuss the potential of both the City/County working on this together. In reply to a query from Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle, Ms. Stapleton explained the money may be used for training in areas where we may be lacking, such as in construction, workforce training. She emphasized several times during her presentation that the use of the CARES funds MUST be tied directly to the impacts of COVID-19, such as for training and/or employees out of work, for example. Commissioner Shane Bybee advised he had discussed with Ms. Caroline McIntosh, of the small business development agency, that the City has the intent to work on such a program already; he feels the City would be interested in coming on board with us in this. Commissioner Laurie Carson agreed, as she had talked with the Mayor about this and his feeling is that there are some businesses in the City that desperately need this. Ms. Stapleton pointed out that the perception of conflicts of interest in a small community such as ours would be removed by an outside contractor performing these tasks. Next Wednesday a conference call with herself, Director Frances, District Attorney Mike Wheable, and Chairman Richard Howe should be held to discuss the details of what the grants might consist of (such as dollar amounts for the businesses, etc.). A plan with line items—uses for the funds--should be formulated, including dollar amounts, on how to utilize the County's share of those funds as soon as possible. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that we have no idea what the costs would be for our small businesses, but perhaps a "not-to-exceed" amount should be plugged in, and then a "first come, first served" basis for those funds, in order to achieve a budget for this. Ms. Stapleton recommended that first we should figure out everything we could spend the monies on, and at the call-in meeting the grant amounts would be discussed. She noted Clark County felt \$10,000 would be sufficient, while some counties are looking at \$30,000 in grants; it really depends on how many businesses are in need. We don't require an exact amount to be set aside, she noted; the first round of funding could lead to a second round, but she cautioned that for this initial round the monies need to be "out the door" by December 31, 2020—she clarified that this is for items not included in our budget as of March 27th, 2020. Chairman Richard Howe felt keeping meetings on a small scale would be a good method to utilize the informed people that we do have; Commissioner Laurie Carson would prefer to table this until everything could be discussed later. Deputy D.A. Pyle indicated this is just for direction today; he noted; he felt we could let Ms. Stapleton go and then we could schedule a discussion/action item for this at a later time. He summarized that he's hearing the Board would like to participate with NACO and the City on this. Director Frances cited a handout, a list comprised of the compilation of all

the requests she has received to date. She reviewed the list and commented on the items briefly and how they could be tied to the COVID-9 mitigation efforts.

Commissioner Ian Bullis would like to see us not to support our government agencies, but rather all the businesses in our community. He wants to give the community a chance to make some requests and have a deadline for those; he did feel Director Frances' list was a good one. But his priority would be to open it up to the community and businesses first, and then to the government agencies.

Commissioner Travis Godon pointed out that we want to improve Main Street, and now we're "busting out businesses."

Commissioner Shane Bybee felt that we would have to take some items out of this list to run the County; he does agree with doing this for other businesses' needs. He cited the Boys and Girls Club will be open during this time; he held discussions with them, and they would like to be considered for \$50,000 for additional space and staffing. He underscored that this is an extremely good thing to have available for families in our community.

Commissioner Laurie Carson advised she appreciates discussing these items, and generally agrees with them, but we really need to take care of our public with respect to our jury trials, the Senior Center, the McGill showers for emergency personnel, and our Public Health office. Mainly, those areas serving or involving the public and emergency needs; this would also include the Horse Races, County Fair, and other events where we deal with the public, and that we need to protect them.

Chairman Richard Howe felt this is a good list, and there will be Federal funding available; but we should put a cap on what we can give to the businesses due to some of the items such as the jury trials, the McGill showers, etc. We need to try to help the businesses as much as we can; prioritizing the list will be a very important step, but again due to such items as the jury trials, etc., we need to stipulate a certain amount of dollars and put a cap on it, and then proceed to the other items. Commissioners Shane Bybee and Ian Bullis noted that for the McGill showers, for example, we already have those in our budget, and agreed the businesses should be a high priority. Commissioner Bullis, during the discussion, was fervently against the contact tracing; that is overreaching government, and he's very much opposed to it. It was noted that the majority of the County businesses are located in the City of Ely; Ms. Stapleton was asked if the funds could be used to provide that support to the City, or do we need to transfer funds over to the City for that purpose. Her reply was that the County could share the CARES dollars with any businesses. Following further discussion, the Board felt the public should be advised that requests for possible uses of this funding are welcomed, and give them the option to make those requests, and then the Board could review them. We would advertise to the public to send the County their requests, which would be reviewed. It was also noted that there are some outlying businesses in the County rather than the City, and reviews need to take that into account as well, for fairness. Their followed several suggestions/motions from the Board:

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to give the Finance Director the authority to earmark \$500,000 for small business funds, \$100,000 for the Fire District, and then the Senior Center, and \$12,500 towards the Bristlecone Convention Center (where the jury trials are to be held during COVID-19). Then Commissioner Shane Bybee wished to include the Boys and Girls Club; Commissioner Godon amended his motion to include the Club.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Godon added a second amendment to his motion to include the Horse Races/County Fair, if they will be held, and to set some funds aside for those. At this point, Director Frances recapped the amounts: \$500,000 for the small businesses; \$100,000 for the Fire District; \$50,000 for the Boys and Girls Club; Convention Center rental for jury trials, at \$12,500; \$3,420 for the Senior Center items; and two more additions, the sanitation foggers for \$5-7,000; and \$10,000 for the Horse Races/County Fair event (not on the list). Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded the second amended motion. The amended 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 Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF THE CLOSURE OF THE GEORGETOWN RANCH ROAD ON JULY 4TH FROM 6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to ratify the closure of the Georgetown Ranch Road on July 4th as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

PERMISSION TO USE COUNTY ROADS DURING LUND PIONEER DAY PARADE IN LUND ON JULY 25, 2020

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle noted this was improperly agendaed; he felt it was probably cancelled anyway, per information the Board has received. If the event will be held, he recommended putting it back on the agenda; he noted we would still have time to do that.

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

- June 10, 2020
- Special June 19, 2020

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10th and Special June 19th County Commission meetings as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Richard Howe advised that there will be a special meeting next Wednesday (July 15th) at 9:00 a.m., for which Senator Pete Goicoechea will attend and provide an update of legislative actions being taken. He added Public Health Officer Dr. David Byun could also be on the agenda, even if he isn't available to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Travis Godon cited the 4th of July parade, etc.; we need to have a gentleman's agreement that as we go through this, there should be some representation from the people when orders go out, so the public would have an opportunity to comment. There needs to be some representation for the public with respect to governmental decisions.

Commissioner Shane Bybee commented that even though we live in a small community and feel like we're insulated from bad stuff, his 11 year old granddaughter was accosted on the street by someone who was trying to pull her into a car! He thanked the Sheriff's Department for being on the scene so quickly; she got away by running into a neighbor's house and calling 911. These kinds of things CAN happen here, and we need to make sure our kids aren't out there alone. We must remain vigilant! And he added that person's car description had gone out, and what the person was wearing, but as of this meeting he hadn't yet been caught.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:08 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

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BY: Richard Howe
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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