

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON AUGUST 26, 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
- Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
- Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- Bryan Pyle, Deputy District Attorney
- Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff
- Mike Wheable, District Attorney
- Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor
- Desiree Barnson, Social Svc. Dir. (Zoom)

Also Present

- George Chachas, George Town Media
- Mike Coster
- Daren Kunz
- Tyler Robertson
- O’Neal Scott, Western Oil/Western Gold
- Mary Kerner, RNDC
- Bryan Hamilton
- James Franklin, Western Oil/West. Gold
- Dr. Mike Mugosa, WBR Hospital

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Shane Bybee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

WPC Assessor Burton Hilton appreciated the funding offered by the County to purchase the derelict sheds at the north end of McGill; however, the County was outbid for those properties. The auction was very profitable for the County, though, and he thanked the Board for trying to abate those properties.

Mr. George Chachas noted that in reviewing the applications for the Public Health Official, they either don’t have the expertise or don’t have the proper credentials. He added that Dr. Byun is being proposed to be paid \$500.00/hour for mentoring the new Public Health Official, whereas he had been paid “peanuts” before. He felt the Board is “setting new highs and new lows,” and he urged them to hire someone who is qualified for the job. He also pointed out there are no orders to be ratified in the public packet. Mr. Chachas cited the July 15th RPC meeting where a parcel wasn’t split properly; the proposal was to take a 3.8 acre parcel down to 1 acre. He is appealing this, and he would like to put this on an agenda. He next advised there are many discrepancies/deficiencies regarding the Building Inspector, and he charged that person with selective enforcement under the color of law. The Convention Center parking lot is now nearly complete, but the center walkway

needs to be put back in and there's no ADA compliance. He also noted that a streetlight on the corner of 7th and Lyons Avenue was installed on private property, which can't be done. He wants answers to his questions!

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised she had received a letter to be read into the record, from Ms. Mary Sullivan, which she proceeded to do.

9:00 A.M. – BID OPENING/AUCTION FOR LEASE OF HANGAR 2

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO SELECT THE HIGHEST SEALED OR ORAL BID TO LEASE HANGAR #2 AT YELLAND FIELD AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE HIGHEST BIDDER CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEASE HANGAR #2 AT THE ELY AIRPORT

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised two bids had been received: One jointly from Tom Plehn and Peter Chagares, and the other from Mike Coster. Chairman Richard Howe advised the first bid from Plehn/Chagares was for \$240/month on a 1-year lease, with 4 subsequent years at their option for the original bid amount. They would also have the right of first refusal after that period of time. The second bid, from Mike Coster, was for \$241/month on a 5-year lease plus option years and terms per the bid package. He also supplied a written notice that he would intend to bid orally.

District Attorney Mike Wheable noted the first bid was debatable; there were no oral bids proposed, although there was a written notice by Mr. Coster that he would do so if needed. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to select. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to accept the bid from Mike Coster for \$241/month on a 5-year lease per terms in the bid package. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

9:15 A.M. – INTERVIEWS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO REVIEW CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL AND DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING IS NECESSARY

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances advised there are 2 candidates who have applied, and cited the backup materials. Both applicants are qualified for the position, and the Board can proceed with the interviews or decide if they might want to wait and obtain more applications. She noted that as we're currently in the middle of a pandemic, she would encourage the Board to go forward with the interviews, especially as we don't have a Public Health Official at this time. Chairman Richard Howe agreed with this and asked if the interviews should be open or closed; District Attorney Mike Wheable noted they are open, and the applicants don't have to leave when one is being interviewed. Following some discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to advertise further; died for lack of a motion.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/CONDUCT INTERVIEWS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Director Frances noted that since our Human Resources Director Tim Bunch is out of town, she will be going through the interview process with the applicants. D.A. Wheable noted this is an open meeting, and Mr. Tyler Robertson can stay if he so wishes.

Mr. Daren Kunz was invited to be interviewed first. Director Frances asked the interview questions:

1. *Tell us about your background, education and qualifications to be the White Pine County Public Health Officer.*

He's the Clinical Pharmacy Director for William B. Ririe Hospital, with a Doctorate in Pharmacology. He is daily asked for his recommendations, opinions, and research regarding patient care.

2. *Describe what you believe would be the main priorities or objectives of the White Pine County Public Health Officer.*

Right now there is a question of where are we going to go, and will the Governor withhold funding from the County. As a Commission they need to decide what to do; his personal feeling is to keep going the direction we are headed, although he doesn't agree with all the statistics that were just shared (by Commissioner Ian Bullis). Public health is an important venue in our area, without or without the pandemic; there are many communicable diseases and health/welfare issues in our community. He noted the education of families and the general public on various health issues have never been addressed; he feels the County deserves better, by actively educating and pursuing what is best for this community. He emphasized the importance of education and outreach. He commended Commissioner Bullis for taking the time to do his research, as there are many questions out there with respect to COVID-19. He continued that "we PRACTICE medicine," and do the best we know how. He would do the very best with the knowledge he could gain and rely on the experts, but he pointed out that this is "a practice, not a science."

3. *How do you propose to balance the medical needs with other public needs during the course of the pandemic?*

Our economy, businesses and citizens are all struggling. We can have activities and still be protected; if this means more hand-cleaning stations, fine, or wearing masks, fine. We shouldn't shut this town down; he noted we held events last weekend, and not everyone wore masks. There is a balance; we should be able to protect our health but still enjoy life and our freedoms. The problem is, if there is a law, a mandate or not, if the Governor holds ransoms, can we afford not to participate in the directives or lose funding? He continued that this Commission has the choice to make in filling this position.

4. *What is your expectation of the Public Health Board during the term of the pandemic and beyond?*

Resources/funding are a must; we should allow some funding, even though our budgets are tight. We need education, posters, immunization, and training sessions for health providers; any knowledge is good knowledge. We can put out mailers and do Facebook, but we can't be criticized from this Commission; the Board needs to support what the Public Health Officer does. He continued that we need some funds in this community; what can we do for free? For a

minimal cost? For a larger amount of funds? Nothing is free; he cited the importance of immunizations and other things that we should do, namely doing as much as we can with limited funds. He felt we still need to set aside some monies for individuals to go out and improve the health of our community.

5. *What resources do you anticipate you will need to perform your job during the term of the pandemic and beyond?*

The expectations of the Public Health Board would be to set a clear point of view and a concise direction of where you're headed. As Commissioner Ian Bullis pointed out, directions have changed over a short period of time. He illustrated that his own point of view several months ago will probably also change over time. He never dreamed he would be standing before this Board wearing a mask and working in a hospital that is stockpiling meds in case the COVID-19 takes a turn for the worse. He emphasized that we need to stand together on how we proceed.

Director Frances thanked Dr. Kunz for being here today. As a candidate, he asked the Board what direction they will be taking. Commissioner Ian Bullis noted he presented some great things we could think about. Chairman Richard Howe noted we're not doctors, and that we would be relying on our Public Health Officer to guide us along. The direction this Board will take will be based on what we receive from the Public Health Officer, the Hospital, etc. Commissioner Travis Godon advised that the Public Health Officer would bring this Board the information, and it's their job to weigh his expertise, the legislative actions that are taken, and our freedoms, and then we would vote on it. If we choose wrong or right, "it's on us." In his opinion, that would take some of the pressure off of the Public Health Officer. Commissioners Laurie Carson and Shane Bybee agreed; Commissioner Bybee noted that the Public Health Officer's responsibility would be to bring the facts to this Commission and then make recommendations, from which this Board would make their decision. And, he continued, when the pandemic disappears, he asked Mr. Kunz if he would continue to proceed as a Public Health Officer with respect to education? Mr. Kunz noted that education is important with respect to immunization, health standards, and hazards we might be facing such as, if people are safe in their jobs, such as in the mining industry. He recalled D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon Week, and felt activities could be maintained to bring our kids into the direction and education they would need in order to be healthy in our community. Commissioner Carson thanked Mr. Kunz and appreciated him putting in his application for the position. Commissioner Ian Bullis commented that criticism is how we learn and grow; and he agreed with Commissioner Carson, who added that delivery is important.

Mr. Tyler Robertson was next interviewed by the Board, and Director Frances asked the interview questions.

Tell us about your background, education and qualifications to be the White Pine County Public Health Officer.

He was raised here; his family has lived here for 5 generations. His education culminated in receiving his Doctorate in Optometry, in 2017, from the Southern California College of Optometry. His work led him to Oklahoma, Washington, and Hawaii, where he served in various capacities in the field of optometry.

Describe what you believe would be the main priorities or objectives of the White Pine County Public Health Officer.

The main objectives would be to work with groups and organizations, especially in our current situation, to try to maintain our economy, keep businesses open, and keep people coming into our area. He would educate them and work with them, with the goal being as active and productive as possible. There would need to be some adjustments made in order that some activities could be done, while remaining as open and safe as we can.

How do you propose to balance the medical needs with other public needs during the course of the pandemic?

It's a challenge to find the balance. It would mean adjustments to how we do things, and yet to be able to continue to do them, such as holding the Fears, Beers & Tears Mountain Bike Race. White Pine County is a great place to come to, and we can do things safely by making the event volunteers safe, spreading out the racers, etc. He felt we needn't shut down all activities, but rather we just need to make some adjustments to keep people as safe as possible.

What is your expectation of the Public Health Board during the term of the pandemic and beyond?

He agreed that education is the key; we wouldn't need a lot of resources to accomplish that, just the ability to work with the School Officials. We should ensure there are many hand sanitizing stations throughout town, invest in disposable masks and place them in County facilities and businesses. He felt that hand washing and wearing masks are very effective, and wants to get the City and the County more unified by making those things available throughout.

What resources do you anticipate you will need to perform your job during the term of the pandemic and beyond?

Working in unison with the County Commission to present a unified front for now, and then going forward once we are passed COVID-19. This is a leadership position which he hopes to be able to foster, being able to establish an agreement between the Public Health Board and the County Commission in order to lessen the confusion that currently exists out in the community. We have an opportunity to work together and become more unified, and to stop the divisions that have occurred.

Commissioner Shane Bybee asked Mr. Robertson what our priorities should be going forward, pandemic aside? His reply was that health is maintained through activity; Ely is a “hub” for both outdoor and indoor recreation. He felt that making improvements to educate all ages—the youth, adult, and elderly—and engage them in activities, which would elevate the health of the community as a whole. Chairman Richard Howe thanked Mr. Robertson for taking the time to come and allow the Board to interview him.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT A PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER BASED ON INTERVIEWS AT A SPECIFIED RATE FOR THE TERM OF THE NEVADA DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AN ALTERNATE RATE THEREAFTER EFFECTIVE ON A SPECIFIED DATE

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted that what the County had paid the prior Public Health Officer was NOT adequate, due to the time and dedication required during this state of emergency being much higher than what was previously needed. She emphasized that the rate can't be dependent upon a Federal funding source; funding would have to come out of Contingency during the pandemic. Afterwards, when we are no longer in the state of emergency, we can place this person at a different rate commensurate with their job duties, which would change. A temporary mentor had been suggested; and if a rate higher than what we've been paying would be in order, she would encourage the Commission to do a tiered rate, based on a specific amount during the state of emergency and another rate when it no longer exists.

Chairman Richard Howe noted that we've come up with a rate during those times, but asked if we could appoint a Public Health Officer today. District Attorney Mike Wheable advised the Board could just discuss the rates today, noting that the higher rate of pay would cease after January 1st. Perhaps the CARES Act monies would continue, but we can't count on that. During the discussion, Chairman Howe suggested \$4,000/month during the time of the pandemic and then drop it to \$400/month afterward. D.A. Wheable noted there would still be significant work to do even after the pandemic, and we would need to ensure we could handle things financially, should this come up again in the future. Commissioner Ian Bullis felt \$15,000/year would be reasonable, although that figure hadn't been researched. Commissioner Travis Godon felt \$5,000/month during the pandemic and then we should revisit the rate after it ceases. Commissioner Shane Bybee felt \$1,000/month after the pandemic is over, or \$12,000/year. Commissioner Laurie Carson felt \$5,000/month during the pandemic would be fine. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to pay \$5,000/month during the pandemic and \$1,000/month after the pandemic. Commissioner Travis Godon made the motion; Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Travis Godon noted Mr. Daren Kunz is already in WBR Hospital, with a great pharmaceutical background. He felt he would be in a better position to get things in place faster, with quicker results. Commissioner Godon made a motion to appoint Mr. Daren Kunz as White Pine County Public Health Officer, at \$5,000/month during the pandemic and \$1,000/month following the pandemic. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:27 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe temporarily recessed the regular County Commission meeting to convene a Special Meeting of the White Pine County Board of Public Health. It was noted Chairman Howe will act as Chairman, and newly appointed Dr. Kunz will assume the Chairmanship at the next Public Health meeting. At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Special Board of Public Health meeting and reconvened the regular County Commission meeting. Following a short break, Chairman Richard Howe recessed the regular County Commission meeting and opened the Road Commission meeting. At 11:37 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe adjourned the Road Commission meeting and reconvened the regular Commission meeting.

11:00 A.M. – RURAL NEVADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

DISCUSSION/UPDATE FROM THE RURAL NEVADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ms. Mary Kerner, CEO for RNDC, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present today. She cited her handout and proceeded to review what RNDC has done in the past, and what they're working on currently; their contributions to the County include assistance with housing, lending, and business counselling. She noted their goal is to promote economic development in White Pine County. They've done 68 loans in White Pine County over the past 28 years, totaling nearly \$8,500,000. RNDC is a Statewide lender, but "their heart is for the rurals," as she explained. The Board thanked CEO Kerner for her information.

ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

COUNTY COMMISSION

IAN BULLIS, COMMISSIONER

DISCUSSION/UPDATE/RECAP OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 LOCALLY, WITH STATEWIDE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON

Commissioner Ian Bullis reported that in this morning's news, the Idaho Legislature voted to suspend/remove their State of Emergency, thus eliminating their Governor's powers during that period; therefore, the COVID-19 emergency is over in the State of Idaho. He felt we should take another look at what we've been through, and has prepared a handout based on the research he has done on this. He maintained we don't need to be medical professionals to sort some of this out: On March 16th a UK college report was issued that estimated 2.2 million people would die in the United States, and ½ million in the UK. So we shut down, sheltered in place, and were told it would take 15 days to slow the spread of COVID-19. While the curve began to flatten it was estimated we would need 15 more days, which were done according to the emergency directives we received; at this point there were no mask mandates, he noted. On April 15th, 31 days from the March 16th announcement, we were told we should open in Phases to avoid more infections; still no mask mandates. And on June 24th, nearly 70 days later, a spike in positive cases was noted. As testing is the only way to determine who is positive/negative is by testing more people, the spike was created, which was not necessarily indicative of the actual spread of the virus. At THAT point the mask mandate was issued. So 115 days have passed and the positive cases are up, but NOT the death count. We were given false information and the goals had changed, from the initial "slow the spread" (which was reasonable) to "stop

infection at all costs" (which is impossible). Incorrect information regarding the death rate and the infection rate, and that shutting down was the only way to stop the spread, was given to the public. Commissioner Ian Bullis found in his research that death certificates are being falsified, for example someone dying of pneumonia would be categorized as a COVID-19 death in order for the medical facility to receive more funding. In retesting people after they were initially testing positive, the numbers were false because they are counted again. He noted that even if someone had a common cold, they could test positive for the virus.

Commissioner Bullis explained he's trying to take a stand for what he believes; the oath of the Commission members was to "uphold and defend the Constitution" as well as the State and local laws, but when someone's actions violate the Constitution???? And the law must give authority in order for it to become a law; the Legislation didn't pass a law for this. The Governor may enforce existing laws; but to enforce a mask mandate is not within the scope of his authority. There's also no language in the laws to give the Governor the power to close businesses, or for not wearing a mask. Commissioner Bullis emphasized that the mask mandate is illegal. At the request of Chairman Richard Howe, he reviewed his handout line by line, noting the statistics. He also pointed out that NDOT has verified the number of people who travel through White Pine County daily, as being 10,000, even during the pandemic. He continued that "we've locked down and destroyed our economy" based on "someone's best guess." According to his figures, if everyone in White Pine County contracted COVID-19, "8,000 would get it and not know they were sick, having no symptoms; 2,000 would get it but wouldn't require hospitalization; 100 people would need to be hospitalized; and 5 people would be in mortal danger. He felt that as a Board, the Commissioners should stop wearing masks and requiring participants in the meetings to wear them. Especially if people find them uncomfortable or impractical to wear due to having to speak in public, the masks shouldn't be a requirement. Department Heads should be able to make their own policies for their Departments as needed, as not all County Departments must deal with the public directly. We should work with the District Attorney to protect our local businesses from fines for not wearing masks, etc. As a Public Health Board, he did feel we should direct WBR Hospital to have doses of hydroxychloroquine and zinc on hand to help combat COVID-19. He noted that medicine has been used successfully for other illnesses. He concluded by noting that while he respects other perspectives, this is his opinion.

Chairman Richard Howe emphasized that he also respects Commissioner Bullis' opinion; even so, he recommended people should form their own opinions regarding COVID-19.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

NICHOLE BALDWIN, COUNTY CLERK

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FY2020 HAVA CARES ACT GRANT SUBAWARD OF \$11,404.48 FOR THE PERIOD 3/23/20-12/1/20 FROM THE STATE OF NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE AS REIMBURSEMENT OF INCREASED 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION EXPENSES DUE TO COVID-19; THERE IS NO REQUIRED MATCH

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin explained this is just requesting approval of a grant award we already received, and have actually already paid it back to reimburse last year's

budget for Elections Operating Expenses, from the HAVA Cares Act funding. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the FY2020 HAVA Cares Act grant subaward of \$11,404.48 for the increased 2020 Primary Election expenses due to COVID-19, with no required match. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion seconded.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE FY2018 HAVA ELECTION SECURITY GRANT SUBAWARD OF \$25,645.00 TO PURCHASE HARDWARE/SOFTWARE TO CREATE A SECURE NETWORK FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SOFTWARE

Clerk Baldwin noted this is free gratis from the State, with no required match; we have yet to receive this award, however. She continued that we would be reimbursed after we purchase the hardware/software, to create a secure network for our voter registration. This will avoid hacking and/or potential altering of the voter registration data. In reply to a query from the Board, Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this is done out of a special revenue fund. Chairman Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the FY2018 HAVA election security grant subaward of \$25,645 to purchase the hardware/software to create a secure network for voter registration software as requested. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO APPOINT DANNY J. REED TO THE PUBLIC LANDS USERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PLUAC)

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin advised she had received Mr. Danny J. Reed's application to be appointed to PLUAC, and cited the backup on this. She noted that while he doesn't have specific expertise, he has the desire to serve the community. The vacancy that is available is in the field of "Preservation," so it would be the decision of the Board to accept his request or not. Commissioner Shane Bybee pointed out that no one got into the Commissioners' jobs "by knowing what they're doing," and that Mr. Reed "will pick it up and learn." Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to appoint Mr. Danny J. Reed to PLUAC as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

CATHERINE BAKARIC, TREASURER

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RETURN OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE/TAX AUCTION AUGUST 14, 2020

Clerk Baldwin noted that although WPC Treasurer Catherine Bakaric isn't present today, she cited the backup and noted the last spreadsheet shows the reconciliation from the sale. She added the Affidavit for the Tax Auction has already been executed. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve the return of sale of real estate/tax auction from August 14, 2020 as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

DESIREE BARNSON, SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE EFSP GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,336.00 WITH NO REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH

Social Services Director Desiree Barnson noted this is for the emergency shelter program; \$5,000 is for reimbursement of seniors, and \$10,000 is for a pantry. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to accept the EFSP grant for \$15,336 with no required match as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

BILL CALDERWOOD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/UPDATE OF ABATEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

Public Works Director Bill Calderwood noted there was \$35,000 in the budget for nuisance/abatement projects, but it was pulled. District Attorney Mike Wheable requested this to be put on today's agenda with respect to abating some properties in Ruth. He noted this was attempted in McGill, by trying to purchase the old sheds north of McGill, but it didn't work out. Chairman Richard Howe felt that as this wasn't budgeted for this year, the Board should review it for the next fiscal year. It was agreed this would be a discussion item only, and it will be brought back for the next budget cycle.

TIM BUNCH, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL FOR CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHITE PINE COUNTY AND WPC SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

Per legal counsel's advice, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to table. Commissioner Laurie Carson made the motion; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL TO COMPENSATE DR. BYUN AT \$500.00 PER HOUR FOR THE PURPOSES OF MENTORING NEW PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL WHEN APPOINTED. TRACKING OF CONSULT/MENTOR HOURS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO PAYOUT

Chairman Richard Howe wished to clarify if this was to retain Dr. Byun as a consultant/mentor at \$500/hour. Finance Director Elizabeth Frances noted this Board could set hourly limits and parameters for the Public Health Official; as we now have a new Public Health Officer, she felt it would be helpful to have Dr. Byun available, especially as he has had some experience within the pandemic timeframe. Following some discussion, Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to authorize 1 hour per week for 2 months for the consulting/mentoring by Dr. Byun. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

ELIZABETH FRANCES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2020-38 TO
ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES DOCUMENT DATED JULY 2020**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances cited her handout showing quick updates to Tables 12 and 13, which weren't included in the initial backup. She explained the table summarizes the CEDS document, and shows the items/activities that all the entities should be working on together. The Table of Contents also now matches the changes she just handed out, for the Board's information. Commissioner Laurie Carson expressed her thanks to Director Frances, as she's the one who did the work on this. Following brief discussion, Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for approval. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-38 to adopt the CEDS document dated July 2020, as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/RATIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD FROM THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FOR FUNDING OF VISUAL COURT HEARING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,020.00 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH OF \$-0- FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 20TH, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2021 WITH A REQUIRED COUNTY MATCH AMOUNT OF \$-0-

Director Frances advised this is for additional equipment needed for the courts, specifically for the Justice Court for their remote court hearings. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Shane Bybee made a motion to ratify the grant award in an amount not to exceed \$18,020 with no required County match, to fund the visual court hearing equipment/supplies as requested. Commissioner Laurie Carson 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

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve. Commissioner Laurie Carson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

UNTIMED ITEMS

DISCUSSION/SECOND READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 514. BILL 08.12.2020. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 7 OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY CODE REGULATING THE USE OF CERTAIN HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON COUNTY ROADS; REQUIRING A ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY PRIOR TO THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON COUNTY ROADS; IMPOSING CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE; ADDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Deputy District Attorney Bryan Pyle made some changes to this after he received feedback from the last draft of Ordinance 514, from Public Works Director Bill Calderwood and Commissioner Travis Godon. Commissioner Godon felt ranching wouldn't implicate those concerns, so we shouldn't exclude them categorially. He clarified that ranching should be excluded from all other kinds of commercial use. He also requested further clarification on authorization for enforcement on this, and Deputy D.A. Pyle will do that. Director Calderwood had suggested narrowing the user definition to "end users" since enforcement could be difficult. He added that the mine already has an agreement with the Road Department; and as an end user, the mine takes on the responsibility currently to assist the County with the roads.

DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 5, 2020

Commissioner Laurie Carson pointed out a correction in this set of minutes. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve this set of minutes with correction noted. Commissioner Shane Bybee seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT


Chairman Richard Howe noted that "each one of us has a job to do." He appreciates this current Board and the dialogue that they have had regarding the road issues; he thanked everyone and encouraged people to continue voicing their opinions to this Board. Commissioner Travis Godon apologized for his comments, as did Commissioner Shane Bybee; it was noted those weren't directed at anyone, but rather the road issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Shane Bybee made the motion; Commissioner Laurie Carson seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHITE PINE COUNTY
STATE OF NEVADA

BY: 
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD