

IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION & BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON MARCH 10, 2021 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA

The Following Were Present:

County Commission
Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman
Ian Bullis, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board
Jill Perez, Deputy County Clerk

County Officials:

Mike Johnson, IT Specialist
Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director
Mc Kinzie Hilton, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Lori Romero, Library Director
Sheriff Scott Henriod
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director
Fire Chief Brett North

Also Present:

George Chachas, George Town Media
Elizabeth Woolsey, Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board
James Woolsey, Superintendent of Great Basin National Park
Nancy Baker
Andy Bath
Cori D Lytle
Michael A. Wheable, Esq.

Present via Zoom:

Geri Wopschall
Nancy Baker
Jeremy Drew, RCI
J Gianoli
Eldridge
Marierta Henry
Jennifer Lee, City of Ely
Tabitha Hamilton, Finance Office
Stephen Bishop, Justice of the Peace
Dale Derbridge
Burton Hilton, Assessor
Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Chief Deputy District Attorney Mc Kinzie Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION

This was duly observed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chachas addressed the Board regarding item 1E1 to consider an applicant to Seat 2 of the White Pine Hospital Board. He advised that Mr. Derbidge sits on the Ely Municipal Utility Board now and has yet to collect from the county golf course for a consumption of 111 million gallons or more of water. Commissioner Shane Bybee made point of order asserting the statement was false information. Mr. Chachas stated he got this information from attending municipal board meetings. Mr. Chachas' concern was to address this Board in what he considers a viable candidate. He reminded the Board that others have been turned down and he has been physically escorted out of City Hall under the threat of trespassing 4 different times in trying to make a payment on a building for his residents. Once one is late for 90 days, ones' water will be turned off and forced to move out. According to NRS which states; you cannot reside in a dwelling without water. Chairman Howe advised that is city business. Andy Bath sits on the Regional Planning Commission and has yet to address, along with other board members, numerous violations that have been reported to the Planning Commission. Mr. Chachas asked if he planned to resign from the Planning Commission if appointed? Mike Wheable just resigned from the DA's position to spend more time with his family and that's what he should do. We fail to properly support the county Public Health Officer, which is now costing the county additional thousands of dollars. He asserted that Commissioner Bullis continues to fail to wear a mask. The only viable candidate that should be considered and appears not to have any skeletons in his closet is Mr. Lytle. In regards to item 2B4C you are to consider SNPLMA around 18 projects. At the top of that list should be the events center. The center will provide a venue for concerts, indoor rodeos, roping, theater presentations, commercial trade shows, and a convention area that can accommodate hundreds. All of those possible events will bring different clientele which in turn greatly enhances economic benefits and also benefits the railroad. This Board has to stop putting all our eggs in one basket. We need positive diversification which is what the event center will do. Heritage Park needs to be scrapped. National studies show you do not build a park next to a truck stop. That's not going to enhance this community. In regards to item 2B4F to consider a grant application to Tour and Rec for a mural at the Justice Center; it is not a tourist attraction. What kind of mural does this Board plan to put up? A Van Gogh? Maybe a Van Camp! This Board needs to change out the makeup of that board. Most of those members do not meet the minimal requirements and that is set by NRS. He demanded this Board put on masks as it is a directive. Time was called.

1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. 8:30 A.M. BUDGET WORKSHOP

***1) FY2022 Budget Workshop/Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction on Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for Ancillary Services, Communities, Revenue, Payroll and Preliminary Discussion Involving all Departments Covered During the Budget Workshops to Balance the Budget. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

Ancillary Services

Library- Library Director, Lori Romero stated The Library Board of Trustees requested the 14% that was cut last year be reinstated. She advised that the Library did not spend what they had budgeted for internet because they did not get switched over to the

fiber connection; that should be happening within the next 60 days. The Board will be renegotiating with West Net, the provider that was awarded the contract with the Library, to see if they will put that first year at the end of the 3 year contract. The Library Board has requested that one of the 3 offices that Cooperative Extension has been using, be turned over to the library to be able to make a digital learning center for the community. The Library Board would like to offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced online classes for Word, Excel and other computer programs. It would allow a quiet space to set up students without distractions. The rooms being used now are always booked. The Library Board never did get a copy of the agreement that was put forth when it comes to the office space. Finance Director Frances stated she adjusted the internet access amount from what was initially put into the budget to what Director Romero's note indicated and she will continue to work with Director Romero on the budget. The Cooperative Extension agreement is good thru 06/30 and is up for renegotiation. Part of the agreement for the expansion on the Library was a combination so they could work together. Chairman Howe asked if the rooms were the same size or if they are requesting one of the smaller rooms? Library Director Romero stated, right now Cooperative Extension has 3 office spaces and the Board is requesting a space for their use. Chairman Howe stated they will listen to Cooperative Extension when they are on. Library Director Romero indicated there is the Library gift fund, which includes various funds under control of the Library Board and then the grant funds. Once again, the 2nd stimulus package comes through from the federal government. The Library is looking at replacing computers with federal funds. The Library recently got a photo kiosk so the community can now come in and print off photos.

Airport-Finance Director Frances explained the 1st part of the budget is the general operations and the 2nd part is fund 80 which is airport capital improvements. She hasn't changed much in general operation and it is opened to what the County Commission would like to do. Something they want to take a closer look at is electricity. It spiked a few years back but has gone back in line this year. She did take out repair and maintenance based on the BLM contract, it can be brought back if they get another contract amendment with BLM to upgrade their facility. She did update the worker's comp estimate for the Airport Advisory Board. They do have money coming into the CARES Act for airports that's available to utilize for routine operations and she will continue to utilize those funds until they are spent down on operations. Chairman Howe asked how much is left in CARES Act funding. Finance Director Frances stated about \$22,000 is left. Finance Director Frances did work with Chris Knox on the Airport Capital Improvements budget. She put in what they had submitted to the FAA as far as the 5 year capital improvement plan outlook for 2021-2026. Director Frances did remind the Board the upcoming project was decided to be paid out of local funds and we will forgo a FAA project this year allowing those entitlement funds to roll over to next year. The plan is to go ahead and do the crack seal of runway 1230 with local funds at \$100,000 and the remaining that is requested are matching funds for future FAA projects which are outlined in the backup documentation, until they hit to the seal the backup runway 1230 for \$110,000, that is going to be out of local funds again, but that won't hit until 2022. There are adequate funds in the airport capital improvement to cover the cost at this time, but the Board can set up an additional transfer to cover future expenses. Commissioner Carson asked Vice Chairman Godon if the board happened to say anything regarding this.

She continued with, in the past they used to put money aside and add to it periodically. Vice Chairman Godon responded, yes, this is what the board approved, the side wind runway. The FFA doesn't think the side wind runway should be there, they don't really like it that much, but it is used by Med-Flight. Commissioner Carson asked if he felt there was a need to set aside more funds in the capital equipment funds. Vice Chairman Godon stated he didn't know the ending balance. Finance Director Frances stated that it is just a little over \$337,000. Vice Chairman Godon did not see a need to do a transfer.

Agricultural Extension- Finance Director Frances showed that everything is balanced. She thinks it would be a good idea to get someone from Agricultural Extension in here before the lease expires on 06/30 and they haven't had an extension educator here for a significant length of time so it may be good to question them headed into next years' budget.

Senior Center- Finance Director Frances advised they were able to carry over the Title III and it is balanced between the revenues and expenditures. There was no request for changes in staffing. Wages and benefits have been updated accordingly. Senior Program Administrator, Lori Romero noticed they have seen increases in different costs and are trying to keep those within the budget. They are looking at replacing the roof this spring. Commissioner Bullis asked if there was any anticipation for savings or overhead in terms of electricity and stuff just from improvements. Administrator Romero stated the propane has not been used very much so there will be some adjustments, but not until we get through this first year. She also mentioned there are grant funds to help with the rising cost of fuel for the two vehicles.

Economic Development- Finance Director Frances stated there hasn't been a whole lot of change in this budget. She did add in the travel expenses. They have gone to virtual training for CBDG and SNPLMA. They were in person before the pandemic and were required to obtain funding. The dues and publication is for NNRDA and she is not sure what the cost will be just yet. Commissioner Bybee will reach out at the next meeting and see if he can get an idea of what Sheldon Mudd is planning on presenting. Finance Director Frances will follow up with Commissioner Bybee later this month. Last year we contracted with someone to assist with the design for the SNPLMA Heritage Park project; the next round is coming up and if we do get some applications, we need to look at some engineering to assist with getting realistic numbers and we really don't have in-house expertise to provide that for us.

Natural Resources- Finance Director Frances advised that wages and benefits in this is just for the person who does WAC and PLUAC minutes and agendas. Jeremy Drew from RCI thought \$40,000 was a more realistic number for next year and what the services might look like. She also kept in \$20,000 under contract serves for the Ace Water attorney and that is related to Pine Valley. We don't know what is going on there and she has not seen any activity, but it's probably good to have that in there because we have a committee to defend the water rights.

Tri County Weed- Finance Director Frances advised that Mr. Ashworth did the updates to this budget. The revenues come from weed spraying and interest, the only thing

on there that is zero is that residual equity transfer that won't happen and they have not requested an increase for FTE's. Commissioner Bybee stated this has not gone before the Tri County Weed Board, but there will be a meeting on 03/19. Finance Director Frances will follow up after that date to see if there are any amendments before we go into tentative budget if the board wants to change anything. There is travel and training coming up. Lodging and per diem is for when they travel out of town to spray. There are some items for equipment over \$5,000 that was requested for next year: a UTV with a spray rig, a pickup truck, and a flatbed trailer for a total of \$100,000. She is certain the Tri County Weed Board will look at those and if they have any recommendations, we will hear from them after the 19th. Commissioner Bybee stated it will be based off of available funds and won't have any impact to the general fund. Finance Director Frances responded that this fund will have a central service allocation which she will determine after we get everything put together and that's based on the value of equipment, FTE's, and the overall budget as it relates to the overall county.

Communities

Ruth Town- Ruth's benefits were adjusted. They tried to keep the budget as balanced as possible. They have decreased the amount of seasonal hours for the parks. They increased the water budget due to the increase of the bill. Both Ruth and McGill are having issues watering their parks this year within budget because of the rate increase. Ruth wants to zero scape the Mine Memorial Park to decrease the amount of water usage.

Lund Town- Lund is requesting to increase the amount in the miscellaneous account because this is the account they use for all their special events, and they want to have additional money available for a contribution to the fireworks that's related to their annual rodeo in the amount of \$12,000 in equipment over \$5,000. They want to install flashing speed signs and put one at each end of town so people know to slow down. They budgeted \$6,000 for two signs.

McGill Town- Changes are related to water. McGill increased the budget for water for their parks. They also want a \$10,000 increase in the budget for storage space behind the Kinear Library for admin and for the Library. This is year three of a three year project for changing all street lights to LED, which should be completed by the end of the next fiscal year. Finance Director Frances did include all the notes for the budget from Delores Manchester and she stated Ms. Manchester does a very good job at keeping a record. Chairman Howe asked if the storage bins that the Sheriffs' Office volunteered to get rid of could be used by the different communities. Finance Director Frances will follow up with the communities on that possibility. Chairman Howe felt it would be a good idea if the different communities can use them.

Revenues, Payroll and Balancing

General Fund Revenue Finance Director Frances stated the general fund revenue will come in here 03/25. The payroll estimates were in the backup materials and are sorted by department and then by position and they outline the cost of each position. Things highlighted in yellow are new requests, things highlighted in pink are negotiated items. She

does not have the new edition summary today as requested but will have it on the 3/24 meeting based on the outcomes of discussions today. Finance Director Frances asked the Board if they wanted to have a special meeting. The 03/24 meeting comes up and we will have this on the agenda, but we won't have the revenues at that time. She reminded the Board of the 1st meeting in April and she can submit the tentative budget on 04/15. Chairman Howe suggested to set a special meeting in the library, if available, for the first Wednesday in April and then we will have our normal meeting the second Wednesday of April; 04/7 at 9am was set for a special meeting to go over the budget. Commissioner Bullis requested that the Finance Director include new staff requested with estimations. Chairman Howe showed concern about the amount of money being put in for the capital improvement for the remodel of the court house. It was increased to \$750,000 and he inquired if it might cost more than that and requested looking into increasing the amount. Finance Director Frances reminded the Board of the limits in NRS in how much can be transferred as the County Commission from the general fund into the capital improvement fund. She believed it's at 10% of total expenditures and can probably go up from \$750,000, but will need to make sure we stay within that limitation.

Payroll-Director Frances advised this is located at the back of the budget binder.

New Additions Summary- This will be provided at the 03/24 meeting.

Preliminary Discussions to Balance the Budget-This was not discussed.

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

The Chairman adjourned the meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission to reconvene the Regular County Commission meeting.

C. 10:00 A.M. UPDATE FROM BAKER, NEVADA

1) Discussion/Update: Report on things happening in Baker, NV. Elizabeth Woolsey, BACAB; James Woolsey, Superintendent of Great Basin National Park, & Cheri Phillips, President of the Great Basin Business and Tourism Council- Mrs. Elizabeth Woolsey addressed the Board regarding this item through a slide show presentation. James Woolsey, Superintendent of Great Basin National Park, addressed the Board about how COVID has affected the park and how they plan on emerging from it. Before COVID in 2018 they had 153,000 visitors. After COVID in 2019 they were much lower and they are hoping to get back to where they were. Great Basin National Park is reaching the 100th year anniversary and all are invited to attend the celebration. There has been large growth within the past 10 years for visitation, mostly from large cities. At this point, they don't have enough revenue or staff to keep all centers open and to give tours. Lehman Caves tours will be open again in May as long as COVID stays at bay and will run through the season. They will be doing only 6 cave tours a day and the goal is to be fully opened by this time next year. Chairman Howe asked if a shift can be added if there is an overflow in cave tours. Superintendent Woolsey stated they do add an extra person to the shift. All staff have been vaccinated. Camping is by reservation only. It used to be first come first serve but they noticed that people would come from 100's of miles away just to find out that the camp sites

Of every single one of these candidates, the general consensus of this constituency is that ANY of these candidates would have made a better choice than Mr. Wheable (due to the widespread level of corruption this attorney has famed himself for). But it's of no surprise Mr. Wheable would have been the #1 choice selected by the County Commission, namely due to the pending matter at hand regarding the covert planning of the Opioid SLAPP lawsuit that Wheable himself initiated into our government business affairs (before conveniently resigning as DA just two months before this meeting; then re-appearing onto the scene for County Manager just 8 months after this meeting). The district hospital "WBR" Hospital (the primary party of the two parties under scrutiny for the targeted SLAPP lawfare), was already provided counsel by Wheable and Beecher in secrecy, prior to the litigant of choice being made public, Before and AFTER Wheable's selection for this hospital trustee position; to assist in favorably positioning the hospital before the targeted litigant was revealed. It's yet to be discovered what the members of the County Commission knew before this appointee selection took place. It would be advantageous to examine all that *Commissioner Laurie Carson* knew in secrecy prior to this meeting before she shows her support for Wheable's nomination to fill this vacant seat # 2 of the Hospital Board of Trustees, and not Andy Bath (or the other three contestants).

It makes perfect sense as to why Mr. Andy Bath was already out of the question, whom would have been a most excellent choice, as it remains highly suspicious that likely every member of this County Commission was provided some degree of secret counsel to have known that this respectable man (Mr. Bath, the CEO of the most well respected small business pharmacy in town *Economy Drug*), might soon become their source of exploitation.

It's not simply due to Wheable's ill-famed reputation of corruption as to why ANY of these nominees would have been a premier choice, as every single one of these candidates are accomplished, highly qualified contenders, much moreso as Mr. Wheable (as the large part of this constituency would concur). Nancy Baker, a well respected retired doctor. Mr. Lytle, another superior choice for positive change. Dale Derbidge, another most excellent choice. This just goes to illustrate the stronghold Wheable has had over the decision making of this commission in their secret discussions to plot future planning matters outside the purview of Open Meeting Governance [NRS 241]. Being that Wheable is the party responsible for introducing this state-to-county litigation option to the County Commission and being that they collectively chose this litigation option upon his direction (in the latter part of 2019), it's apparent that these commissioners highly relied upon anything Wheable had to suggest thereafter, no matter how unethical it increasingly became. It's apparent that the commissioners placed their full trust in Wheable's hands as the "legal expert" on the matter, ever since they took his initial advice to move forward with this (by opting out of the Federal *Settlement* for this instead).



E. 11:00 A.M. HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

***1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to appoint one of the following applicants to Seat 2 on the White Pine Hospital District Board of Trustees**

- **Dale Derbidge-** Mr. Derbidge addressed the Board via Zoom. He feels he would be the best choice for the Board due to his experience.

- **Cory D. Lytle**- This is something Mr. Lytle has always wanted to do. He feels he is not as educated as others, but shows concerns about the level of care at the hospital and thinks he can make a change.
- **Michael A. Wheable, Esq.**-Mr. Wheable feels his work with public administration makes him qualified to sit on the Board. He has gone to trainings and has developed and overseen a lot of entities in Ely. He had managed the DA's office at the same time and has no ties with the Hospital. The real reason he wants to do this is so he can stay involved and continue to serve the community.
- **Andy Bath**- Mr. Bath thinks it is really important to have a diverse background with this Board. He is 100% committed to this community and wants to continue to show and teach his children the importance of community.

Nancy Baker- Ms. Baker is a patron of WBRH and unlike other board members who don't go to the hospital, she does know the hospital. She has attended many hospital meetings as a previous employee and would really like to serve, not only the County, but also the Hospital.

Chairman Howe expressed his gratitude for all of the candidates that have applied. Vice Chairman Godon nominated Mike Wheable. Commissioner Carson made the second. Motion passed.

2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Burton Hilton, Assessor

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept the Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on the following State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources lists, according to NRS §§ 534.040. White River Groundwater Basin \$6,909.06 Steptoe Groundwater Basin \$16,839.33, Huntington Groundwater Basin \$3,415.85, Lake Valley Groundwater Basin \$38.80, and Ruby Valley Groundwater Basin \$364.93-** This is the annual water assessment from the State Engineers Office that is brought to the Board every year. Ruby Valley went up about \$70, Steptoe Valley went up about \$5,500, the others are the same. Commissioner Bybee would like to know why there was a \$5,500 increase in the Steptoe Valley. Assessor Burton Hilton stated it's for their cost to monitor the different basins. They added a few since Mr. Hilton has been here. They have started to monitor more and spend more time throughout the state with water. Dan Randles is the contact with Division of Water Resources and he has offered to come and speak by Zoom or in person. Commissioner Bybee and Commissioner Carson think a 50% increase requires some justification. Assessor Hilton advised that we had water hearings about closing basins and there are 58 basins that they talked about closing. Once the basins are closed, it will leave the door open for more assessments. Assessor Hilton will schedule with Mr. Randles to come and present to the Board. Chairman Howe asked if this is something that should be tabled. Assessor Burton recommended approving it, but would understand if they want to hold off. Vice Chairman Godon stated he will not vote for this. Commissioner Bybee agreed. The Board wanted to have a discussion with the state before they move forward with this. Chief Deputy DA Mc Kenzie Hilton recommended to call for a motion to

table. Commissioner Bybee made the motion to table. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept the Special Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 on the following State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources lists, according to NRS §§ 533.280, 533.285, 533.290 Humboldt River Distribution \$632.34, White River Distribution \$3,712.50-** Assessor Hilton advised that this is a similar thing, but this deals with rivers. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to table this. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to appoint Loren Reinhold and Mary Sullivan to the vacant seats on the Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board-** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director-

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the donation of 12 gym resistance machines for the Aquatic Center**

Marian O'Donnell approached Aquatic Center Director Kristi Rozich, with the Curves exercise equipment and would like to donate it to the Aquatic Center. They do have the space for it and feel the members would use it. Chairman Howe asked how this would fall under our insurance policy if someone were to fall on it. Chief Deputy DA Hilton stated this would be something that the DA's office would need to look into as far as the insurance, but the pool is insured. DA Hilton would need to reach out to Alan Reed and asked about the condition of the equipment. Aquatic Center Director Rozich stated they look to be in excellent condition and would share pictures if needed. Chief Deputy DA Hilton will start working with Director Rozich with the insurance. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve pending insurance updates. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Aquatic Center Director Rozich requested maintenance to help move the equipment. Public Works Director Calderwood stated yes. Motion passed.

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to house the Drug Court Yoga Class, a free rehabilitation class through the Seventh Judicial District Court Drug Court Program, no more than once per week for 30 minutes-** Aquatic Center Director Rozich was approached by a member of the program. The program lost their housing of where they did Yoga classes. It was explained only 4 to 5 people attend the class about once a week. It does go towards their credit and the Aquatic Center does have the space. Commissioner Carson thinks the Drug Court is having issues with funding. Aquatic Center Director Rozich stated they have space that is not being used for anything and can be used for the Yoga class. Chairman Howe thinks this is a positive move to allow them access to anything that helps them to better themselves. Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee made the second. Motion passed.

2. Lori Romero, Senior Program Administrator

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept the EJC Foundation Funds in the Amount of \$8,000. There is no match.** Each year the EJC Foundation has certain agencies that they set aside funds for and the White Pine Nutrition program is one of them. This year, EJC set aside \$8,000 for White Pine Nutrition and they contacted the Program Administrator, Lori Romero, to see how the program wanted to use those funds. In speaking with staff, it was decided to put \$3,700 towards kitchen equipment, another 2 years towards the dishwasher rental which is \$2,000, and \$2,200 for 2 new office computers. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

a) Discussion/Update: Human Resources Operational Analysis- Human Resources Director Tim Bunch addressed the Board via Zoom. From the periods of 11/18 through 02/15, he has been working on getting caught up now and will move to having a monthly report to the Board from here on out. Just to show the new hires: 2 life guards, Program Supervisor of the Senior Center, Dispatcher, and a Phlebotomist for the Sheriff's Office, Tri County Weed had a new worker brought on, and Drug Court had brought on an Administrative Assistant. In regards to resignations, terminations, or retirements, the DA's office had Bryan Pyle and Mike Wheable who resigned their positions. The Aquatic Center had a life guard that resigned, and in the Clerks' Office, Susan Lujan retired. There is positive movement throughout the county with E-Learning. The POOL PACT E-Learning classes have been embraced by most of the departments, and he is still working with some Department heads. Workers comp had no new claims, 5 incidents that have been reported, and 4 open claims.

4. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

***a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of Grant Application to the Community Development Block Grant Program for Funding of the second phase of the McGill Sewer Pond Relining in an amount not to exceed \$887,500 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2023. The required County match amount is \$5,060 and will be provided through in kind administrative hours-** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of Grant Application to the Community Development Block Grant Program for Funding of the second phase of the McGill Slag Ditch Remediation in an amount not to exceed \$420,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2023. The required County match amount is \$5,060 and will be provided through in kind administrative hours-** Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c) Discussion/Update: Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 18 project preliminary recommendations and opening of public comment period- Finance Director Frances explained to the Board, this is just to put on a public record that WPC is in the process of a public comment period for round 18 projects. WPC has

submitted 3 applications. There are 3 different funding categories that SNPLMA has done. One is a primary funding list, second is a secondary funding list, and the third is a list proposed not to be funded. The Heritage park project is within that primary funding list. The NTRY Phase 3 project that goes to renovating tracks from Ely to McGill and renovate the McGill station is the second round of funding. Unfortunately the Fairground upgrade did not make the first two categories. All of these projects are out on the SNPLMA website and is now open for public comments. The comment period will be from March 1, 2021 until close of business on April 14, 2021. Director Frances would like to encourage anyone who is interested to go to the SNPLMA website under BLM and provide a public comment on any of these projects. Once this process is closed it will go to the executive committee for final decision and it will be forwarded to the federal level for approval. Vice Chairman Godon asked if the AG13 Board would be able to provide any comments. Finance Director Frances stated yes. Each board member can get on there and provide public comments on the fairgrounds project and why he or she believed it should be reconsidered for funding. Chairman Howe asked if the Board can readdress priorities to see if they were making the right decision. Finance Director Frances stated as a Board they can do whatever they wanted. Commissioner Carson stated when the applications are first presented they are already rated and did not think the Board would rerate everything again. Chainman Howe stated this is a discussion update and feels Director Frances has done that and this will be left as discussion update and move on.

***d) Discussion/For Possible Action/Ratification: Ratification Of Grant Application To The Coronavirus Response And Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 116-260) (CRRSA) For Funds That Will Assist Airport Sponsors To Address The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency In The Amount Of \$9,000. The Required County Match Amount Is \$0-** Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***e) Discussion for Possible Action: Prioritization between the McGill Sewer Pond Relining Phase II Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and the McGill Slag Ditch Remediation CDBG application at the request of CDBG in the case that only one project can be funded-** Commissioner Bybee stated the Sewer Pond project should be a priority. Everyone was in agreement. Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion was passed for the Sewer Pond to be first.

***f) Discussion/for Possible Action: ratification of grant application to White Pine County Tourism and Recreation's Aid to Organization Program in the amount of \$3,600.00 to be used for the development of a Mural at the Justice Center. The required match amount of \$ 8,400.00 is anticipated to come from other grant sources-** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***g) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of monthly financial reports for February 2021-** Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***h) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-17 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$75,000 to cover the cost of a new JAVS (audio-visual recording system) System for the district courtroom number two-** Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***i) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-18 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$750,000 to transfer to the Capital Improvements Fund (081) in anticipation of renovation of the historic courthouse-** Commission Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

***j) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-19 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$100,000 for high density storage filing systems for the District Court and Justice Court-** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis made the second. Motion passed.

***k) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-20 to utilize \$3,200 from contingency to cover the cost for title searches related to the Treasurer's tax sales-** Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

4. NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS

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

- **Special County Commission February 23, 2021** Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bullis made the motion. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:19am.

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