

Pursuant to NRS a joint meeting of the Nye County Board of Commissioners, Nye County Board of Highway Commissioners, Nye County Licensing and Liquor Board, the Nye County Board of Health, the Governing Body of the Unincorporated Town of Pahrump, the Governing Body of the Unincorporated Towns of Beatty, Belmont, Gabbs, Manhattan, and Railroad Valley, and the Board of Trustees for the Pahrump Pool District, was held at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, 101 Radar Road, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

John Koenig, Chair
Debra Strickland, Vice-Chair
Lorinda Wichman, Commissioner
Donna Cox, Commissioner
Leo Blundo, Commissioner
Sandra L. Merlino, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
Chris Arabia, District Attorney
Sharon Wehrly, Sheriff
Tim Sutton, County Manager

Also Present: Lorina Dellinger, Assistant County Manager; Kelly Sidman, Deputy Clerk; Samantha Tackett, Administrative Manager; Savannah Rucker, Comptroller; Marla Zlotek, Chief Deputy District Attorney; Michelle Nelson, Deputy District Attorney

Not Present: Chris Arabia, District Attorney

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

2. Commissioners'/Manager's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topic/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

There was none.

3. Presentation by the Director of Emergency Management regarding the status of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Emergency Management Director Scott Lewis advised there were now 14 active cases in the County and two recovered cases for a total of 16 reported cases. In the County 450 tests were completed and there were 26,000 completed in the State. He said the next two weeks were considered critical so field testing was scheduled. Resources were holding steady and a return to work plan with viability at the forefront was being developed. It was realized through recent modeling that Nevada and Nye may not be at its peak yet. The forecast through several different models showed over the next two to three weeks a significant increase in cases could be seen. That was being considered in the return to work plan and Chief Lewis said he would keep everyone informed during the Commission meetings.

4. Approval of the Agenda for April 14, 2020 (Non-action item)

There were no changes to the agenda.

**5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to three-minute time limit per person.)
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specifically included on an agenda as an action item.**

Commissioner Blundo said he had difficulty connecting to the system with the number on the agenda.

There was no general public comment.

**2. Commissioners'/Manager's Comments (This item limited to announcements or
topic/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)-Reopened.**

Commissioner Blundo mentioned HB5717, the Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act of 2020, and felt work was being done to infringe on Second Amendment rights. He would like staff to draft a letter stating the County's resolve and stand on Second Amendment issues. He then read a statement into the record to the DAV, VFW, American Legion and all veterans and current service men and women regarding what happened at the February 10, 2020, meeting of the Pahrump Valley Republican Women. Toward the end of the meeting he spoke about how the First Choice Pregnancy Center needed to expand but also needed to afford it. He compared his efforts to secure a town building for them for \$1.00 per year just as the DAV was able to lease a building from the town for \$1.00 a year. He explained that First Choice Pregnancy Center served a particular part of the community, just like the DAV. He felt First Choice Pregnancy Center was just as important an organization as the DAV and the VFW and he wanted to be able to offer the same type of lease the DAV had. Commissioner Blundo apologized if what he said was misinterpreted or misunderstood and said he would work on how he spoke. He promised his respect for veterans was very high and he did not mean to sound like it was not.

SITTING AS THE NYE COUNTY BOARD OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blundo assumed the Chair of the Board of Highway Commissioners.

6. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding General Road Report by Public Works Director on General Road Maintenance, Gravel Road Maintenance, Asphalt Patching, Weed Mowing and direction regarding public work projects.

Public Works Director Tim Dahl advised he talked with representatives of the FAA and NDOT who had put together a \$10 billion CARES Act Grant program for the airports. The airports in Gabbs, Beatty and Tonopah would get \$20,000.00 each to be utilized during the crisis. Mr. Dahl then mentioned to the Board and the public that Public

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Works had not stopped. They continued to fix emergency issues brought to their attention during the crisis such as signs down and debris on the road. Public Works was also still working on Leslie from Basin to Irene, primarily the intersection of Basin right now. Mr. Dahl did not anticipate paving for at least a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Wichman asked if the bladders were working outside of Pahrump or if they were all asked to stay at home.

Mr. Dahl said the bladders were home for a couple of weeks, but everyone was back working as of last Monday following state and local guidelines to prevent exposure to each other.

Commissioner Cox said since the rain Unicorn had gotten really bad. She also received a complaint from a gentleman about a 20-foot long patch on Hacienda and she asked Mr. Dahl if he knew about that.

Mr. Dahl explained there was a fissure there that allowed the surface water to get in and he was going through the motions of getting a couple of quotes before hiring a contractor to fix it.

Commissioner Cox said that was not the same one. The one she talked about was a short way down on Hacienda.

Mr. Dahl said he would drive by the area.

Commissioner Cox said she received a complaint about the intersection of Mesquite and Highway 160. She knew that was a State highway, but a stop sign with lights on it was only put on one side of Mesquite. There was a request to do the same on the other side, but she did not know if they planned on doing that.

Mr. Dahl explained those lights were the County's. The County voluntarily put them up because for years it tried to get the State to do it. He agreed Mesquite was a good candidate for another on the westbound side so he would do that.

Commissioner Koenig said Bell Vista had potholes all over it again.

Commissioner Cox asked if there was a reason why the corner of Mount Charleston and Dandelion could not be filled with gravel.

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Mr. Dahl said it was impossible for him to keep that cleaned out and that was why it opened up. He was going to put some reflectors there until he could get an estimate to put in a guardrail.

Commissioner Koenig assumed the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF PAHRUMP

7. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding putting out a request for proposal for the FY21 Fall Festival and direct staff on how to proceed.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to put out an RFP for FY21; seconded by Commissioner Cox.

Commissioner Blundo said he received a letter from the Nye County Republican Central Committee (NCRCC). They appreciated Commissioner Cox's ambition for them to operate the festival, however, they did not have any interest in doing that at this time.

Commissioner Koenig pointed out FY21 was in two months.

Commissioner Cox withdrew her second.

Commissioner Blundo withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Strickland made a motion to not put out an RFP for the upcoming fiscal year; seconded by Commissioner Cox.

Joe Burdzinski stated he had conversations with Commissioners Cox, Strickland and Blundo that the NCRCC was changing its course to focus on Republicans. They were not interested in doing the fall festival now or in the future.

The motion to not put out an RFP for the upcoming fiscal year passed with 5 yeas.

SITTING AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – These are items that Staff recommends for approval. The Board reserves the right to move any consent agenda item to the regular segment of the agenda should issues arise that need to be addressed. Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

8. For Possible Action – Approval of the Elected Official Collection Report regarding fees collected from elected county departments for services rendered by or provided to county citizens.

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to approve items 8-9; seconded by Commissioner Blundo; 5 yeas.

9. For Possible Action – Approval to set the date and location for the second Board of Commissioners meeting in July for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in Pahrump, Nevada.

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to approve items 8-9; seconded by Commissioner Blundo; 5 yeas.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

10. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding the quarterly report from the Public Administrator on deceased person cases that are open, closed, pending, NCPA Creditor Claims, non-cases or cases that have been turned over to family.

Public Administrator Ginger Stumne was present and her report was in the back-up.

Commissioner Blundo commented on how easy the report was to read.

FINANCE

11. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject Nye County Resolution No. 2020-13: A Resolution to Augment and Amend the 2019-2020 Budget of Nye County, State of Nevada.

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to adopt; seconded by Commissioner Blundo.

Savannah Rucker explained this was a request to augment the capital projects fund as a result of capital projects that were budgeted to complete in FY19 but ended up rolling over. This was not found money.

The motion to adopt passed with 5 yeas.

12. For Possible Action – Presentation and direction to staff regarding the current and future financial condition of Nye County as related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Savannah Rucker said in the back-up was a very rough estimate of FY21 based on the information in hand. Considering the impact came along in the later part of this fiscal year property taxes were still in excess of budget. There was no change in net proceeds or PILT anticipated at this time. Licensing and permits were projected at 50% of the remaining revenue. She explained it was falling short this fiscal year because when the budget was generated there was no expectation the towns would receive the license fees back. CTAX was seeing the largest hit and projections were being modified month by month. Overall there was an anticipated revenue shortfall of \$1.3 million from what was budgeted.

As to expenditures, Mrs. Rucker had them broken down by function. The General government and judicial functions anticipated a savings of 10% in services/supplies between April and June, and the hiring freeze would save an additional 2%. Public Safety anticipated increased expenditures from April to June of 15% and payroll would be up 5%, but it looked like the function would come in under budget. She said at the April 28, 2020, meeting there would be an agenda item to transfer from contingency into Public Safety for the Storm 51 expenses because she did not know what was going to happen with Public Safety.

Mrs. Rucker then advised that Applied Analysis did an analysis of the Nevada economy by sector, which was more favorable and gave her confidence that budgeting conservatively and cutting where possible would put the County in a good spot fiscally. The analysis identified that the Nevada economy should have a full comeback in almost all sectors by May, 2021.

Commissioner Strickland asked when the last payments for CTAX were made.

Mrs. Rucker said CTAX was about two months behind, which created a challenge to project out revenues to be received in June and July. Her goal moving forward was to have a report tracking that.

Commissioner Blundo stressed the need to be fiscally prudent.

PUBLIC WORKS

13. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to approve a Restrictive Covenant Running With The Land (RCRWTL) agreement between Nye County and CC Condos LLC., Pejman Bady, Manager for Assessor's Parcel Number 036-601-57, 1620 W. Charleston Park Ave., Pahrump, NV.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Strickland.

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Pejman Bady thanked Chief Scott Lewis and the crews and said he had gloves and masks to donate.

The motion to approve passed with 5 yeas.

14. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding approval to: 1) Enter into a contract with Atkins North America, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Installation of fan Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at the Beatty Airport – Task 9 of the 2019 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) project for \$26,000.00; 2) Execute the contract; and 3) Fund \$24,375.00 from 10340 Grants and \$1,625.00 from 10402 Special Capital Projects.

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to enter into a contract with Atkins North America for the Beatty Airport work, execute the contract, and fund as stated on the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Strickland; 5 yeas.

15. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding approval to: 1) Enter into a contract with Atkins North America, Inc. to provide engineering and environmental services for Rehabilitate Unpaved Runways at the Gabbs Airport – Task 10 of the 2019 Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP) project for \$18,140.00; 2) Execute the contract; and 3) Fund \$17,006.00 from 10340 Grants and \$1,134.00 from 10402 Special Capital Projects.

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to enter into the contract with Atkins North America, execute the contract and fund as stated on the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Strickland; 5 yeas.

PUBLIC PETITIONER

16. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding a Program Funding Application from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 15 requesting \$4,200.00 to fund the Veteran Service Officer’s (VSO) office located in the Lobby of the Desert View Hospital.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Cox; 5 yeas.

17. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding a Program Funding Application from the Nye Communities Coalition – Remote Area Medical Pahrump Community Host Group in the amount of \$6,500.00 to aid in funding the Pahrump Remote Area Medical Clinic (RAM Clinic).

Commissioner Wichman made a motion to approve and fund from Medical Indigent Inmate Fund 10283; seconded by Commissioner Cox; 5 yeas.

18. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item. (SECOND)

Joe Burdzinski spoke of the fire at Inspiration Senior Living on April 6, 2020. He complimented the staff at Inspirations on how they evacuated the building as well as Sheriff Wehrly and deputies for quick arrival and Fire Chief Scott Lewis for his assistance and the fine work of the firefighters.

19. ADJOURN

Commissioner Koenig adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 19th day

ATTEST:

Of May, 2020.

Chair

Keely G. Sedman
Nye County Clerk / Deputy