

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, 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.

Debra Strickland, Chair  
Frank Carbone, Vice Chair  
Donna Cox, Commissioner  
Leo Blundo, Commissioner  
Bruce Jabbour, 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; Michelle Nelson, Deputy District Attorney

Not Present: Chris Arabia, District Attorney

Commissioner Cox was present via telephone.

### **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)**

Commissioner Carbone asked for an agenda item for the County to put together a legal battle to fight the mask mandate.

Commissioner Blundo thanked the Board for its previous support and for wanting to move forward with that type of agenda item. He told Tim Sutton the Commissioners had heard what he had to say on the issue and had taken it into consideration. The Board voted 5-0 to go in a direction, which was crystal clear. Commissioner Blundo asked the County Manager to follow the directions or tender his resignation and the Board would find someone who would.

Commissioner Strickland said the Board would take action to see what the legal battle looked like to fight the Governor's and the federal mandates in place. She would not

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

appreciate Mr. Sutton rendering his resignation. The District Attorney would review it again, who already opined the County had no right to de-mask.

Mr. Sutton thanked the Board for the efforts made in trying to remove the mask mandate and he knew it was something the constituents were asking for. Unfortunately it was ultimately deemed as something that exceeded the Board's authority. The mask mandate remained in effect and as the CEO of the County it was Mr. Sutton's responsibility to implement it. He asked the public to put masks on when on County and town property and for that reason there could not be two different standards for the public and the Commissioners. He pointed out there was currently a Commissioner without his mask on and he asked Commissioner Blundo to put it on or exit the building.

Commissioner Blundo said he had an exemption, which he had publicly stated. He said Mr. Sutton was attempting to put something in place that somebody either had to wear a mask or face shield, which the mandate did not include. He also thought the Sheriff's Office was not enforcing anything.

Commissioner Carbone said the only way the County was going to fight this properly was to take it to court. He hated the mask himself, but he did not want to bicker about whether the Board had the authority or not.

Commissioner Strickland asked Michelle Nelson what direction the Commissioners received in writing from the District Attorney's Office regarding this matter.

Ms. Nelson said the Board received multiple legal opinions on the mask mandate. The final opinion came after the Board's action and summarized both the Nevada Constitution as well as the NRS that the Board did not have the authority to do away with the mask mandate. Regarding the transition plan, Ms. Nelson said there was a letter from the Governor dated April 27, 2021, which approved the transition plan except for the mask mandate. It stated as a reminder the requirement of all Nevadans to wear a mask remained in place as set forth in Directives 24 and 28. The transition plan was approved subject to the mask mandate staying in place.

Commissioner Strickland said that was correct and she was unsure why this conversation was being held again. There was a directive that a mask must be worn inside of town and County buildings, but there was a sitting Commissioner that refused to do so. The Board had been told by the District Attorney's Office that this was not something the Board could do and Commissioner Strickland said being in this position was getting really old.

Commissioner Cox said she would also like to see an item on the agenda and have it pursued to the Supreme Court because there was precedence and caselaw out there. She also pointed out this would not apply to the businesses.

**3. Approval of the Agenda for May 3, 2021 (Non-action item)**

Tim Sutton said items 4 and 13-18 could be removed from the agenda.

**4. For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

This item was removed from 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. (FIRST)**

Janice Cullen said she chose VEA for her solar. As everything was being finalized she received a phone call stating the transformer for her property was not up to standards for the batteries and panels to be installed and she would have to pay to fix it. She told VEA they owned the wires and the poles and asked why all of a sudden it was her transformer that she had to paid for. She had been waiting for over a week for an answer. She proposed that VEA provide some checks and balances quarterly to the Board.

Commissioner Strickland advised the directors directed VEA, not the Board.

Commissioner Blundo suggested Ms. Cullen talk with the County Manager and Mark Stallings to see if a resolution could be found for her issues specifically.

**SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF PAHRUMP**

**FINANCE**

**10. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Town of Pahrump final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Savannah Rucker reviewed the Town of Pahrump ending fund balance for FY21 and the FY22 assumptions for both revenues and expenses, which included allocations to the Agricultural Extension 4-H Program and the animal shelter management contract.

Commissioner Carbone disclosed his wife was the animal shelter manager as an unpaid employee.

Mrs. Rucker continued her review by discussing the FY22 transfers and contingency of \$2.3 million, the capital improvement listing, and the general fund budget summary. There was \$599,277.00 of funding available for department requests.

## SHERIFF

### **6. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax (PSST) plan for the Town of Pahrump.**

Captain David Boruchowitz presented their PSST plan for the Town of Pahrump. The recurring costs included things like wireless in the vehicles, dashcam body footage, fingerprint machine maintenance, STAR chase tracker maintenance, and automotive simulator maintenance. He outlined the items they were asking to use the remainder of the money on, such as additional treadmills in the dispatch center as when requested previously the formula was incorrect; outfitting of a large amount of deputy vehicles to limit liability; a new technology through Clear which would allow for public records searches as well as access to historical license plate records; a commercial refrigerator for evidence storage; an interview room evidence system; a digital pill counter; payment of a portion of an IT employee salary due to new technology; redaction software for dash and body cameras; motion software to allow devices to access the network without compromising network security as well as a server for it; classroom recording hardware/software; flare spotlights for all patrol vehicles; crime scene cameras; and drone integration software.

Commissioner Strickland pointed out the budgeted revenue was \$1.8 million but less than \$600,000.00 was being spent. She asked Savannah Rucker for clarification.

Mrs. Rucker said that was just in services/supplies. There were positions associated with this particular fund as well. The request and the positions were within budget.

Commissioner Blundo said he supported law enforcement, but he did not like the automatic license plate reader and asked Captain Boruchowitz to expand on that.

Captain Boruchowitz clarified this was not to purchase automatic license plate readers for the Sheriff's Office. It was to get the software to access the database already being created by the world. A fugitive search could be done on that database if the license plate of the vehicle was known.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to adopt the FY2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax plan for the Town of Pahrump; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 5 yeas.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

### **7. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Jimmy Martinez presented his request for a new staff member. With Kellogg Park coming on-line along with another fire station by the end of the year there would be a

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

### **7. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Cont'd.**

need for that position. He said currently he had a crew of 13 who maintained four parks and over 12 buildings as well as special events.

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

Tim Sutton noted the item was listed as presentation only so there was no need for a motion.

## **PAHRUMP VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE**

### **8. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Fire Chief Scott Lewis said he was not requesting anything additional on either the fire or EMS side. There were just modest increases in general line items.

Commissioner Blundo asked him to explain the overtime.

Chief Lewis stated he could not predict future vacancies or other issues so the request was to have the money placed as shown today for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Blundo asked how he planned to mitigate that situation in the future.

Savannah Rucker explained if there were vacancies there would be regular budget savings as there would not be regular budget costs, but it would drive the overtime up. She said it was hard to predict the need.

Commissioner Carbone asked if volunteers would help reduce the issue.

Chief Lewis said they did and did not. Volunteers would not help with the contractual obligations, but they did offset on an all-hands call. It was unpredictable and with Clark County opening up people may leave who would have to be replaced.

Commissioner Jabbour asked how many people left the department prior to the pandemic.

Chief Lewis explained it depended on who was hiring and how many they were hiring. If Las Vegas Fire Rescue said they trying to hire 75-100 people they would actually solicit his guys as they were well seasoned and would not need training. There was also a better pay rate, better benefits, and better equipment there.

## **PAHRUMP VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE**

### **9. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax (PSST) plan for Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue.**

Fire Chief Scott Lewis said there were some recurring expenses associated with the rover positions, which was a method for reducing overtime costs and had worked well. Another career position was a partial salary for a client support person from IT, which would be the fire department's cost to IT. Most of the recurring costs were IT related, including the SNACC system, the server, connection fees, net motion, radio usage fees and MDT requirements for each mobile. The requests were for additional suppression, forced entry, lights, and other loose equipment for the apparatus; propane detectors; turnout lockers; thermal imaging cameras; personal protective equipment of additional gloves and hoods; a fire master stream extension; telescoping portable scene lights; and mobile portable radios,

Commissioner Blundo pointed out the number of staff was not indicated and asked why it was not included.

Savannah Rucker said the value for those six positions was \$755,000.00 with the total PSST plan at \$887,505.00, and it was just an oversight that information was not included.

Janice Cullen said she asked the chief if he get could new ambulances with air ride to transport people because she was in worse shape when she got out of an ambulance then went she went into it. She did not hear the chief ask for new ambulances or the air ride.

Chief Lewis explained the air ride was very expensive and would be a capital purchase not to be addressed in the PSST.

Commissioner Carbone made a motion to adopt; seconded by Commissioner Blundo; 5 yeas.

### **10. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Town of Pahrump final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Reopened.**

Savannah Rucker displayed a worksheet showing total available funding for the Town of Pahrump for FY22 of \$599,277.00. As to the items requested, she clarified that two of the overtime requests would come out of the ambulance fund and the PSST fire fund.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve the groundskeeper; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 5 yeas.

**10. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Town of Pahrump final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Reopened-Cont'd.**

That vote reduced the available general fund balance to \$373,703.00.

Commissioner Carbone made a motion to approve the 25101 overtime request; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour; 4 yeas. Commissioner Blundo voted nay.

Commissioner Blundo explained he voted against it because he did not feel he received an adequate answer about the overtime and that things could be done to reduce it.

Commissioner Carbone made a motion to approve the overall funding profile; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour; 4 yeas. Commissioner Blundo voted nay.

**SITTING AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**DISTRICT COURT**

**23. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Judge Kim Wanker explained the differences between district court judges and justices of the peace. She presented her request for a drug court administrator and a legal secretary position.

Savannah Rucker said the judicial legal secretary was the person who acted as the drug court coordinator and charged their time to that fund. Item 26 on today's agenda would address that funding split.

**FINANCE**

**26. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding the funding source breakdown related to the District Court Department 1 Executive Legal Secretary position for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.**

Judge Kim Wanker said she was told that she had these positions and then she asked for the clerk of the court. In the past the Nye County Clerk and the Esmeralda County Clerk were used to clerk the courtrooms and that was no longer working. Judge Wanker said a clerk of the court was needed that worked for the court along with deputy clerks to handle all of the work for the district court.

When Commissioner Strickland pointed out that was not agendaized, Judge Wanker stated it was on the budget request and she did not understand why none of that got to the Commissioners.

**26. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding the funding source breakdown related to the District Court Department 1 Executive Legal Secretary position for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget-Cont'd.**

Savannah Rucker explained it was not on the request because it was not a simple transition. It would be a complete restructuring of district court and the Clerk's Office as well as the other office the Clerk may merge into.

Judge Wanker said that was not entirely true. There was a meeting, but there were all kinds of departments in attendance that did not need to be there. It should have been a small discussion about what was being looked at. She said she would like to move to a clerk of the court by July, 2022, but the electronic filing needed be put in place in both jurisdictions first.

Tim Sutton advised the first time he heard about this request was about a month ago. A meeting was promptly scheduled and the next step was the meeting with Esmeralda which was scheduled for Thursday. He felt they moved on it very quickly.

Commissioner Carbone said there were other departments involved and he understood where Judge Wanker was coming from, but the question was if somewhere along the line she needed a position.

Commissioner Strickland said the Judge wanted an executive legal secretary.

Commissioner Carbone did not think this item was agendized correctly.

Mrs. Rucker said the public hearing for the final budget was set for May 18, 2021, but if the departments were reassigned and positions were moved it may just be a budget reassignment. She said she needed to know a direction before the impact could be determined and how to budget that.

Judge Wanker stated she needed to get the clerk of the court and the assistant clerk of the court now as there was a lot to get done before July 1, 2022.

There was discussion about having a special meeting to discuss the court administrator and assistant court administrator positions.

Commissioner Blundo thought the judge was frustrated the position was getting billed back to drug court.

Judge Wanker said the drug court coordinator left, so a secretary was put in that position and the secretary vacancy was never filled.

Mrs. Rucker explained because this position worked for drug court it was charged back to drug court. This agenda item was asking for direction for this position. If the judge



**26. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation regarding the funding source breakdown related to the District Court Department 1 Executive Legal Secretary position for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget-Cont'd.**

would like to ask for a position of a drug court coordinator the judge could bring back an agenda item to ask for that.

Commissioner Strickland asked Judge Wanker what she would do with the drug court money, to which Judge Wanker replied buy vehicles because they went out seven days a week.

Commissioner Carbone made a motion to approve the position of legal secretary to be funded 100% out of the general fund; seconded by Commissioner Blundo.

Commissioner Jabbour asked who was doing the workload in Tonopah since that employee retired.

Judge Wanker said her one secretary had picked up that work.

The motion to approve the position of legal secretary to be funded 100% out of the general fund passed with 5 yeas.

The Board was in recess until 1:45 p.m.

Commissioner Cox was not present.

**SITTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNINCORPORATED TOWNS OF  
BEATTY, GABBS, MANHATTAN, AND RAILROAD VALLEY**

**MANHATTAN**

**11. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax (PSST) plan for the Town of Manhattan.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to adopt the FY2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax plan for the Town of Manhattan; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 5 yeas.

**SITTING AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

## SHERIFF

### **21. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to adopt, amend and adopt, or reject the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax (PSST) plan for Nye County.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to adopt the FY2021-2022 Public Safety and Use Tax plan for Nye County; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 4 yeas.

## FINANCE

### **28. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Nye County final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Savannah Rucker reviewed the historical property tax assessed valuation which showed the decreases and increases in property tax revenues since FY09 with FY22 shown at \$2.08 million. The ending fund balance since FY12 had also gone up and down and in FY22 was shown at \$8.447 million, which was two months of operating revenue. The FY22 revenue assumptions included budgeting 100% of DTAX projections for both CTAX, property tax and net proceeds; budgeting 100% of anticipated PILT funding, which Mrs. Rucker believed would be fully funded; and budgeting a variety of growth formulas by revenue type based on historical growth trends. The total budgeted revenue for FY22 was \$48,675,889.00. Among the expenditure assumptions were salaries and benefits, which included a 3% medical benefit cost increase, a 3% cost of living increase for all Board governed positions, and zero overtime. She discussed the FY22 vacancy savings budgeted noting some of the departments were not able to make that up in the past fiscal year due to either no turnover or less staff members. Built into the assumptions for the budget was a vacancy percentage based on the number of positions a department had, which resulted in a savings of \$1.141 million the Board could use for position requests for FY22. Total expenditures for FY22 were projected at \$47,881,122.00. Mrs. Rucker then discussed the operating transfers out of the general fund and contingency totaling \$8,124,150.00 as well as the debt payments out of the general fund for the animal shelter project and the Siemens energy savings project totaling \$565,602.00. Deducting the expenditures from the revenues left the Board with \$794,767.00. to approve departmental requests.

## ASSESSOR

### **12. Presentation and discussion for departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Chief Deputy Assessor Justin Zimmerman presented the Assessor's Office request for two real property appraiser I positions and a mapping clerk. The mapping clerk would be a temporary full-time position. He explained the number of appraisers they had today did not have enough time to keep up with the workload.

## ASSESSOR

### **12. Presentation and discussion for departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Cont'd.**

Regarding the position justifications, Commissioner Blundo was troubled by the response to a question being it would become a grievance issue.

Assessor Sheree Stringer added there was also another appraiser in the office who had now retired. There were only two appraisers in the Pahrump office to handle all of Pahrump, etc., and there was not enough time in the day for the appraisers to pick up everything they should.

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### **13. For Possible Action – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **14. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 241.015(3)(b)(2) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **15. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation on conference with legal counsel regarding potential or current litigation presented in closed meeting.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **16. For Possible Action – Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with the County's management representatives regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **17. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with the County's management representatives regarding labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **18. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in closed meeting.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

## TREASURER

### **22. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Treasurer John Prudhont presented his request for a deputy treasurer I to help with the additional workload due to unfunded mandates and the increased parcel count as well as to allow a current deputy treasurer I to assist the chief deputy treasurer in different areas. He felt an additional Treasurer's trust sale during the year would help offset the cost of the position.

Commissioner Jabbour noted the new position would specifically help with room tax receipts.

Mr. Prudhont said yes. The room tax collection and some of that process was not being done according to NRS requirements and local ordinances. That had since been changed and his office had been working diligently to follow up on that, but there were certain aspects where he did not have the staff to perform the service, one of which was an audit function. This additional employee would assist in that.

## COUNTY MANAGER

### **24. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Savannah Rucker said this item was for miscellaneous overhead, which included a variety of expenses managed by multiple departments.

Samantha Tackett presented her request for a travel budget for members of the Peace Officer Advisory Review Board who may need to travel out of town, which the County was required to pay, as well as a budget for a fleet car wash. A partnership had been established with the Sheriff's Office for the car wash and the cost would be for the supplies.

Sam Merlino presented her request for postage for elections. She explained a lot more notices were sent last year due to legislation and many of the notices needed return postage. Over 7,000 failure to vote notices were sent out after the recent election which needed to include postage-paid envelopes which was \$7,000.00. Her office was also doing clean-up and another 1,000 notices had been sent for that.

Commissioner Blundo asked why the no postage due program was not being used.

Mrs. Merlino advised business reply postage was used during the election, but if she started using a business reply the envelopes would have to be pre-printed so she was not sure where the savings would be.

## COUNTY MANAGER

### **24. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Cont'd.**

Mrs. Rucker said she would look into the business reply postage and get back to Commissioner Blundo.

## FACILITIES

### **25. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Buildings and Grounds Manager William Allen presented his request for three positions, two groundskeepers, one each in Tonopah and Pahrump, and one maintenance tech II for Tonopah. They were positions that were vacated in the past and/or transferred and never re-filled due to the budget.

Commissioner Carbone disclosed his son worked for Buildings and Grounds.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

### **19. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Michelle Nelson presented the District Attorney's Office's request for two new positions, an executive legal secretary II and an investigator, which would give their office some of the staff needed in order to do what the District Attorney's Office was committed to do.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### **29. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

IT Director Brad Adams presented his request for a client support position within the IT Department to specifically support the public safety aspect with Pahrump Valley Fire and Rescue and the Nye County Sheriff's Office. He said 46% of the position was anticipated to be primarily funded by extraneous funds with the rest coming out of the general fund.

## **PLANNING**

### **30. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Planning Director Brett Waggoner presented his request for two additional positions for the planning department due to the increased activity, an assistant director position and a secretary I position.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **31. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Assistant Public Works Director Thomas Bolling presented their request for seven new positions to keep up with their workload and the various upcoming projects. The positions would cover the whole County.

Public Works Director Tim Dahl added in last year's state certification there was over 2,900 miles of road in the County, including 387 miles of chip seal roads at a cost of almost \$13 million. He felt having the additional personnel to allow them to do things themselves would save over and over.

## **SHERIFF**

### **20. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.**

Sheriff Wehrly presented her request for personnel due to unfunded mandates. She explained a lot of admin people were lost in the buy-out and a lot of those positions were not filled. She also lost a lot of people in 2015 when the jail was closed, but not deputies. In order to pay for the amount of money the County needed to save she cut a lot of admin people who had not been replaced. Her office was at the point now where they absolutely needed admin people.

Captain David Boruchowitz said during October, 2020, Nevada implemented the National Incident Based Report System (NIBRS) to report crime data to support the national program with emphasis on capturing finite crime data. That change increased their workload four-fold. Using Lyon County as an average, he stated Lyon had 82 deputies generating 480 case files a month and two individuals working full time to report that data. In comparison Nye had 81 patrol deputy positions with 13 presently vacant leaving 68 deputies generating reports daily equating to approximately 375 case files a month with no full-time NIBRS person assigned. Additionally, a new unfunded mandate was being considered by the Legislature regarding use of force which would also increase the workload substantially. The State also changed the sex offender registration reporting requirements and increased the Sheriff's Office's responsibilities in

## SHERIFF

### **20. Presentation and discussion of departmental budgetary requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Cont'd.**

relation to sex offenders and their registration by more than two-thirds based on when they had to register.

Commissioner Blundo asked about the overtime budget.

Captain Boruchowitz stated he did not know the presentation today would ask for another \$800,000.00 from their budget and they had a lot of overtime, although this year it was down substantially. With 13 vacancies it was virtually impossible to run the agency. Some employees were working seven or eight days straight or 20 or 30 hours straight. Even if fully staffed Captain Boruchowitz said they would include overtime because they were required to go and the CBA required they be paid. The \$400,000.00 requested was based on this year. The deputies in the academy would be out later in 2021 and whatever was lost between now and then would put the office back in a deficit.

## FINANCE

### **27. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to set the cost sharing rate for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 for all funds legally available to contribute towards the Nye County Risk Management Policy at 2.75% of each fund's budgeted revenues.**

Savannah Rucker explained the County had been paying for risk management and this policy would institute a cost sharing plan for all entities under the Nye County umbrella. The risk management cost share rate for FY21 was 4% of revenues in each fund legally available to share. The total program budget for FY22 was \$2,773,890.00 with a 2.75% rate for all cost sharing funds, but there was only \$1,709,138.00 in funding available for FY22.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to set the cost-sharing rate for FY2021-2022 for all funds legally available to contribute to the Nye County Risk Management Policy at 2.75% of each funds' budgeted revenues; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 4 years.

### **28. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Nye County final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022-Reopened.**

The Commissioners discussed the requests made working with a live budget spreadsheet displayed by Savannah Rucker. The total available funding for general fund requests was \$794,767.00 with the Public Works requests taken from the road fund.

**28. For Possible Action – Presentation, discussion and deliberation to review and approve the Nye County final budget assumptions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022- Reopened-Cont'd.**

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve the client support tech out of the general fund; the assistant planning director with 25% out of the general fund; the services/supplies for Planning; the groundskeepers for Tonopah and Pahrump out of the general fund; the maintenance worker tech II out of the capital fund; the property appraiser and mapping clerk out of the general fund; the deputy treasurer; the travel budget; the operating expenses for a car wash; postage out of the general fund; the executive legal secretary II out of the general fund; the admin tech out of the general fund; and put the remaining \$229,884.00 into contingency; seconded by Commissioner Carbone; 4 years.

Commissioner Blundo made a motion to approve the seven Public Works position to reside in the road fund totaling \$522,508.00; seconded by Commissioner Jabbour; 4 years.

**32. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (up to three-minute time limit per person.)  
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Assessor Sheree Stringer talked about the position justification. She said she had an individual that did not meet their probationary period and was let go on March 17, 2021. Mrs. Stringer put in the justification for a new hire the same day and it took until April 29, 2021, to get that completed. She asked if it was a budgeted position and was already approved why it had to go back through all eight people and thought Elona Goldner, the Human Resources Manager, should make that determination.

Commissioner Strickland asked staff to look into that situation.

Captain David Boruchowitz echoed Mrs. Stringer's comments.


**33. ADJOURN**

Commissioner Strickland adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED this 2nd day

ATTEST:

Of June, 2021.

  
Chair

  
Nye County Clerk / Deputy