

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
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**Minutes  
05/26/20**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.  
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)  
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair  
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice Chair  
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer  
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm

**2 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (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.**

Richard Stevens – Stated I think the Board might want to take a look at something. I don't know whether to agendize it or have you guys... or whether you want to yourselves but I'm becoming concerned with all of the exploration drilling that's going on. I think we need the companies to be aware of sites that are special to local residents. I noticed for instance that there is a drilling pad within about one hundred yards of the cheese holes (rocks) and they're starting in the upper part of Perlite Canyon, but anyway I'm just concerned because some of you may remember, who's here? Randy would for sure, something we used to call the Golden Gate that disappeared when they put in the Mother Lode Mine and the Daisy Gold Pit. They rerouted the road that used to go through what we used to call Golden Gate and the Golden Gate it would have been where their pit is now. I'm concerned that a short term economic gain could result in a long term or permanent loss to the community.

**3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of May 26, 2020**

*Staff pulled item 4 Emergency items, item 7 Consent Agenda items, the minutes dated March 9, 2020 and May 11, 2020 and please delay the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> until Perry is able to call in.*

**4 Emergency Items**

*Pulled*

**5 Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)**

RR – None; DG - None

EG – Stated I have a few comments, I want to say to Beatty, good job Beatty, I'm really proud of my fellow Beattyites for following the stay at home orders and stopping the spread in our community. We're a really creative, resilient and very entrepreneurial town and everybody did a good job. I also want to mention Wendy Secord and her group One Mask at a Time for making and giving away masks, they did a phenomenal job. Also, I want to congratulate Gabby from Serenity Health for being one of the Counties Heroes and conducting the tests here in Beatty and throughout the County. That's the lady that came up and did a presentation and had a big shindig, congratulations to Gabby. Also, Southwestcreda made six loans to Beatty businesses in the amount of \$28,000.00 thanks to Bullfrog (Gold), Corvus (Gold) and Anglo Ashanti (Gold). I also want to add that Arnold Knightly our Nye County Public Information Officer, he's been doing an amazing job sending out the emails, keeping us informed on all of the guidance and other information over the past few months, so thank you Arnold for doing all of that. Also, I just want to add this, the speed trailer, the new one that we have was on Main Street by my house for a time and I've got to tell you I noticed a real difference while it was here, on the traffic coming in from Death Valley. I really did slow the drivers down coming into town, it did a good job.

**6 Approval of the Beatty Town Advisory Board Minutes dated; March 9, 2020; April 20,2020; and May 11, 2020**

*EG – Motion to approve the minutes dated 04/20/20; Second PF; 3-1(RR) abstain*

**7 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.**

*None - Pulled*

**8 Reports**

- a. **Secretary** – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported on behalf of Chief Harmon with Beatty Volunteer Fire Department. A notice went out that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, the activities were canceled but the fireworks will be going on. At this point they are asking you to enjoy the show from your home or to follow the social distancing or Governor recommendations at the time of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. We want you to stay safe for Beatty. If you have any questions you can call Mike or me, but we will have a display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**9 General Business**

- a. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve, amend or reject the FY21 Nye County Sheriff’s Office Beatty Public Safety Sales Tax budget – Captain David Boruchowitz**

*RR – Motion to accept supplemental information; Second EG; 3-0*

Captain Boruchowitz – Stated I’ll go through each item and then if you have any questions just let me know.

Captain Boruchowitz – Stated the beginning items on there are reoccurring costs for technology that have maintenance costs associated; the wireless devices, mobile spillman dash and body cameras, scheduling software, the fingerprint machine and the ID printing system. Those are all just reoccurring costs from maintenance for these previously approved items.

The new items we’re asking for;

The first one is the turning target system for the range. These are portable turning targets, so we’re able to move them from the Beatty Range to the Pahrump range, to Round Mountain, wherever we need to go. We can even use them in buildings if need be to give our officers a more realistic training rather than just going to a range and just shooting at the targets. These are movable, place able; differently and kind of move us up into a modern technology to be prepared for different situations.

The second one is Evidence on Q the Nye County Sheriff’s Office evidence system is very antiquated and time consuming for the deputies we do all of our paperwork and labeling by hand and then it is booked in and additional paperwork is done and then the evidence tech has to do paperwork on top of that. Evidence on Q is a modern technology that utilizes bar codes and electronic systems to keep our deputies on the street and make systems a much more streamlined and seamless process.

You’ll see on our request there is message board apparently you guys are negotiating with Gabbs to get theirs this line item will simply be used to reimburse Gabbs for that message board that we are getting from them.

Driving Training Simulator, if any of you have seen our virtual simulator in Pahrump for firearms, this is a modern technology for driving training. Obviously it is done with real vehicles however it is difficult to simulate a pursuit with a wild burro walking out in front of a vehicle or a car running a stop sign in front of them, obviously safety wise we can’t simulate that. So, this is an electronic simulator that allows us to train our officers in vehicle operations, emergency vehicle operations without putting them or anybody else at risk.

The StarChase Tracker system is a new technology they debuted a few months ago and we’re kind of trying to get ahead of the rest of the world in buying them. It is a system that installs to the front of the patrol vehicles, allows them to deploy a GPS tracking device to a vehicle that is fleeing from us so dangerous pursuit can be disengaged. This can save officers lives, obviously less risk and obviously the risk to the public is substantially reduced. This is one of those changes. As we were working with the Company we established that you guys had some additional monies and they were willing to work with us on the price and so we were able to add to your quote to outfit all of the Beatty deputies with one where originally we were just going to outfitting supervisors.

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The Jail Property Sealer, COVID (19) has really brought this to our attention, that we really don't have a good system for doing that. Traditionally we kind of just throw them all together in a bin, there are odors and obviously contaminants that escape and this system we went looking for when COVID started allows us to really take all of, every inmate who comes in put it in a bag and basically vacuum seal it in the jails preventing that exposure to our deputies.

Dispatch Treadmill this is kind of an emerging trend in dispatch centers. These are made by the company that makes the desks for dispatchers and it's not what you would envision like a gym treadmill where they're running and trying to answer the phone. It's a very slow speed treadmill that just keeps the blood flow going so that if they are sitting at their desks, instead of sitting in a chair for twelve hours and their brain and blood just kind of pooling this keeps them up and moving around while paying attention to their dispatch duties.

Nova Vests, if you're aware of our tasers, obviously it's a similar technology and it allows us during a transport or during a court proceeding when we have a violent offender to put it on them without it being noticeable to the public and it allows our deputies who might not be within arm's reach to apply a stun to them in order to give them time to get to them and apprehend them before a member of the public or the court system is compromised.

The Upgrade to the Booking Area, that is again been made evident with COVID that we have some significant needs with that and this is designed to kind of put some barriers in the booking area that will help provide protections for our deputies as well as for the inmates.

Dispatch Wireless Headsets, these are again to bring our dispatchers into kind of the modern world. They're cordless which obviously cordless phones have come long ago, but it allows them to not be connected to a cord, to a desk like they currently are. It's a substantially new technology.

Animal Control Equipment again when we took them over from Emergency Services we discovered that they were highly unequipped and we had discovered that they had significant needs like; tranquilizer guns and snake poles and things of that nature, that really make their job a lot safer and make them better equipped to meet the needs of the citizens and so we're asking for that to upgrade them.

Viridian Gun Cameras, as you are aware we have body cameras and dash cameras and this is kind of the last part. These cameras install on the end of the firearm and what they do is they provide us that view that might be obscured by the arm in front of the body cameras. What we've seen in several of our shootings that we would have really had a much better view out the end of the guns and this company provides that camera that attaches to the gun, sees exactly what is coming down the barrel and in addition, we get with this new holsters and a flashlight build into it so our deputies will all have a new flashlight on the end of their guns, a new holster and a camera that shows us that view that we might not have otherwise.

The last two are the two that you guys have requested. One is that utility trailer to haul that OHV more economically to a location instead of having to drive it there as they currently do and the Bluetooth car hands free speakers that would be purchased for the units that don't have them. Which, I don't think any of our units have built in Bluetooth right now. Lynn would assign those out to the Beatty deputies and they would have those available per your request.

I'm available for any questions.

EG – Clarified, on the booking area technology facility upgrade, that \$20,000.00 that's our portion of the division throughout the County?

Captain Boruchowitz (CB) – Stated correct, most of that portion will be paid for out of other entities like Pahrump's budget, Sheriff PSST, they didn't have enough left over so that's being spread out over the next couple of fiscal cycles to handle different portions of that upgrade. So, this will be handled in their fiscal year for the different portions.

EG – Asked, okay can you do something for me, please, for this item? Okay so this is for the booking area in Pahrump, correct?

CB – Stated, right, for the booking area in Pahrump.

EG – Stated okay and the \$20,000.00 that's coming out of our PSST budget, this amount is not divided up like the other items because everybody else's budget is skewed at the moment but you will make that a percentage wise thing when you get your numbers together.

CB – Clarified, if you're asking me to provide you what all of the other ones are when they pay for it, the answer is yes of course I'll provide that. I just want to remind you that not every single thing... so for instance obviously you guys have a couple of items that are Beatty only this time around that are going on your budget and Pahrump's budget for instance covers all of the deputies that are PSST (funded) in the jail and has for all of these years with no percentage to the other towns. So there's no magical, oh all of this is being paid by one township because, remember a lot of the stuff that you guys do we split between Beatty and Amargosa. But yes I can

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provide you, as soon as we have the final budgets for all of the other PSST accounts the portions that everybody else is paying so that you have that for your accounting.

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EG – Stated my point is, if our portion is \$20,000.00 or \$30,000.00 or whatever, we're happy to pay our portion. I just want to know, since you don't have those numbers now, the backfill portion that's all.

CB – Stated we'll provide you the rest of the County numbers as soon as we have them, of course.

EG – Stated okay, and every deputy is getting a gun camera?

CB – Stated, correct not only that but the supervisors, everybody in the whole agency that has a gun.

EG – Stated, I don't have any other questions on your PSST request but I'd like you to give us an update on what's happening with our previously approved projects.

CB – Stated, sure if you have them right in front of you, you can tell me what I miss, I'll go off the one's I know. The emergency operations center, we have been working closely with Buildings and Grounds (B&G) and IT and finally have some movement in that area. Obviously then COVID hit and it screwed them up, however I can tell you that what we did get done is effective and working so far. We've been running for the last month and a half with dispatchers in Beatty 24/7 as a result of COVID as a result of social distancing in our dispatch centers. There's still a little bit of work to finalize that and I've spoken with Bill (B&G) this week and they will be finalizing that as soon as we're kind of back to normal. They're busy installing Plexiglas in most places currently, but we did make enough headway that it is functional and we have been using it. The mobile data terminals upgrade that we approved last year, this has been a long process but we finally are at conclusion and we are working on contracts with Panasonic now and hope to be deployed within 60 days and that will provide us those upgraded ticket writers and laptops, that we have been working on. Erika, what else do I have on that list that I'm missing?

EG – Stated surveillance system for Beatty Sub-Station.

CB – Stated, I've spoken with Brad (IT) several times over the last couple of months and that is still on his radar unfortunately just like everybody else the world came to a stop in February and he has no good excuse except being overworked in the IT department and I don't know if you are aware but they lost a couple of employees to COVID for several months, where they were down and on quarantine. So, he did assure me that he will work on it. You're not the only one, that's a countywide project so all of the other townships substations are waiting on that. That is set for sometime this year and in his radar for sure.

EG – Stated, okay and did the Nye County Detention Center ever get their padded cells?

CB – Stated, no, I wish they did. The good news is... so, the answer is no they didn't, we've had some issues with the engineering aspect of that but this issues that have presented themselves during that process of trying to get that done will be rectified with the upgrade to the booking area in terms of getting sewer to those cells because by law we can't put a padded cell in without those and that's kind of been holding us up but with the other changes it will allow us to complete that project as well. So, that's kind of all being lumped in one big project now.

EG – Stated, okay this is my final comment. Thank you so much for answering all of my questions. I just want to remind everybody these projects that you gave us an update on, that I asked about, are from fiscal year 17 and last year and the year before and the year before this is the same response that you gave tonight, are the same response that I got before. So, I just want to mention that. I'm glad things are moving forward. I'll keep asking the questions and if there is anything I can do to facilitate moving things forward more expeditiously let me know. Thank you.

CB – Stated, thank you Erika and we'll keep you posted as they progress.

PF – Stated thank you for coming to this meeting so prepared as opposed to the last meeting, I appreciate it. Thank you for that. On the hands free headsets for the cars at \$500.00 what is that for one or two cars what are you talking about?

CB – Stated that is for a total of ten, is what the Town Board had asked us to include in there. That would provide all of the current deputies and then have additional ones should additional deputies get assigned or if they got lost there would be a replacement for them.

PF – Clarified this is an on-board in the car cell phone not the one they carry on them.

CB – Stated correct, it's the speaker Bluetooth adaptability for use in the vehicle so they can operate hands free.

*RR – Motion to approve the FY21 Nye County Sheriff's Office Beatty Public Safety Sales Tax budget; Second PF; 4-0*

**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve, amend or reject the FY21 Beatty Town Budget for all town departments and functions – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated I want to make a couple of comments and then Savannah is going to walk us through the budget, thank you Savannah for making the time to go through the budget with us, we really appreciate it. So, back to the budget here, as Carrie and I told the Board during our workshop and on May 4<sup>th</sup> when we approved sending the budget to the County, some of the revenue numbers as well as wages and benefits may change because they are generated by the County and the State. So, as it comes out some of the numbers did change but we were pretty close. Revenue is up a bit from our projections and room tax is down. One of the things I want everybody to keep in mind moving forward is the Town's room tax fund. With the room tax projections down and augmenting the Museum's and Chamber's budgets from our portion of the revenue each year we are quickly depleting that fund, so everybody keep that in mind. So, one of the other things that changed in the budget that you guys have before you, a new department was created which is called senior center which was not something included in the budget that we approved and submitted. So, my recommendation to the Board is that we remove this line item department. I'm calling it a department because that's what it would be in our budget and address this at the next meeting which would be on June 8<sup>th</sup> if the County still wants to make this request. This would still give us time in this year's budget cycle to approve this \$10,000.00 if that is the desire of the Board. Other than those things that I've mentioned everything is as we budgeted. Savannah has zero balanced all of our funds, so all of our funds are available. With that I'll turn it over to Savannah and thank you very much for being here with us Savannah.

Savannah Rucker; Nye County Comptroller – Stated yes absolutely. So, included in your backup is a pdf of the budget as prepared by my office and let's go through that document.

First page says State of Nevada Department of Taxation and it's a letter addressed to me. This letter identifies that the tentative budget columns meet the NRS requirements that this budget document is in compliance. Based on that the tentative column will not be changed, the final budget column will be the only column that the Board can change at this point in time. The next page is the summary sheet where the Board will, the BoCC (Nye County Board of Commissioners) will execute this document knowing that the Town Board has approved it and I will sign and date as well. This just basically summarizes that the budget has one fund for property tax revenues, and it provides a high level summary of the Beatty Town budget. On the bottom it identifies the scheduled public hearing and that date and time is when the BoCC will be hearing this item as the BoCC is the governing body over the Beatty Town funds. So, we will have that heard this Friday and as soon as this Board approves this item with whatever changes I'll make those changes and send it off to Nye County Administration for attachment to the agenda for the Friday meeting.

Page 2 of 6, that's just your index, page 3 of 26 this is a statistical summary of your fulltime equivalent employees by function as well as your population, your assessed valuation and a couple of other details with regards to the budget.

The next few pages are just reconciliation items for purposes of seeking department of Taxation's approval to make sure we've dotted all of our I's and crossed all of our T's. Page 4 of 26 is just the property tax rate and revenue reconciliation document. Pages 5 and 6 are the estimated revenues and expenditures associated with the funds in the coming pages and any changes that are made will filter through to these two schedules. These schedules are used as a check to make sure, again we have all of our I's dotted and T's crossed, and all of the dollars are accounted for within the document.

Page 7 is similar to the past two pages and what this page is, is this is a summary of the proprietary funds and trust funds within the Beatty Town budget and new as of last year is the OPEB, Other Post Employment Benefit, trust fund for the Beatty Town. What this fund does is basically we are prefunding future retirees and funding current retirees. So, what we're funding by way of operating revenues and expenditures on this page here is specific to Beatty employees and Beatty retirees.

Page 8 of 26, this is the first page of the schedule of the budget. This is specific for Beatty Town general fund 24101 and on the left hand side we have all of the revenues. Column 1 is the actual prior year ended for June 30, 2019, that's based on the audit. Column 2 is the estimated current year ending June 30, 2020; these are projections that were generated by my office. Column 3 is the column that the Department of Taxation approved and typically we... our schedule is different than it was this year, this year with the COVID crisis we got kind of out of place with regards to where we... how we normally handle the budget process. Typically I'll bring the tentative budget over to you guys for approval, hearing the budget, making changes, and then it goes off to D-Tax for their approval and then it goes before the BoCC with everyone's approval on it, but this year things got mixed up. So, the column 3 is the tentative, is generated by my office and approved by D-Tax and column 4 is the modifications made as a result of making the same assumptions for the Town of Beatty's budget as the BoCC approved for the Nye County Budget. So, I did do a comparative analysis of the budget that I've prepared in column 4 for revenues and like Erika mentioned we are pretty close. The primary differences being property taxes are a little different. We are not making the assumption for the Nye County fund that property taxes will dip in fiscal 21 because of the abatement that provides a cushion for that fall in the event that it does happen but we're not seeing property values being impacted just yet. That's why we went with 100% number that was provided to us by the Department of Taxation.

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The Department of Taxation generates their figures for property taxes from two reports, one coming from the Assessor's Office and one from the Treasurer's Office both those reports are sent to the State and the State generates their report from which I produce these property tax budget figures. So they're not numbers I pulled from the sky, they're actually numbers that have been vetted and provided to us for use in this budget. Licenses and permits, we do have a couple of differences being that I have Marijuana Licenses on here at \$22,000.00. The budget that the Town Board had approved had zero dollars. I remember speaking briefly to Erika about this but I did want to touch base with the Board to find out if you want to leave this \$22,000.00 in here or if you would like to remove it but I do know that the BoCC approved to give the town Board's back their licensing fees associated with marijuana establishments.

EG – Clarified, marijuana licenses, I mean we have the one facility here in Beatty and I mean that would be all of their fees for... it seems like a lot for the year, for their license. If you guys want to... I would rather leave it at zero and take my chances to tell you the truth because if you're positive that the County is going to give us \$22,000.00 because we collect no monies in any form not from taxes or licenses as a community from marijuana licenses. So, if you guys want to give us \$22,000.00 I'm happy for it but I would prefer to put that back to zero and then if we get more money than I'm good with that.

DG – Stated if Savannah is confident that we're going to get that money why don't we leave it in there?

EG – Replied okay.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated that will be a onetime payment. Savannah can correct me if I'm wrong but my memory is that because of the confusion the first year that the BoCC did put it on the agenda and we voted unanimously to return that money to the Towns where the licensing took place for that first year. It was corrected in the following legislative session in 2019, so it's a onetime thing.

EG – Stated okay got it, thank you. So, let's leave it like that then we won't have that in there next year.

DG – Agreed, good idea.

Ms. Rucker – Continued, so liquor licenses, the Town Board approved \$1,200.00 so I left the \$1,200.00 there as well as the gaming licenses for \$14,000.00 so aside from marijuana, that section we've discussed. The next section intergovernmental consolidated tax, its \$350,000.00 the Town Board had approved a much more conservative number at \$245,000.00 but that was far too conservative in my opinion. We had a company called Applied Analysis provide us with an assessment of the economy of Nevada and they identified the sectors that would be most impacted, the sectors that would be least impacted and we were able to do a weighted average of all of the sectors in Nevada and come up with a number that's a little more palatable, so \$350,000.00 is what I've selected for this budget figure for consolidated tax. You'll notice in the tentative column \$554,113.00 actually the numbers that the State of Nevada, the Department of Taxation provided to us as a figure for Beatty. So, \$350,000.00 is very conservative and I'm confident that the Town will see that revenue. Cemetery receipts I mirrored your number at \$800.00, court fines I mirrored yours at \$17,500.00 and then investment income, I don't think you guys budgeted for that. So, investment income does fluctuate wildly however the ending fund balance that the Beatty Town has is significant. Just a couple of months of interest being posted in fiscal 20 yielded \$45,000.00 so I think \$5,000.00 in revenue is a very conservative estimate for investment income and I think that... I mean we need to budget something for it so that we can keep our eyes on it.

EG – Stated, that's good Savannah because we don't know exactly what we're invested in so...

Ms. Rucker – Went on, and then rent revenue I did not see that the Town budgeted it but in the past we have seen revenues in fiscal 19 of \$460.00 so if the Town Board would like to reduce that to zero I'm amenable to that absolutely.

EG – Stated the rentals of the community center are going to be dramatically reduced. I mean, so no more than 10 people, we don't know how long that's going on, the future is uncertain so... I would rather not even... its \$500.00, maybe we get it maybe we don't. It doesn't matter I think we can absorb it if we get zero.

DG - Stated lets go ahead and put zero on that.

Ms. Rucker – Replied you got it, zero it is and then went on. I will make that modification and because of COVID I'm going to actually but this budget through... oh, you guys don't have... never mind I'll be dealing with the BoCC on this. So, the budget I present to the BoCC will have these modifications in the final budget column as approved by the Beatty Town Advisory Board.

DG – Stated thank you.

Ms. Rucker – Went on, page 9 of 26, this is just a summary of revenues. You can see in the final column total revenues is \$449,933.00. That will be modified to reflect the rent revenue change that we just made, but the beginning fund balance a little further down on the page, beginning fund balance is 2.7 million dollars. So, that's a substantial beginning fund balance for the Beatty Town and that's one of the reasons why the investment income is \$45,000.00 in fiscal 20 for just a couple of month's revenues. So, if you add together the subtotal

revenue of all resources plus your beginning fund balance it gives you total available resources of 3.157 million dollars. That's a very healthy ending fund balance for the Beatty Town.

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If you flip to page 10, we're still talking about the Beatty Town general fund and this is the expenditures by function and activity. So, how the NRS reads, if audit findings are generated as a result of budget expenditures in excess of budget by function, so that's why we identify; General Government, Public Safety, Health, Culture and Recreation, and Community Support. They are all separate functions of Government. So, under General Government, similar to the last page, column 1 is our prior year ending, column 2 is our current year projection, column 3 is the tentative budget that D-Tax approved and column 4 is the column that the Beatty Town Board will make modifications to and I will send that to the Board, BoCC for their approval. I followed suit with the budget that the Beatty Town Board approved for the General Fund in Admin. So, across the board those are the same numbers. Public Safety, the same numbers across the board for salaries, benefits and services and supplies. Health, the same numbers there \$15,000.00. Senior Center so this is the comment Erika made with regards to a new department and I realize we're putting the cart before the horse here but let me explain why we're doing this. Outside of the COVID crisis, Senior Nutrition has not been able to come before the Board and discuss what's going on with this and this is our opportunity to budget for this specific department within the Beatty Town General Fund. I realize that, like I said, we're putting the cart before the horse here but the Beatty Senior Center has not been operating. They've actually had to reduce services because they haven't had enough revenues to cover their expenditures and so in talking to Jennie Martin, she asked can the County General Fund subsidy provide additional dollars to keep this facility open and feed these seniors and at this point the Nye County General Fund has a deficit or had a deficit at that time of 3.4 million dollars, so I did not have a good response for her in that manner. So, what we thought would work, and I hope that you guys are amenable to this, is that we would add the department in here, as a budget line item and then the Beatty Town Board would hear from the Senior Center and Senior Nutrition Program to identify how those dollars would be used. Actually approve with the Beatty Town Board stamp of approval on it and the budget line item here would live in the budget for the sole purpose of separating those dollars out. Identifying that they are for the Senior Center under the Health function and not become a problem for another department and what I mean but that is if this Senior Center is budgeted at zero dollars and the Beatty Town Board decides next month to take action and hey, yeah, you're right we do need this service it's going to have to come from somewhere else as a funding source. Whether its administration, fire department, health, culture and recreation, community support it would have to be a budget transfer between functions. So this eliminates the additional administration on the budget side of it but I completely understand, cart before the horse issue in it being an item but... it seems frustrating for the Board and I do apologize for that, that was not the intent but again, you guys are approving this budget at the end of May and normally I bring this to you in April.

EG – Stated, I'm just going to say this. The purpose of this FY21 budget as you're Treasurer and I hope that you guys, you've put your trust in me for a long time, I would like to remove this Senior Center Department line item, whatever the correct term is, from this budget. I would like to recommend that we have an item on our next agenda to address this item. Our next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>; I think that's the next meeting. That still gives us time in this fiscal year to approve this item. I have lots of reasons why I'm saying this, it depends on how much time you guys want to spend, but that is my recommendation. I'm not saying that we will or won't give the money; I just don't think this is the place that it belongs. It creates a department, we have the money in our general fund and other funds to give this money if the Board so chooses and we could do that, we could have done it tonight if it has been an agenda item, so that's my recommendation Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, Mr. Chairman, if I might, the Senior Center falls under the Health function so how it's pulled out, separated out from General Government, Admin, Public Safety Fire, the purpose for that is specifically under the NRS, that's where Senior Center lives, is under the Health function and the budget has to be approved by the end of this month so whether or not the Board takes action next month if there is not a line item for this and the Board decides that they want to take action and provide this funding to your Senior Center there's no mechanism for funding it with the exception of a budget transfer within departments. So that means you'd be robbing Peter to pay Paul if that was something that the Board wanted to move forward with. In addition to that, Mr. Chairman, when we spoke last week, all of the departments within the General fund they submit their bills through Carrie for payment and actually they go through the Town Board for approval, correct?

DG – Replied yes.

EG – Stated let me step in here for one more minute okay? This is not the place for discussion on whether the Beatty Town Advisory Board would like to create a new department in its budget. This is my recommendation, that we pull this item from our annual budget and then on June 8<sup>th</sup>, which our fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, on June 8<sup>th</sup> we can entertain an item to address this and we have the money in our current year fiscal budget to give money to anybody that asks for it, if the Board so chooses. I don't want to keep going around and around with this, there are so many questions, there are just too many questions to be answered when we are trying to approve this fiscal year 21 budget.

DG – Stated okay for right now let's take the Senior Center out of it, Savannah.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, something to note for the Board, if the Board does approve any funding in fiscal 21, anything outside of what is budgeted as an expenditure cannot be, you'd have to reallocate from a different department.

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EG – Stated let's do this as a way to move forward. For the FY21 budget I would recommend to the Board that we pull that item out of our budget because we do not have department or anything Beatty Senior Center at this moment. I will suggest that we have an item on our next budget, because we can spend money from anywhere we want in our General fund, in Admin. We can do that from Admin, in two weeks, we can do that. In FY21 if there is a need, if an agenda request is made, the Board can hear that request, at that time and approve those funds if the Board so desires. Call for the question.

PF – Asked, can we consider this deleting the \$10,000.00 as a line item and then supplement shall we say the Fire Department \$10,000.00, so if we do want to go with this we can take the \$10,000.00 out of the Fire Department budget.

EG – Stated we are not doing that. We don't need to take it out of anybody else's budget. We have the money and if the Board wants to consider this item on an agenda as all requests for money are made, then we'll do it on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, Mr. Chairman, if I may Perry's question is not invalid. I understand the Senior Center is not up for discussion right now but the budget that's associated, right now for fiscal 21 that we're discussing, the Board can move within functions at a future date, absolutely, so yes to Perry's question. With regard to Erika's comment about you can spend money out of anywhere, that's not true. If your spending money on the Senior Center it has to come from the Health function, it can't come from Administration and those are budget clarification items required by my office to make sure that the Beatty Town does not generate an audit finding. So, those are things that I am responsible for.

EG – Stated then I have one more question. When we gave the Nye County Senior Nutrition Program \$23,000.00 plus dollars from our General fund, it didn't come from Health & Welfare, it came from our General fund, so how is this any different than that.

Ms. Rucker – Stated Health and Welfare is under your General fund so are you talking about General Government?  
Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Clarified Admin, Savanna.

EG – Stated from Admin, we gave over \$23,000.00, it's been I don't know how many years. So, this is what I'm saying I would like to proceed with the Senior Center funding item is that we do it that way, the way we did it last time and we didn't have to make a new line item in our budget that could, I may not be the Treasurer, next year, this thing could carry over and over and over and every year we're paying \$10,000.00 to something. So, we did it already for an amount over \$23,000.00.

Ms. Rucker – Stated when that happened several years ago luckily the auditor did not find it because it would have been an audit finding. I will send you the NRS with regards to what constitutes a health related expense and why this is called out. I will leave it at that, I have this zeroed out on the budget currently and we can move forward. Culture and Rec. I left the budget as requested by the Town and Community Support is the same. Page 11 of 26, this is a summary of all expenditures by function which will be modified based on the changes as the Town Board has requested. Then we have contingency which cannot exceed 3% of the total expenditures that number will change as a result of the change in expenditures. Then we have operating transfers out of the General fund into other funds for the purposes of those other funds set forth. We have annual transfer to Capital of \$30,000.00, OPEB Trust Fund for existing Retirees \$11,500.00 and OPEB Trust Fund pre-funding of \$15,500.00. Your end number total expenditures and other uses will change based on the prior page modifications. Other than that any questions on this page?

DG – Stated, none.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, moving on next page, page 12 of 26. This is the Room Tax fund and the original budget for the Room Tax fund revenues was, the Beatty Town Board budgeted \$71,029.91, we're recommending half of the estimated current year budget and the reason for that is based on how room taxes are... what's happening with room taxes and tourism right now. It's better to under estimate than over estimate in this instance. In the event that revenues come in higher than anticipated we can always augment if necessary but again with an ending fund balance I think that this fund is able to sustain without an augment. So, that's why our revenues are at \$42,500.00 and our investment income is only a \$1,000.00, which is half of what we are projecting for this fiscal year. Any questions on those revenues for room tax? Next page 13 of 26; this is your Culture and Recreation function in the Room Tax fund that includes Museum and Chamber. Both the Museum and the Chamber these numbers match what the Town Board approved previously and that gives you in that function, Culture and Recreation function \$98,766.00, the second function within this fund is Community Support and based on the reduction of revenues those services and supplies are \$85,702.00, leaving us with an ending fund balance of zero dollars in that fund per typical Beatty Town Board request. Any questions on this page? Okay, so, the Community Support is so much lower because revenues are so much lower but I do know that the Community Support is where the majority of the expenditure budget lives, it's not associated with the Museum or the Chamber so I don't think it's going to be a problem but if you guys have a project that comes up let me know and I'll be sure to take care of an augment for this fund to avoid an audit finding.

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Next page 14 of 26, this is the Beatty Town Capital Projects fund 24401, you have investment income that comes into this fund. We're anticipating that at half of the current year estimated and then you have the operating transfer in which comes in from the Beatty Town General fund. We did not modify that so that \$30,000.00 is still a good number. That added in with your beginning fund balance gives you capital outlay of \$578,093.00 and a zero dollar ending fund balance, any questions on this page? Next page 15 of 26 is fund 24402 that's Beatty Town Special Capital Advelorum Fund. This receives a transfer in, intergovernmental revenue at the top; the \$20,000.00 is actually transferring from the County. The County has an advelorum capital projects fund and under NRS the County is required to transfer a portion of those revenues back to the town and that is the Beatty Town revenue portion. Investment income is half of the current year estimated and those two revenues plus the beginning fund balance gives a Capital outlay expenditure budget of \$256,142.00 and a zero dollar ending fund balance. Any questions on this page? Page 16 of 26, this is the Beatty Town Room Tax Capital Projects fund, 24403. This receives revenues from room taxes, so the final approved number at the top I have identified as \$8,750.00 that is half of the current estimated year and the estimated current year ending was modified based on the fact that COVID is just completely ravishing revenues in the room tax fund. So, that's already a conservative number and the same is true of the prior room tax fund. Investment income at \$500.00, that's half of what we're projecting in the current fiscal year. Those revenues added to your beginning fund balance gives you a Capital outlay expenditure budget of \$134,847.00 that leaves you with a zero dollar ending fund balance. Any questions on this page? Okay, next page 17 of 26 this is Beatty Town Public Safety Sales Tax Sheriff Fund. Beatty Town Board just approved the plan from the Sheriff's Office and this budget page gives them the budget available to execute that plan and prior years pending plans. When I generated this page the D-Tax numbers and the top, the other, it's actually listed as intergovernmental PSST, it's actually a consolidated tax, these numbers were already scaled back at the point in time in which I generated this document and I had to give these numbers to the Sheriff's Office long before the budgets went to the State for approval, so that \$35,000.00 is already scaled back, investment income was already scaled back as well. Those two revenues with the ending fund balance from the prior fiscal year has left a total budget for expenditures of \$131,819.00 and a zero dollar ending fund balance for Public Safety Sales Tax. Any Questions on this page? Okay, the next page 18 of 26 fund 24235 is the Beatty Town Public Safety Sales Tax Fire Fund, so it's the sister fund to the Sheriff's Office fund. The revenues are the same in both the D-Tax line and the investment income line, there is more of an ending fund balance here, so that gives a larger expenditure budget for the Fire Department of \$152,243.00 and that leaves you with a zero dollar ending fund balance. Any Questions on this page? Has Mike Harmon brought forward a fire plan, or does he just bring things forward as he sees needs?

Ms. Radomski – Stated pretty much as he sees needs, Savannah.

Ms. Rucker – Stated okay great, just when he does approve those be sure to send me a copy because that's something that the legislative counsel bureau asks for a quarterly report and sometimes they ask for other things so I like to have it as backup.

Ms. Radomski – Stated okay, will do.

Ms. Rucker – Stated on the next page, 19 of 26 is the Beatty Town OPEB fund. OPEB again is Other Post Employment Benefits that is your retiree's health care. So we have an operating revenue transfer in from the General fund of \$27,000.00, and of that \$27,000.00 there are services and supplies incurred in this future fiscal year of \$11,500.00 and so that leaves a balance in this fiscal year of \$15,500.00. They're calling this an operating income because of how this particular fund is reported as a propriety fund but if you move down the page you can see that we actually have a net income of \$42,500.00 in this fund because of the operating transfers before they activate it and then the operating transfers for pre-funding so we're basically pre-saving for the future needs of this benefit that's provided to employees. If you flip to the next page, page 20 of 26, this is just your statement of cash flows for that same fund. These types of funds have a budget that they get a budget document like you just saw, the schedule S1 which is revenue and the income and then this page that we're looking at, this shows the ins and outs of cash of this fund and then what the end balance is. These last pages, 21,22, and 23 are all of your transfer reconciliations, basically making sure that where you have a transfer out of one fund for Beatty you have a transfer in for another fund. If you look on page 23 of 26 on the bottom, total transfers \$57,000.00 so those net out. The next few pages, page 24 or 26 this is a schedule of existing contracts and I didn't have any existing contracts, I don't know if I'm missing any or if the Town just doesn't have any existing contracts.

Ms. Radomski – Stated we don't.

Ms. Rucker – Replied, you don't, okay... no contracts. Then page 25 of 26 is your schedule of privatization contracts and what this would be is if you had privatized any type of service. So, for the town of Pahrump, its trash service but you guys don't have any privatization contracts so that is blank. Page 26 of 26 is lobbying expenses and to my knowledge the Town of Beatty does not lobby and based on that it's all zeros. At this point I welcome any questions and if there are no questions then I definitely need an approval on the agenda (budget) as amended so I can move it forward to the BoCC.

DG- Asked for comments.

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PF – Asked can we do this because of the \$10,000.00?

DG – Explained, we can, we just do it as amended.

EG – Stated, I just want to say I appreciate everybody's hard work and I think that we can all work together to come to some solutions. I hate to always be a Debbie downer but anyway I'm ready for the question whenever you are.

DG – Asked for public comment.

Richard Stephens – Stated I understand from what you said, that what they had done previously by giving money to the Senior Center through Admin would not pass audit, it doesn't comply with the NRS. I think what Erika wants is flexibility, not having to commit the funds in the budget but having the flexibility to expend them. Is there another mechanism by which that could be done?

Ms. Rucker – Stated I tried to explain it a couple of times, unfortunately I speak in budget and accounting brain and sometimes I'm not understood very well, so I apologize for that. If the funding isn't set aside somewhere, whether it's in Admin or Fire, or wherever and the Board does take action to provide this subsidy or however they want to handle it, whether it's that the Town Board approves invoices or whatever, that funding would have to come from somewhere and in the past, yes that subsidy of \$23,000.00 was funded through Admin but it wasn't caught through the audit process and luckily because then it would have created an audit finding so that was a benefit but it should be under Health based on the NRS and I don't have any flexibility outside of that. The NRS says that the Senior Center supported expense, that's my understanding of the NRS; Discussion followed.

Mr. Stephens – Stated it sounds to me that if you don't have that item in the budget then you can't give them the money, that's what it sounds like.

EG – Stated, well that's not true we can give them the money if the Board votes to do that, that's all I'm done. Mr. Chair please call for the vote.

*EG – Motion to approve 9b subject to the amendments; Second RR: 4-0*

**c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management Battle Mountain District, Nevada regarding the AngloGold Ashanti North America Silicon Exploration Project in Beatty, Nye County, Nevada Environmental Assessment #DOI-BLM-NV-B020-0017-EA. Comment must be received no later than 4:30pm on June 5, 2020 – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated I would like to add this statement to the comment letter that you guys reviewed. So this is a comment letter for the Anglo Ashanti permit modification, so I'd like to add this sentence into the letter that says; drill holes and mud pits are a particularly sensitive issue for the community as they are unsightly and mar the natural landscape, this is addressed in the EA section 2.2.1 drill hole plugging and 2.2.2 re-grading and reshaping. Special attention should be paid to this issue. So that's a sentence I'd like to add into the letter if you guys don't have an issue with that. I'd just add that Carrie, Karl and I have been working with the BLM Tonopah field office and Terra Spectra and we've developed some maps to show the mining foot prints overlaid over our routes and points of interest. I'm very excited about that because this will inform the mines and the BLM about where those important things are to us, where they intersect, so we can all make good decisions for our economic, eco-tourism plans.

*RR – Motion to approve 9c as presented by EG with the addition; Second PF: 4-0*

**d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve, amend or reject the production of a "Wanted" poster to welcome, inform and encourage visitors and others to practice safety measures; hand washing, wearing masks, social distancing, etc. per CDC guidelines in an amount not to exceed \$500.00 – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated Eureka shared a poster that they are doing and I think it's really cute, during the opening phase I think it's really important that we don't blow all of our hard work and this is a nice friendly little reminder to continue with health and safety measures. It can be used by the business as a friendly reminder.

*PF – Motion to approve 9d; Second RR: 4-0*

**10 General Public Comment**

EG - Stated I want to thank everyone for participating. I love my town you guys are doing great, just keep doing what we're doing. Since the shut down I've had to practice some of what I preach I told a couple of friends of mine that I'm the proverbial girl who lives in a glass house and I wanted to say that with everything that's going on, I know some of it's happening with you but I don't know everything that's happening with you. You know some of what's happening with me but you don't know everything that's happening with me. So there's been a lot going on with me and I know there's a lot going on with you and if I'm over the top, more over the top I mean than usual, it's because I am over the top more than usual. All this added pressure, underlying conditions, makes for uncertain outcomes in the best of times. Everybody is dealing with whatever they are dealing with so stay safe people and try to stay sane and don't forget to take care of yourself physically and emotionally.

**11 Adjournment**

*RR - Motion to adjourn 7:59pm; Second EG; 4-0*

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