

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
06/13/16**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
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Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Randy Reed (RR) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

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.

None

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of June 13, 2016

Staff pulled item 5 Emergency Items.

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Meeting Minutes dated June 6, 2016.

RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated June 6, 2016; Second CT; 4-1 KC abstain

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

6 Presentation/Update – Death Valley National Park by Mike Reynolds and Abby Wines

Mike Reynolds Superintendent of Death Valley – Introduced himself and Abby Wines the Management Assistant of Death Valley National Parks and thanked the BTAB for the invitation to come and speak.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated; I started in this job about a year ago and had hoped to come up to Beatty, I had talked to Nye County and Pahrump, then I had a scheduling issue and then we had this flood at Scotty’s Castle and it pretty much derailed everything else we planned on. I’m happy to be here today, and Abby and I want to answer any questions that might be out there and give an update on what’s happening in the park.

We are working with the Beatty Chamber of Commerce, Linda; we are talking to those folks all the time and trying to get information back and forth. The Museum, we have some brochures and stuff for that but if there is anybody else that needs information or there is some other way to get info out just give us a holler.

I first came here in 2000 and left for a different job about 11 years ago with the Park and came back and there’s been amazing change since that time. The mine was still operating here during that time. I did my EMT training in Beatty so I spent quite a bit of time in Beatty and it was really focused on mining at that time. What seems to have changed in that time period is there are more hotels and a focus on the Park, which is great. The Park Service is thrilled to have a gateway community to work with, but I know that there is a responsibility that we have too, to try to help support the community help support the visitors. We are sort of in the same business, but it is important that we have communication and try to make that work.

As with what happened this spring, the super bloom, I don’t know if you knew this, but visitation was up 95% over all and it was 60% higher in the spring than any other month in the parks history. We did not expect that, we thought, cool flowers! There will be a few more people but we didn’t expect tens of thousands of people. It overran our resources, our EMT’s, our hotels, our stores. The gas stations were closed more than they were open because they ran out of stuff. Visitation is great but you have to be ready for it and we just weren’t ready for it. It would be interesting to know how it went up here. I’m sure that must have spilled up here. Those are the sorts of things that we want to be sure to communicate about and however we can help. We have a lot of Beatty residents work in the Park and are going back and forth every day. We are very in tune with what is going on here and would like to be.

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Mr. Reynolds – Stated Abby Wines, for 10 years, was the Supervisory Ranger at the castle. She supervised all of the people who gave the tours. She's been here for a long time, and with the flood, which of course, derailed the castle all 19 of those people lost their jobs. The majority of them were sent to other parks, but we were able to keep a few, including Abby who transferred into this Management Assistant position which has been fantastic because she has a vested interest in Beatty and the Castle and having her working on the recovery. She's going to tell you a little bit about where we are with that.

Abby Wines – Stated I've been working at Scotty's Castle since 2005 and then the flood washed my life away. Fortunately, I didn't live there, but it still felt just as bad as if I had lived there, it's where my heart was.

I want to tell you a little about the flood recovery. It took us months to get all the mud dug out of the castle and to get it to a point where it wasn't getting worse. Now we are in the beginning of the recovery phase. The first project we started on was putting in the temporary water line between the spring and the castle which is about 4,000 feet of distance. Because the flood took out the spring box, took out one of the reservoirs and the whole 4,000 feet of pipe between the spring and the castle. That's our first priority, to be able to turn on the fire sprinklers in the buildings so we don't lose them. We had a fire at the castle about three years ago that started at the edge of the parking lot, and looking back at history it seems that this happens about every 10 years. As with everything that happens, we run into unintended or unexpected problems. The thing we didn't expect or anticipate was that when you lay a pipe on the surface that's 4,000 feet long that's black it's going to get really hot in the day time and cool down overnight and especially before it was charged with water. So the contractors installed it and overnight it ripped 8 inches apart and was laying sideways in the wash. So that's the first, of hopefully, no more problems that we will ever run into in this recovery. Bare with us because we hope that if everything goes well, even anticipating some problems like this, we still expect it to be 2019 before we have the castle fully back, repaired and completely open to the public.

I have some handouts on the back table that talk a little bit about the scale of the damage there. The total amount of the recovery cost for the park is going to be at least 30 million dollars and so part of what I've been doing the last few months is chasing some of that money down.

The road repairs are pretty much set. We are going to have that money or we already have it depending on which road it is, we just have to get the work done. When it comes to your entrance in to Scotty's Castle, Bonnie Claire Rd and Nevada 267, which turns into Bonnie Claire Rd to Scotty's Castle, we probably won't begin to start construction for about a year from now, sometime in 2017. That's because of the scale of the damage in that canyon. One area of the paved road basically had a trench dug through the road and there are lots of other places where it picked up the asphalt. Picture the flood going under it and then laying it down on top of boulders, the road is gone.

The highway administration came out about two weeks ago and did their very initial analysis or presenting to the park alternatives for how to repair the road. They considered everything from closing the road between Scotty's and the park boundary, which was never seriously considered, to turning that part into a dirt road, which would really not be good for Beatty, and then the next option was basically repave it exactly the way it was, make a few of the water crossings a little bit more durable, next option was move it up about five feet out of the wash and the most drastic option was to move it about thirty feet up the wash, way up on the hillside. The park decided on a hybrid of replacing some of it the way it was and moving it up about five feet depending on the locations, either to avoid cultural sites or other sites that are sensitive in the canyon or places that are more important to be durable in floods. So that's really literally where we are at right now is that very first decision making; what type of road do we want to have? So now we need to go back to the drawing board and do the exact design of what that looks like, then go through our compliance process, so probably about a year from now before the work will actually get started.

Water system destroyed, sewer system completely washed away and over twenty four power poles washed out and down the canyon into Death Valley, a mile past the end of the canyon. California Edison replaced all the power poles but we can't turn on power to the castle yet because the flood damaged the electric boxes and transformers and everything that gets power to the buildings so that's our next contract coming up will be getting the power back to the buildings. We need both those things to be working before we can turn on the fire sprinklers. The sprinklers are a dry pipe system, basically that means that you need air pressure in them to hold the water back, to keep it from flooding the pipes into the castle and the other historic buildings out there. So we need power and water before that would be the case. We really thought we were going to be able to do this back in February. In November, a month after the flood, we were talking about these things, oh this is our temporary thing, this is our emergency fix, and here we are months later looking at it. If you're frustrated we understand because we are frustrated too, but this is going to happen, it's not going to be mothballed. That decision has been made and keeps being reaffirmed every time we talk about this; both within the park with our park service regional office in San Francisco and with the Park Service national office. We've had one Congressman come out and representatives from a Senate office and the U.S. Representative's offices to look at what we are doing and they all confirmed, yes we need to do this, this is important. There is wide spread agreement that Scotty's Castle is important and it will be repaired and reopened to the public. As far as damage to the buildings, the building that most recently we've been using as our visitor center, it's the historic garage, long shed. If you were at the castle before 2000 you would remember it as the gift shop where we used to have the hamburger and hot dog stand. That building got 4 feet of mud coming through the whole building and it pushed one of the walls off the foundation. That's the building that got the most damage. My office building which is the hacienda that's the building just across the water course from the visitor's center, two storey structure, that also had about 4 feet of water through it and my office, the top of my desk was completely fine like nothing had happened and everything below that was mud. The first day that I got to go out there after the flood, which was three days later, it was hard to see. So those are the two buildings, both historic, that were most damaged by the flood.

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Scotty's Castle itself is slightly higher on the hill and slightly further away from the wash so no mud ever went through it but it rained three and a half inches and there already were a few spots in the walls and in the roof where there were leaks, the flood made them a lot worse. So when we had rain again on April 27th just a little over a month ago, again water seeped in, flowed down the interior walls in a few spots so that's one of our next high priorities to protect that. So that's what's going on with the castle.

One of the things we are talking about doing is trying to find a way to give people a way to get up there before we get everything repaired. To have temporary flood tours and this is really, I'm hoping to get it all approved and get to do it but, it should be a really cool opportunity for people to be able to see the power of a flood that's 3,200 cubic feet per second in a spot where there is normally only a little trickle of water. To see what that does to manmade features, to historic features, to roads and then to understand why our landscape all around here looks the way it does. It's these sporadic events over the geologic past are why the mountains around Beatty and around Death Valley have the look that they do. So it's a natural event, sad when it affects something that you personally care about but it's also really cool, really awesome to see the force of nature. So we are hoping to be able to do that and in order to be able to do it without gutting our other interpretive programs elsewhere in the park, at Furnace Creek, we would need to charge for it in order to be able to recoup the costs and what we are proposing for a charge would be \$32.00 per person which is more than twice what the tourists were paying before which is \$15.00. When we get everything repaired we will go back to, maybe not \$15.00 for sure, I'm sure we will reevaluate it at that point but go back to more of a normal price at that point.

Ms. Wines – Asked, any questions about the flood?

CT – Asked what is the actual price, or your estimate price on the total of Scotty's Castle? Just to give everybody an idea.

Ms. Wines – Stated the total repairs for Scotty's Castle are about twenty six million dollars and then the other four million was repairs elsewhere in the park, mostly Jubilee Pass, the south end of Bad Water road.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I heard that the swimming pool got filled with dirt and silt.

Ms. Wines – Stated it did.

Unidentified Audience – Asked so did that fill up to the point where it went through the windows into the sub-basement?

Ms. Wines – Stated yes.

Unidentified Audience – Stated so that had to be cleaned out.

Ms. Wines – Confirmed that all got cleaned out. So they built a little ramp to get a small bobcat down into the swimming pool and it was moving dirt around and getting it close enough to the edge of the pool so that a backhoe could reach in and grab that and pull it out and move it into a dump truck and the parts that were right next to a concrete wall we did that by hand. So any place where mud was within four feet of one of the historic structures or a concrete wall that was all done by hand tools.

Unidentified Audience – Asked did it leak into the basement of Scotty's Castle?

Ms. Wines – Stated it didn't go into the basement of Scotty's Castle; it only went into the tunnels next to the basement of Scotty's Castle. It could have been much, much worse. One of the many ways that we were lucky was that we didn't have two hundred palm trees above the castle anymore. So after the fire three or years ago that killed the palm trees, it took us maybe about six months to get the funding and get the work done to cut all of those palm trees down, buck them up and haul them out. What made the flood in the visitor's center as bad as it was was one tree that came across and blocked one spot and created a dam that backed up all the flood and forced it into the building.

Ms. Wines – Stated the other thing that I would like to talk to you about is that Death Valley National Park is considering some changes to our fee structure or to the prices that we charge for things. I mentioned the idea of a new temporary charge for the flood tours of Scotty's Castle but also we are looking at raising the park entrance fee from \$20.00 for a week long pass for a vehicle to \$25.00 for a week long pass. The year long pass, Death Valley annual pass, would go from \$40.00 to \$50.00. We are right in the middle of our public comment period, so if you have some thoughts about the fee changes that we are proposing please comment. You can tell us personally, it's going to be a little easier for us if you do it in writing. There is a handout in the back that tells you the different ways that you can do that, either mailing to an address or going online. If that doesn't work for you talk to us while we are here and that would be fine too. The other proposed changes would be raising the prices of the campgrounds a few dollars per campground leaving the free ones still free. So Emigrant, Wild Rose, Thorndike, and Mahogany Flat would continue to be free but the price of Stove Pipe, Furnace Creek, and Sunset those campsites would go up a couple of dollars per night, that helps us. All of the proposed fee increases will help us have more revenue to stay in the park to fund park projects so generally 80% of the money that we collect stays in the park. Right now because of the flood recovery we have a very unusual special authorization to keep 100% of it in the park, which is really unusual and I'm really excited that they gave us permission to do that and so until we get the castle rebuilt and reopened we are keeping 100% of it. Our priority of using this entrance fee money and campground fee increase, there are a few operational things that we have to fund like custodians for campgrounds basic, important things like that, beyond that the highest priority is flood recovery. Most of that is going to go towards repairing the castle and getting that open as quickly as possible. Another aspect that is kind of interesting, I think, to business owners and a gateway community such as Beatty is that part of why we were directed by the region to consider raising our campground fees, it doesn't apply to entrance fees, but campground fees only is because we are not allowed to undercut private business.

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If you think about it the park is supported by tax dollars. The money we get from charging for camping fees is a help but we could make decisions and move money around and afford to have camping grounds without charging anything it would just mean that we didn't do some other things that we feel are important, but if we charge nothing for a campground or charge \$2.00 or a ridiculously low price then that is unfair competition against people that own, for example Xanterra with Furnace Creek they have camping in the park, Stove Pipe Wells, the concessioner there has a little bit, Panamint Springs has some that is privately owned within the borders of the park and then up here in Beatty and Pahrump, so, just an interesting part about the fee increase. One aspect to that is really intended to not out-compete private businesses in the gateway communities. Are there any questions about the fees?

There were none

Mr. Reynolds – Thanked Abby and stated I would offer that if there is ever any information that we can provide, one of the priorities I have as the Superintendent is to make sure that I have my doors open, Abby's doors open. I'll come every week if that is helpful to share information or figure out how we can help each other, I mean that. I will leave my card with the folks on the Town Board. Don't hesitate to call, I know how rumors get started, I'm always happy to answer questions or come up, in fact would invite you guys down especially in the summer. I think summer is the best kept secret in Death Valley. You guys know what heat is like because you live here, add ten degrees. Death Valley really has so much spectacular high country, I spent the weekend camping up in the Grapevines in the Nevada triangle and it is just spectacular this time of year, so come and visit Death Valley. Does anybody have any questions or anything for us that would be interesting or anything on your mind?

EG – Stated I just really appreciate the update. It's a lot of information that personally I didn't know. So you guys keep promoting us and we'll keep promoting you and we will all be one big, happy family.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated you got it, and we've had lots of great conversations with Pahrump the folks there and the Nye County people and I entirely understand the relationship but I know we always say hey Beatty is making a living off of the park and Pahrump is still trying to figure out who they are, it's kind of an opportunity. I've always used Beatty as the example of a gateway community that has really embraced the fact that there are 1.5 million people coming to this place from all over the world. We're biased, I love Death Valley but it's something where Beatty seems to have sort of embraced that they are here and made it part of what the town is.

EG – Stated all credit to our Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated if there is ever anything, we would be happy to come back periodically and give updates on what's happening.

Unidentified Audience – Clarified, 2017 is when you said the road might be available and then you were thinking about doing, if it gets approved, the impact of the mudslide or wash or anything like that; when are you going to have an answer to that?

Ms. Wines – Clarified on whether we can do the temporary tours, is that what you are asking about?

Unidentified Audience – Replied right, because that sounds really interesting, really cool, I think.

Ms. Wines – Stated we should have a better idea of that within the next couple of months. We have an internal planning meeting next week where we will have all of the people from within the park and a few from the regional office around that can help us decide, do we do this and to work around the contractors that are working up there. The other part of it is can we charge for it and we'll know that in a couple of months. The public comment period is part of the key input we need in order to be able to decide can we charge for it. If everyone says no, then we won't, but then we also can't afford to do it more than once a month or so. So, probably this summer sometime and we wouldn't start doing it until the fall anyway.

EG – Asked is the public comment website on the flyer.

Ms. Wines – Stated it is.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated the flyer is on the back table. Also I don't know if you guys have seen these around, it's a brand new map that just came out a few months ago. The map is updated, it's kind of a unique design it really focuses on the night sky, and it's a different concept. I brought some of those for people.

DG – Asked in the floods and rains were there any other areas in the park that were damaged?

Mr. Reynolds – Stated yes this is interesting. You guys probably know this as well as we do there were four floods; October 4th was the first big one, and then the 16th, 17th, and 18th there were three more days of flooding and on October 4th of our 1,000 miles of roads in the park, 1,000 miles were closed because every single road in the entire park, it was really widespread, severe flooding. We brought in a bunch of grader operators from outside of the park and for two weeks cleared about 500 miles of road and then on the 16th, 17th, and 18th they were hit again, the entire 1,000 miles with ten times the volume and force. So then it took four months to get them all cleared and once we cleared the debris, that's where what Abby was talking about, there are only four roads in the park that were actually destroyed so to speak and the two main ones were the seven and a half miles at Scotty's Castle, the Bonnie Claire Road, and then one hundred and fifty miles south all the way down by the town of Shoshone at Jubilee Pass. We lost about ten miles of that road, and so that project will actually be done in July.

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We did that one first because the town of Shoshone, well it didn't really matter because Scotty's Castle itself will take all of three years to fix so at least once the one in Jubilee Pass is open the through route going south is back open. Whereas opening the one up here...

Ms. Wines – Stated I think a bigger factor was they knew what they were going to do with that road down in Badwater. Like I said, we are just deciding now what we are going to do with Scotty's Castle road.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated so if you're a road engineer this won't be a surprise to you, I am not a road engineer and neither was Abby but we were really shocked that it is about a million dollars a mile to put in a really good paved road when the base is lost. So if you just do the quick math that's like ten million dollars apiece just for those two stretches of road and interestingly, the Scotty's Castle road just went in, in 2012 for eleven million dollars or something like that. So we obviously got a lot of questions saying why did we pay eleven million dollars for a road that washed away and why are you going to spend ten more million to put it back in the exact same spot that it was and it just washes away again? So we spent a lot of time trying to not just explain it, that it is a legitimate question, it's a lot of tax payer money to put in a road there. It's very exciting because it's going forward.

Ms. Wines – Stated one of the things that I forgot to say is that the flood was so big that it changed the way all water is going to flow down that canyon in the future. So even if we don't have a flood event as big as the one that happened in October the places where it will cross the road, the places where erosion will happen were not the same places that in 2012 they designed the road to resist.

Mr. Reynolds – Stated the hydrology is completely different.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I have to say we are very happy with the way the maintenance is being done on the roads the last years that you have gotten there Mike (Mr. Reynolds). Previous to that there was a lot of times Titus Canyon would be shut down for months on end because they weren't maintaining the road and it seems like now whenever you guys have a washout you're pretty fast in getting there and getting it resolved, so we appreciate that.

Mr. Reynolds – Replied thanks I'll pass that along. Bret Lambert is our roads foreman; he's been here for about a year and a half and Clay, you may know Clay Rankin. We only have four roads people and they have been all over. Actually a side benefit of having two hundred and seventy people come to the park to help with flood recovery is a bunch of them were tractor operators so when these things happened they were able to fan out at least through February and do the roads pretty quickly, so we had a lot of help. Any other questions?

There were none.

DG – Thanked Mike and Abby for the presentation.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff's Office by Sheriff Wehrly

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I don't know what kind of a presentation it's going to be, I came for questions mostly.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated right now Amargosa and Beatty have four people on the street again plus we backfill every time somebody has a vacation day or gets sick. We will have a fifth person on board in a couple of weeks; he's in his third phase. He has two and a half more weeks there and barring anything else he'll start into his fourth phase, and that's the final phase, so then he will be stationed out here and we will have five people that we can rotate. That will give us twenty four hour coverage of five actually dedicated folks to Beatty and Amargosa. We are hoping for six before we quit. It depends upon the budget, we won't know about the budget until sometime next week. I have a meeting with Pam Webster tomorrow and I will be going over that. PSST (Public Safety Sales Tax) monies, she is telling me that she should have something on that within the next few days, hopefully she does. I have no idea how much money we are looking at. I would imagine that you guys already know that. I know that each town has been told approximately how much they have. Do you have any idea how much money you will have in your PSST account?

EG – Stated it's between eighty four and ninety (thousand).

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated is the only thing that I was told is that it would not afford a full time deputy. I would imagine if that was eighty four to ninety two that would be...

EG – Stated that's all the savings.

Sheriff Wehrly – Reiterated that's with everything.

EG – Stated yes so it's approximately twenty thousand dollars a year, so yeah that wouldn't support a full time person, if we have to look at just that twenty thousand dollars annually.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated think about what you would like to do and let me know what kind of a conclusion you come to. I'm open for whatever.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I have a new dispatcher in training for up here. Next BoCC meeting I've asked for one more for Beatty, I don't know whether they will approve it or whether they won't, hopefully they do and that will get me back to three that actually support Beatty. We're trying for four but I don't know...

That's about where we are. Are there any questions?

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CT – Asked based on bringing the dispatchers back up here are they going to be able to open up the office and do the fingerprinting on a regular basis then...

Sheriff Wehrly – Sated, well that was what I was going to ask you, if you guys wanted to put an eight to five person in? We could teach them how to do all those things.

CT – Stated for some going down to Pahrump like if you need your sheriff’s card for bartending whatever the case may be it’s hard to get down to Pahrump and it’s hard to wait for that month, when you know hurry up and get it done. So I was just wondering if that was going to include the office staff as well.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well if you would like to use some of your PSST money to hire somebody, then we would have somebody there five days a week, eight hours a day.

EG – Stated maybe what we need to do is have a workshop to talk about what we would like to do with that money and the services and how often, if it’s a part time person. We’ll try to schedule something to talk about the public safety tax because that request also has to come from us for the commissioners. What is your feeling?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I think your money would be best spent to put someone in there five days a week, eight hours a day.

EG – Clarified doing partially dispatch, partially....

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated, no they wouldn’t be doing dispatch.

EG – Clarified just administrative stuff?

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed just administrative stuff.

EG – Replied okay.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the other thing is with that being said, Beatty is the center of Nye County and it’s also the backup for the dispatch center and everything that the Sheriff’s Office has, Beatty is the central area and we are going to try to build on that. If we have a problem in Tonopah it’s centrally located, if we have a problem in Pahrump it’s centrally located. So this is going to be the depository if we can switch it out, so that we can move things immediately, that’s what we are working on right now with dispatch. We are going to reorganize in the office a little bit so that we have a couple more stations for dispatchers so that if we do have an emergency we can immediately move people in and this will be the hub, it just makes sense. You are in the center of Nye County.

EG – Stated I have a couple of questions Sheriff Wehrly. You said that you are going to be meeting with Pam in a few days about your budget, or tomorrow?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I’m going to meet with Pam tomorrow morning at eight o’clock.

EG – Asked didn’t they approve your budget when they approved everybody else’s budgets?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes they did but to know what that is exactly and how we are going to budget out for the various things that is nebulous to say the least. We are going to sit down and we are going to go over what happened last year and then we are going to go over what happened this year and we are going to take an average of those two things and we are going to try to budget so that we have an idea how much money we have in various accounts. We are going to try to run it like a business.

EG – Stated okay. I have one more question. Can you tell me whatever happened with the fingerprint machine and what was ever decided about, I know right now we are just doing it, people make appointments and a deputy is there to do it to negate the safety issue so is that something that is still in the pipeline that you are looking at to have where they can put their hands through the window or whatever that plan was.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well that’s going to be to the backseat until July first when we have a new budget.

EG – Stated okay.

EG – Stated just to be clear your budget is separate from the justice courts budget?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated absolutely.

DG – Recognized Teresa (Sullivan) in the audience.

Teresa – Stated I’m a little confused. It was my understanding that your explanation to us when we lost the fingerprinting and the admin staff that it had to do with the fact that we didn’t have the right machine. So I’m a little confused as to why now we would have to use money that we have as a town to hire an additional person if the machine was the issue.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the machine is that’s two separate issues, absolutely two separate issues. What we did is we went back to the State and we are using a machine that is actually for prisoners in the back.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

Teresa – Clarified so the machine is fine?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the machine is fine.

Teresa – Asked so why do you need additional staffing to handle something that we had with existing staff?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we don’t have any more staffing. That’s very easy, I’ll continue to have a deputy come off the street and support that whenever you have people to be fingerprinted but that’s not the only thing that an admin person could do.

Teresa – Stated but you are saying dispatch can no longer do fingerprinting at all.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no, they cannot.

Teresa – Clarified because...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated because they are actually dispatching. See dispatch, the way that it used to work and it took me awhile to get this down so, dispatch up here was only dispatching Beatty so therefore they had a lot of down time. Now dispatch up here dispatches not only Beatty but Pahrump or they have another line where they dispatch Beatty and the North. So anything that happens in Tonopah, Round Mountain, Gabbs, Belmont, etc. is dispatched out of this office when that person is working. So they don’t have the down time that they used to have. Now on that same vein I’m going to try to do the same thing with Mercury as soon as I can get a good connection with NCIC and what not for the Mercury substation station because I have a dispatcher there that could really help everybody but she can’t use NCIC there. So therefore she dispatches for the Nevada Test Site now and that’s all. We have to try to fix that.

Unidentified Audience – When I came here four years ago we used to see a detective walking around town, we used to have a detective here and we don’t even see a detective anymore walking around town.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you have four (deputies) here now and you are looking to have five soon.

Unidentified Audience – Asked when you say we have four or five you are talking about Beatty and Amargosa?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

Unidentified Audience – Asked when you say we have twenty four hour coverage you mean Beatty and Amargosa?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes we are talking about the central area.

Unidentified Audience – Asked how long has that been?

Sheriff Wehrly – Clarified how long has that been what?

Unidentified Audience – Reiterated how long have you had twenty four hour coverage?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we’ve had twenty four hour coverage now for almost eight months but we haven’t had dedicated officers here. We only had two Allen Lynn and George.

Unidentified Audience – Stated Amargosa is a separate community with its own Board and Beatty is its own community but we share one deputy at a time.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes you do.

Unidentified Audience – Asked why is that?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated ask the BoCC (Board of County Commissioners) they won’t allow me to hire any more.

Unidentified Audience – Asked how come Pahrump isn’t helping us?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated they are. They are sending you deputies on a regular basis.

EG – Stated here’s, I think, what one of the issues is, we have four guys and they cover from the south end...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated they cover three hundred square miles.

EG – Stated I’m just trying to clarify so everybody understands. They cover from the south end of Pahrump right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no.

EG – Went on from Amargosa...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated they cover from 374 or 373 clear up to the end of Esmeralda (County), Sarcobatus Flats.

EG – Stated okay. Even though we have those four people who are not all on duty at the same time, right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied except there is an overlap on Wednesday, yeah.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

EG – Stated okay. They could be at Sarcobatus Flats, they could be in Amargosa Valley so then there is nobody in Beatty when they are someplace else and that’s everybody’s issue. Is that there are times when there is nobody in Town.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you know what I really wish you guys would do? Petition the BoCC for more people. I’d be more than happy to have more people.

Unidentified Audience – Stated our Town is to talk to you about your department, this is your department and I think our Town Board has done that. We have done that. It’s your department that we are talking to you about. As your responsibility to staff it in a safe manner, the Board of Commissioners will say that’s the Sheriff’s problem talk to the Sheriff..

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the County Commissioners allow me so many people and the population tells me where I’m supposed to put those people.

EG – Stated and the County Commissioners will say that’s the Sheriff’s budget, that’s up to her. So we as a community are caught between a rock and a hard place. Because....

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated and so am I.

EG – Went on because we explain our fears and our concerns to you and you tell us one thing and when we have brought that to the Commissioners we’ve been told that’s your budget we need to talk to you and we’ve also been told well, there are communities that have no deputies.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well there are no communities now that have no deputies.

EG – Stated well that’s good to know.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated Gabbs only has one. When we have anything going on we send people out.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I think, like what Erika (EG) was saying, you say twenty four hour coverage and that’s what it looks like on paper but we experience it differently. We have issues where we have to wait for a deputy from Amargosa or Pahrump. To us that’s not twenty four hour coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I understand.

Unidentified Audience – Stated you say twenty four hour coverage, that’s not twenty four hour coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you are looking here at waiting an hour.

Unidentified Audience – Stated minimum.

Sheriff Wehrly – Went on, or four, or five, there’s people in Pahrump that wait three and four and five hours.

Unidentified Audience – Stated we are not in Pahrump.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I understand that but what you are doing is you are trying to tell me that I could pull more people from Pahrump when Pahrump is experiencing the same thing that you are experiencing and I understand that you think that Pahrump has a lot of people, a lot of deputies. Per capita they have 38,000 people so that don’t have all that many deputies either. I have a budget that is set by the Board of County Commissioners and it’s directly in accordance with their budget. It’s approximately 30% of their budget that I get.

Unidentified Audience – Stated it’s a funding problem and that’s the County Commissioners.

Unidentified Audience – Asked when I call dispatch right now where is my phone call going, Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it depends upon who is working, sometimes it goes to Beatty, and sometimes it goes to Pahrump.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I had an incident a couple of weeks ago. I woke up and there was someone standing right there in my living room. I called. Dispatch said they’d be here. I waited, I waited, I called again no response. I was really shaken and upset, I’m on medication, I fell asleep and I woke up and then it happened again the following day. He broke into my bedroom door and I just noticed it broke the latch on the door he was pulling so hard. It took five hours for an officer to get here. My son had to call also and I just, I can’t understand, I used to feel really safe here in Beatty. I did wait until ten o’clock when the deputy showed up and he did a night check at ten o’clock.

Unidentified Audience – Stated he (referring to audience member that just spoke) called at five o’clock in the afternoon and that was what I was told when I called at eight o’clock, that a deputy would be on the way. A deputy didn’t show until ten o’clock in the evening and said that he was just coming on his shift. So they waited until a deputy got on shift before they sent anybody to his house. They didn’t tell him that. He didn’t say what the situation was; just that somebody broke into his house and was in his house when he woke up. There should have been a cop there within, if they were coming from Pahrump, an hour and a half at the most. I went to Pahrump right after that happened did all my grocery shopping, had dinner and came home and there still wasn’t a cop at his house by the time I got back from Pahrump doing all of my stuff.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

Sheriff Wehrly – Asked can you give me your name and whatnot so I can research it and find out what happened?

Unidentified Audience – Stated it should all be on your logs, I called that night.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I don’t know your name sir, I’m sorry.

Phil Thompson – Stated my name is Phil Thompson.

Sheriff Wehrly – Reiterated Thompson? I’ll look it up.

Mr. Thompson – Stated June the 6th... I think it was June the 4th I’m not sure.

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed June the 4th?

Mr. Thompson – Replied I think so.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay, I’ll find out why. That shouldn’t be happening they are an hour and ten minutes away.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated I called him (Phil Thompson) from Pahrump and I said hey have you seen a deputy yet and he said no and he’s still shaking and upset and you know everything was fine but he was still shaking and upset.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I don’t blame him I would have been shaking and upset too.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – They didn’t get a cop up here until ten o’clock in the evening.

Unidentified Audience - Stated and where is our deputy if we have twenty four hour coverage?

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated that’s why I think we probably don’t have twenty four hour coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you had it for a good eight months.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Replied right.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – Stated the officer did tell me, when he showed up at my house that he was going to the Beatty office that evening to open it up because he was going to be here all night.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied but who had been there all day? That’s my question. So we will find out.

Unintelligible – Multiple people speaking.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated I’m thinking that George or Allen were off that day.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated but you have Baired (deputy) who should be here, and you have Mr. Sedrick Sweet (Deputy), who should also be here...

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated Sweet, right I’ve met him once, I haven’t seen him but once.

Unidentified Audience – Stated back in April I had to call the police department and I asked the lady if they could send me an ambulance and they were nice enough to do that for me. I had to call Pahrump to do it, I would like to call Beatty for something like that but we don’t have that kind of system.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well that’s true and I’m afraid that happened before I got here and Tonopah doesn’t have any dispatchers at all.

Unidentified Audience – Clarified there are only four of them here?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated right now there are only two.

Unidentified Audience – Stated there’s you, Allen, the guy that wears the cowboy hat and a couple of other guys.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated there are four guys (deputies).

EG – Asked Sheriff Wehrly, if you are going to meet with Pam, we’re happy if you are going to request an additional deputy for Beatty and you go take that before the Commissioners please let us know. I mean that’s what we want and we are happy to support that request, to go in person, to write a letter as a board to get the community to write letters and sign letters and show up in mass, we’re happy to do that.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I’m afraid that’s what it is going to take.

EG – Stated well, let us know because that’s what we want. We want to have somebody here in our community at all times. That’s our desire.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I agree with you.

EG – Stated so you let us know and we are happy to support that and we will be here in the next month or so, have a workshop to discuss the Public Safety Tax and what we can do to expand on the services at the substation (Beatty).

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay, thank you.

CT – Thanked Sheriff Wehrly for coming up and talking to our community and hopefully we will have better communication. For the community to be able to call up and get more information from the dispatchers; hey, it’s going to be four or five hours before we can get up there, it shouldn’t take that long, but...

Sheriff Wehrly – Agreed it shouldn’t take that long.

CT – Continued and that was a big issue and unfortunately...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated what is wrong with that is, that’s not the way we set it up. So I need to know why it’s not working and when it doesn’t work I need to know why it doesn’t work. I can’t fix it if I don’t know it’s broken.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated I have that info right now, on that call if you need it, if you want it.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes please.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated it was May 30th.

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed May 30th?

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Replied yes, Phillip Thompson called May 30th at like 5:05pm. At 8:41pm I called and asked where the deputy was and they didn’t show up until 10:05pm.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay. I will find out what happened and I’ll get back with you and let you know.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Stated thank you.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied thank you.

Unidentified Audience – Asked do the vehicles in the sheriff’s department have GPS on them so you know where they are in case something happens and the guys are stuck out there somewhere.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied no they don’t. The hand held radios that they carry have GPS but the vehicles themselves do not.

DG – Recognized Teresa (Sullivan)

Teresa – Stated I have a question and then a comment. I think again the concern is even though we have twenty four hour coverage for this huge three hundred square mile area we don’t see a deputy, we don’t know the deputies, I don’t see hardly any patrolling in town and I’m not saying they are not because I’m not all over town either but that’s what we used to see is deputies patrolling. There is vandalism around town, there are break-ins, things that we didn’t use to experience at this level and I think that’s our big problem. Crime be it big or small is escalating in this community and without more presence of officers it’s not going to change. My question is how many of those new deputies will be living here in this community to be available in case of an emergency, such as somebody being in your home. If I woke up and somebody was in my home and nobody ever came to my house I’d be panicked, I’d be panicked.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I understand and I am looking for deputies that would move to Beatty.

Teresa – Asked how many of those are going to live here?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated two, that’s it.

Teresa – Clarified the same ones who do, Allen and George.

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed Allen and George.

Unidentified Audience – Stated they go to Pahrump and do training more often than they are here, don’t they?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no. However, we do have annual training and that pulls Allen out of here about three weeks of a whole entire year.

Unidentified Audience – Asked you can’t make that mandatory, that if they want the job they have to live here?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I couldn’t get anybody to take the job.

Unidentified Audience – Stated same problem with the medical folks.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I have a question, I don’t know what happens or how their shifts work or anything, how many deputies would it take for one of them to be in Amargosa and one of them to be in Beatty all the time? How many would it take?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I’ll say ten because it would take about nine and a half.

Unidentified Audience – Replied wow, way beyond what we currently have.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it would take ten and then that way you would have one person that would be available for back fill on both shifts when that other person had training or vacation or sick or what have you.

Unidentified Audience – Reiterated so it would take nine and a half and right now we have four.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated right now you have five you just don’t see the fifth one yet.

Unidentified Audience – Stated we have four physically working is what you are saying.

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed you have four physically working and you just had George go on two weeks of military, you had Baird go on two weeks of vacation, Mr. Sweet went on military prior to George going on military and you had Baird on vacation I believe it was three weeks ago. I can’t not have them go on vacation, but what I’ve been doing then, is pulling people out of Pahrump. They start their shift in Pahrump to Beatty spend their shift until an hour before their shift ends and they drive back to Pahrump during that last hour.

Unidentified Audience – Stated during the day.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied at night also.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I don’t see them at night, I always see most of our cops during the day and all they do is ride through, which is cool but that’s all we see and they even act like they don’t even want to be here, they don’t even wave. I work for NDOT and I see; I’m on these roads more than anybody in this room, pretty much.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated that’s interesting, the motorcycle guys are very friendly, actually.

Unidentified Audience – Stated well they park over by the NDOT yard and I wave to them and I’m in my NDOT truck and they are like (physically nods head).

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied really?

EG – Stated but not if they don’t want to be here, if they don’t want to be here then....

Unidentified Audience – Stated I don’t know what the problem is...

EG – Agreed I don’t know either.

Unidentified Audience – That’s the way it looks to me. It looks like they are just sitting there with their radar guns the whole time and I wave, they’ll be sitting right by our gate and so I pull into the NDOT yard and I’ll wave to them and they’ll just give me a little head nod. I don’t expect shaking hands, or jump up and wave and all that stuff; you can just tell when somebody is just giving you a little nod.

Unidentified Audience – Stated but it brings up the question of these guys out of town, how much they’re willing to do for us. Do they really want to arrest somebody because it’s going to mean extra time on their shift, it just brings up that question and that’s a question that comes up a lot; even though these guys from Pahrump are here, like Jay (pervious speaker) was saying it doesn’t seem like they want to be here. So they’re just here and they’re killing their time and they’re going to head home.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you know I have two slots open right now and I’m having a really hard time filling them. Do you have anybody in Beatty that would like to be a cop?

Unidentified Audience – Clarified that would be for Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated that would be for Beatty.

Unidentified Audience – Clarified you have two for Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated I have stated I have two slots open.

EG – Asked but if we could get, how old does this person have to be?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated twenty one.

EG – Reiterated twenty one.

Unidentified Audience – Asked how long till they will actually be on duty, with training and everything?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated if they are post certified right now then they will be on duty in fourteen weeks. If they are not post certified then they have to go through a post schools that would be six months and fourteen weeks.

Unidentified Audience – Asked post certified means background checks and all that?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no. Post certified means you have to go to school and pass school.

EG – Asked so six months and what, six months plus?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied fourteen weeks.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

DG – Stated it’s not an easy fill.

Unidentified Audience – Stated you know what? Maybe we need some signs put together and maybe put them up at the post office, put them on Facebook and maybe there are some people out there that are interested. If they don’t know it’s available they’re not going to apply.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I’ve asked a couple of times and I was told oh yeah we have a couple of people but they didn’t show.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I know that one of those, after a conversation with you, had applied to dispatch and you guys didn’t hire her and then there was a young man in the community who put in for, I believe put in for, a deputy position but again we don’t talk to everybody everyday it needs to be advertised locally so that they know and that is really key.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we put it on the website, the County website.

Unidentified Audience – Stated locally, right here.

Unidentified Audience – Stated there’s a lot of people unfortunately that don’t look at the County website, so if we could get some type of poster or something we would be happy to post it on the Chambers website, the post office.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay we can do that.

Unidentified Audience – Stated we can work together.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied okay.

Unidentified Audience – Asked what about advertising on Beatty Facebook? That’s what people look at.

Unidentified Audience – Stated I have a question. One night there was a call in Sarcobatus Flats for a suspicious smell and there was no deputy there, we showed up, you know we had our volunteer fire department that showed up out there but no deputy showed up to see what it was about. Why didn’t that have a deputy there? It was a suspicious smell so it could have been a meth lab, it could have been anything. You know we have volunteers going out...

Sheriff Wehrly – Asked can you tell me what day that was?

Unidentified Audience – Stated yep I sure can it was the 29th

Sheriff Wehrly – Clarified the 29th of May?

Unidentified Audience – Replied yes ma’am.

Unidentified Audience – Stated it sounds like this was while everybody was gone to military whatever.

Unidentified Audience – Stated it just really bothers me because my husband is a volunteer, you know. If something was to happen to him anyway, you know....

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied um-hum.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – Stated I do want to say the officer that showed up was very nice, he was a very nice young man, polite. I can’t remember his name.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well I’ll find out.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – He was a tall guy with glasses. He was a real nice guy.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Was it Baird?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no, it doesn’t sound like it.

Unidentified Audience (Jay Thompson) – Asked who would you have running graveyard shift in Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it could have been Connelly he wears glasses.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – Asked about 6’2’?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied yes.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – Asked black hair?

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed, black hair.

Unidentified Audience (Phil Thompson) – Stated been on the department maybe fifteen years.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied I don’t know how long he’s been on.

DG – Asked does anybody have any more questions for the Sheriff other than the Thompson’s? You might get a hold of the Sheriff afterwards and give her notes on this stuff so that she can look it up.

7 Presentation/Update – Nye County Sheriff’s Office by Sheriff Wehrly Continued

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the 29th and 31st.

Unidentified Audience – Stated 30th.

Sheriff Wehrly – Reiterated the 30th.

DG – Asked are there any other questions for the Sheriff?

There were none.

DG – Thanked the Sheriff.

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

KC – None;

EG – Stated I have two things. I received a call from Dr. Reiner this afternoon. He’s going to be at our meeting on the 27th and he’s going to bring the new nurse practitioner to introduce her to the community. That’s all the details that I have. I don’t know how many days she’s going to be here or anything but I know that he has a nurse practitioner. Also on Saturday June 25th there at 2pm there is going to be a celebration of life here at the Community Center for Brian Thayer.
RR - None; CT – None;

DG – Stated I have two things. Tomorrow is Election Day in the small room here at the Community Center, come early, vote often. It’s open from 7am to 7pm. Also tomorrow is Flag Day, June 14th the VFW will be having a flag burning ceremony at the cemetery, I believe it is at 6pm. Since I’m working the election booth I’m not going to be out there. In the past two or three years we burn about maybe 90 flags. The proper way to dispose of the American flag and at the same time we have a burial. We have a burial plot in the cemetery where we bury the ashes from the flags we burnt last year. If anybody hasn’t seen it over there at the cemetery, Dan Anderson made a beautiful display with the American Flag made out of sheet metal, it looks nice.

9 Reports

i. **Beatty Chamber** – Ann Marchand – Stated Beatty Days is just four and a half months away. The bands, the stage, and the schedule of events have been finalized. The poster and brochure artwork has been sent to the printers. We are hoping to have them for distribution by the fourth of July. Ads have been placed for the 4th in Nevada Magazine and one will be placed in the Las Vegas Review Journal’s circa the last Sunday in June for the 4th as well. With our collaborative partnership with the Park’s Service, Xanterra information on the 4th of July has been dispersed in their press releases and also on Facebook. We are working with the VFW on printing maps for the poker run and historical booklets for the third annual Bullfrog Historical Mining District Poker Run scheduled for October 15th. Karl Olson is putting the information together and we will be printing them. When the Poker Run is over we will sell the maps and booklets at the Chamber and Museum to the public just as we are now with the second annual Poker Run. As you are aware we received a grant from NCOT for entryway signs and we are currently working on placement locations, bids and permits. We are just kind of curious too what the status is on the town triangle.

EG – Stated the 4th of July thing looks very nice.

ii. **Beatty Habitat Committee** – Ann Marchand – Stated we had a volunteer day last Saturday and we gathered 32, 33 gallon bags of garbage. That’s a lot of garbage down in that riverbed, some of it was also out at Torrance Ranch but yeah that is a lot of garbage and you don’t realize how fast a cup, a bottle, a gallon jug adds up, a cardboard box, but it adds up. We found underwear, sleeping bags; it was very interesting to say the least. We had 25 volunteers and felt like this is a good beginning for the trails. We’d like to thank the volunteers that participated; we had people here from Red Rock Audubon Society, Richard from the Amargosa Park and Grounds that was very nice of Amargosa. There were a couple of volunteers from Pahrump, Amargosa Conservancy and also the Nature Conservancy. The local Boy Scouts were also there, members of the trails committee and numerous locals. We would also like to thank Nature Conservancy for gearing up the clean up. Rob Shirley with Beatty Water and Sanitation District has submitted a proposal to NDEP, in lieu of fines, for the trails project. We have plans in place for the project and are just waiting for financing. We will give you an update as soon as we get financing, everybody knows how that works.

iii. **Beatty Library** – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated Laura (Cunningham) came in and picked up the check for \$850.00 for the IRS, so they are submitting their paperwork for their 501c3 status.

iv. **Beatty Medical Clinic** – See EG Board Member Comments

v. **Beatty Museum** – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary– Stated the museum received the number of letters that they needed for the vacant seats on their board so they will be filling those seats.

vi. **Beatty Senior Center** – See item 11a

vii. Beatty Town Square – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated on the 8th I had a meeting with Jen from the Parks Division where our grant came from. We walked the site, she’s really happy with everything there. She’s happy with the project, the direction that it is going, all of the documentation that we have, so we are ready to move forward. She gave us a couple of suggestions for a review of some of the hardscape items which EG and I are doing but we are left to our original choices if they turn out to be best, which I believe ours are going to end up being the best. So that is moving forward. What we will be doing next is after we look at these two items we’ll start submitting the requests for the actual hardscape items. Hardscape is the benches, the shade shelters, and the trash cans, those kinds of things. The vendor that we were talking to is talking about an approximate six week delivery time to construct and get to us. Once we get that nailed down then I’ll get those on the way, and then I have to contact James with JM and get the concrete coming. Once I have all of that lined up I have to contact Mr. Spicer and make sure that I can get Neil to run the equipment. One side note, the Town Square has weeds, when Jen was here she noticed that we have weeds and her recommendation was that we get a volunteer group involved in helping us take care of the weeds, she mentioned the Boy Scouts. I contacted Theresa and she is talking to the Boy Scouts, because the really cool thing if we use the Boy Scouts for example is each volunteer is equated with a certain dollar amount value. So if we had ten kids out there doing it all at once it would give us a really nice in kind match on the project as well.

viii. Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated Mike Harmon apologizes he could not be here this evening. I have the activity report to date; 6 public assists, 1 chemical smell investigation, 8 motor vehicle accidents, 1 motor vehicle fire; with an average of 4 volunteers responding at each call.

Other information from the Fire Department Mike has finished his required teaching hours and his teaching certification paperwork is with the State. Mike will be holding a CPR class on June 21st at 1pm at the new ambulance barn if anybody would like to attend and get their CPR license. Also, the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Service will be hosting Texas 4,000 it’s a student led cancer fighting organization from the University of Texas. They are embarking on a 70 day 4,500 mile ride from Austin Texas to Alaska to raise money for cancer research. They contacted the Town office in early 2016 looking for a host for one night on the 26th, somebody that could put them up for the night. I contacted Mike at the Fire Department, and the Fire Department and Ambulance along with Emergency Services offered the new facility and the Fire Department for them to stay in. So they will be here one night, they will be arriving on the 26th and Mike already gave me a heads up, he’s going to talking to local businesses about donating some food for the groups overnight stay and breakfast in the morning. He’s planning on doing a barbeque for them when they are there. If anybody is interested I have one of their newsletters here.

ix. Commissioners – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated Commissioner Wichman sent us an email and said that she couldn’t make it tonight.

x. Desert Hills Cemetery – None

xi. Nye County Emergency Services – None

xii. Nye County Sheriff’s Department – Carrie Radomski; Town Office – Stated there was a press release that came out, I did forward it to the individuals on my email list and it’s about service that is available on line where you can track your valuables. If anybody is interested I have it and I can email it to you if you want it.

xiii. Ordinances – None

xiv. Other –

Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC) – None

Beatty General Improvement District (BGID) – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated BGID has a goal of having the pool open at the end of this week. A notice will go out saying that the pool is going to be open. They now have a full Board seated and they will be having a meeting on the 16th at 5pm at their office.

Rob Shirley – Stated I just wanted to mention about the pool. The Board Members volunteered their time and painted a blue epoxy coating inside the pool. So that way it will prevent a lot of the algae growth and the destruction of the concrete. They went out there and spent a lot of their time to get that done. Of course we had vandalism, somebody decided to take some pvc blue paint and throw it into the pool while it was empty. We had the merry-go-round was marked all up with graffiti. So now Amina and Genie are there right now, they are in Las Vegas purchasing video surveillance cameras so we can come up to the park and put a DVR in there and they (cameras) are going be wireless. It’s going to cost about four or five hundred dollars, but the amount of damage that’s being done... That’s why you see the video surveillance signs up around there, its part of that reason. Also on the pool, there is new gravel and sand media that’s been replaced in it as well. I just wanted to let you know that, yeah there has been an increase in vandalism and it’s been on both sides the Water District and BGID.

9 Reports Continued

Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSB) – Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated they have one seat open on the Board and have received two letters of interest.

Rob Shirley; BWSB Manger – Stated I just wanted to thank everybody for their vigilance. We’ve had an increase in water theft throughout the community. We’ve had four water thefts within the last three months where people have cut the locks off and tried to get into the water meter boxes and we just had another recent one where somebody was carrying buckets of water to their trailer. So I appreciate at least letting us know that this is occurring it’s really been helping us. It has increased and like I said within the last four months it’s just been crazy, I don’t know what is going on. We do file a police report on some of them. Just so Sharon (Sheriff Wehrly) knows we do get at response. George (Deputy) has done a great job with that. We’ve had illegal sewer hook ups. It’s just strange how much of this has been occurring. It’s something that I haven’t seen in the forty years that I have been doing water, where we’ve had the kind of issue. I mean there was one where there was a grinder on the padlock trying to cut it off and that kind of stuff. The other thing is; I know you guys know about the Family Dollar down here, we had an issue with them as well. They’ve been trying to get water with us but they haven’t provided the permits and I said no water is going until our resident engineer; we hired Day Engineering, to review the plans. So if you wonder why it’s not moving so fast, they have to meet all of the cross connection control issues and everything. So that’s where we are at with the Family Dollar Store.

Boy Scouts – None

Beatty Health & Welfare - None

Other Community or Civic Organization – None

xv. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported monies for services collected in May 2016; Notary \$45.00, Fax \$6.00; Community Center Rental \$970.00; Cemetery \$800.00; Table and Chair Rental \$22.50; for a total of \$1,843.50

There is a raffle after Fathers Day Sunday Brunch at the VFW for a basket. You can purchase tickets at the post or from Ms. Betsy.

There is going to be a drawing held at Sullivan’s Pub on Sunday June 19th in Pahrump, tickets are available through Ms. Betsy. Those proceeds will be going to All Creatures Animal Hospital.

On August 6th from 5pm to 10pm at Cottonwood Park there will be a Caribbean Reggae festival. There will be food and Live Bands; this is being put on by Stan Rankin T, a musician. On June 25th he will be in North Las Vegas and on July 16th he will be in Pahrump if you want to check him out ahead of time.

There was an update to the Medical Facility Transportation, how you can use transportation services. You do have to be a Medicaid recipient in order to take advantage of these services. There are flyers available on the back table and I also have them in the town office.

xvi. Treasurer

EG – Reported 92% of the year elapsed as of May 30, 2016.

Department	Expenditure	Balance	
Admin	\$163,788.00	\$321,815.00	34% of the budget used
Translators	\$2,675.24	\$2,324.76	54% of the budget used
BVFD	\$152,132.68	\$37,985.32	80% of the budget used
Cemetery	\$2,661.21	\$7,338.79	27% of the budget used
Com Cnt Serv & Supplies	\$18,207.53	\$181,792.47	9% of the budget used
Chamber	\$33,473.20	\$5,862.80	85% of the budget used
Museum	\$31,954.19	\$7,381.81	81% of the budget used
Town Tourism	\$5,815.16	\$112,193.84	5% of the budget used
Capital Projects	\$0	\$489,328.00	0% of the budget used
Special Capital	\$0	\$149,255.00	0% of the budget used
Room Tax Capital	\$10,619.33*	\$156,300.67	6% of the budget used

*Town Square project expenses

10 Consent Agenda Items

a. Action – Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.

b. Approval of Town Vouchers

RR – Motion to pay the town vouchers, packet 1 in the amount of \$1,368.04; Second CT; 5-0

RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers, packet 2 in the amount of \$9,547.50, this is for Nye County Senior Nutrition, Fireworks for the 4th of July and the Beatty Museum; Second CT; 5-0

11 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation, and decision to approve up to One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) for a United States Postal Service Every Door Direct Mailer being sent by the Beatty Senior Center Project Council to all PO Boxes in Beatty. – Beatty Senior Center Project Council; Marty Campbell

Marty Campbell – Stated since our last meeting we've sent out business letters to six different businesses and we are requesting this money to send the information out to the people here in Beatty, that's what the \$125.00 is for. Also since your last meeting we have created a gmail address for the project council and I've also confirmed that the Nye County Nutrition program for the Amazon Smile program. What it boils down to is people give money for a charity that they pick and the Nye County Nutrition program hasn't registered yet so I talked to Dave Hall and he's going to bring that up at the next meeting and whatever money is gathered at that time would be divided between the three; Amargosa, Tonopah and Beatty. I've obtained all of the required filings for the Nevada Secretary of State's ID fee which we have to take care of before we get our 501c3. I've also obtained the forms for the 501c3 and we are updating our by-laws to comply with the 501c3 requirements. I've got a meeting set up this Friday to update our by-laws and I've got a copy of the Business letter that we sent out if you would like to see it.

CT – Asked what time are you going to have that meeting on Friday?

Mr. Campbell – Stated the meeting is going to be at eleven o'clock.

EG – Asked is that a Project Council meeting, to update the Project Council by-laws?

Mr. Campbell – Stated yes and we are also going to be talking about two other things at the same time. I'm also going to get together with Laura Cunningham to talk about the by-laws because she has just gone through it with the Library and so I will be able to get some information from her. We are going to try to get together for lunch on Wednesday to talk about that. I just want to give you a heads up, you probably already know this, for the Nevada Secretary of State filing of the initial listing is \$50.00 annual fee and as you well know the IRS 501c3 is also a filing at approximately \$850.00 so the total cost will about \$900.00. I'm just giving you a heads up we may be asking you for a little help further down the line. Are there any questions for me?

DG – Stated you said you have a gmail account. Would you give that to Carrie?

Mr. Campbell – Stated she already has it.

Mr. Campbell – Stated the gmail account is for the Project Council and they will be the ones that have the password for it.

DG – Stated you are looking for \$125.00 to do a bulk mailer?

Ms. Radomski – Stated this is a little different than the Town bulk mailer. It's an every door direct mailer and it's less expensive. It's basically the same thing, every PO Box.

RR – Motion to approve up to \$125.00 for the United States Postal Serves Every Door Direct Mailer to the Beatty Senior Center Project Council: Second CT 5-0

Mr. Campbell – Stated thank you and we are going to continue to work diligently to get things done.

EG – Stated I just want to add; I really want to thank Carrie for working with Marty to get all of this stuff done. She's an invaluable resource, so I really appreciate it.

Mr. Campbell – Stated and I do too. We all do. We all thank you for the money and we will put it to good use.

12 General Public Comment

DG – Stated I would like to thank the Park Service, Mike and Abby, for coming down and giving a little presentation. It was really enlightening; thank you again for making the trip and spending the whole time.

13 Adjournment

KC– Motion to adjourn at 8:08pm; Second RR; 5-0