

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
100 A Avenue South  
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**Minutes  
04/22/19**

**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**

**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.**

None

**3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of April 22, 2019**

*EG – Pulled item 5 emergency items.*

**4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Minutes dated April 1, 2019 and April 8, 2019**

*RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated April 1, 2019 and April 8, 2019; EG – 4-0*

**5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*Pulled*

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

RR - None.

EG – Stated I just want to thank everybody who sponsored and donated to the Easter Egg Hunt, it was a lot of fun.

DG – Asked how many kids were out there?

EG – Stated not as many as last year but there were a lot of kids. I just want to say it was really nice because I had cash to spend so I was able to get some things that in previous years I wasn't able to get. It was a lot of fun.

DG – Stated the VFW had an Easter dinner, I don't know how many people were there but there were quite a bit.

**7 Consent Agenda Items**

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

**b. Approval of Town Vouchers**

*RR – Motion to approve the Town Vouchers in the amount of \$590.75; Second EG; 3-0*

**8 Reports**

**a. Secretary**

DG – Stated Carrie is back in Wisconsin, she says Hi.

EG – Stated I don't have anything.

**9 General Business**

**a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve Nye County Finance Preliminary fiscal year 2020 Beatty Town Budget, all departments. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated I'm going to turn the meeting over to Savannah. Savannah, she's our comptroller and she'll walk us through like she does every year. She'll go through page by page and if we have any questions as we're going through we'll just stop and address those issues as we get to them.

Savannah Rucker – Stated in your back up is your Beatty Town tentative budget and if you guys don't mind flipping to it.

Ms. Rucker – Described the first three pages.

Ms. Rucker – Stated the third page includes employee count but the very interesting thing on this page is the middle section that contains your population, that's provided by the state. Beatty is going up in population count and also assessed valuation and your tax rate is summarized on the bottom of that page as well. This is just a quick snap shot giving you a view of the health of the overall area.

Ms. Rucker – Went on to summarize the information on the next few pages; containing information about beginning fund balances, revenues, expenditures and FY20 budgeted amounts.

EG – Clarified, net proceeds from minerals there was a small amount in those numbers but Carrie and I talked it over and we decided you know what...

Ms. Rucker – Stated it's \$11.00

EG – Replied right, we're not putting it in there.

Ms. Rucker – Agreed; absolutely and continued on with the review.

DG – Stated I see marijuana licenses there, how come they didn't carry any of that forward?

EG – Stated we don't get that money.

DG – Stated oh, we don't get anything from out there at...

EG – Stated the County has made, and this is still a thing that is under review, the (Nevada) Office of Legislative Council, they issued an opinion and the County has an opinion so that's still, so right now those funds from licensing and fees are going to the County and not coming to the towns.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, right and what we've actually done is we've separated out those funds and they are restricted funds until a decision is made by the State and there's actually legislation before the State legislators to review and amend the NRS.

DG – Clarified, so if the State makes the decision that could turn... because I just wondered why did we have it in 18 (2018)? I don't remember this from last year.

Ms. Rucker – Replied, right and this is where it's difficult to project what's going to happen. So, I'd rather have nothing here and come back to the Board and say hey, you guys have \$15,000.00 more than we thought and we have law in place that makes sense and this is how we're going to do it.

EG – Agreed, right.

DG – Stated that will work.

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Ms. Rucker – Went on, you guys also received consolidated tax, which is sales tax, fuel tax, other taxes which is rolled into this \$450,000.00 number. That is a conservative number, the Department of Taxation sends projections based on their own growth analysis and the different factors that they place on these projections and this is conservative. I would rather be conservative and have more funding come in that we can augment for if something comes up than inflate this and be short; Discussion followed.

Ms. Rucker – Stated investment income, if you look at fiscal 18 we actually have a loss of investment income of \$7,166.00, the bond market was in bad shape in 18 (2018). 19 (2019) I'm hoping we end up on top with a positive \$1,000.00 but I don't know what to expect for fiscal 20 (2020), there's talk on the horizon of an upcoming blip in the economy. I don't want to over shoot that and I think the \$500.00 is conservative. Beatty carries a significant cash in bank balance which if the markets do well you guys will see more investment income but it's not something we should base your operational budget off of because it fluctuates.

EG – Replied okay, answered my question, because I'm always... what is this investment income? So the money that we have that's cash on hand money we earn interest on, in whatever the County has our money in.

Ms. Rucker – Stated, the Treasurer's Office does all of the investments of cash in bank. So, the Treasures Office with the new Treasurer in office will probably be revising their investment policy to change the things that they're investing in but with public entities and public funds there's a very narrow type of investment that we can invest in, so it's likely going to be a bond.

EG – Replied, okay that makes sense.

Ms. Rucker – Stated and the bond market is typically opposite of the stock market. If the stock market is doing really well the bond market is not. So that's why in fiscal 18 you see negative income, you think the economy is doing great how can I not be making money? We can't invest public funds in stocks because of the volatility of it. Then, revenue, I was going to ask the Board about this, I'm not sure what properties are being rented and if these numbers are reasonable.

EG – Stated it's renting the Community Center, the tables and chairs, that kind of stuff.

DG – Stated for non-profit and certain groups we don't charge; Discussion followed.

Ms. Rucker – Continued with the review and stated the Beatty Town manages its finances well.

EG – Stated while we are on that, we estimate that we are going to have \$533,828.00 in revenue so as we are going through this and we get to expenditures, I don't want you guys to even think about these big numbers. I want you to think about \$533,828.00, that's how much we make and we're not going to spend more than that. That's our goal every year, that's why we are in good financial shape because we try to stay within the revenue that we generate.

Ms. Rucker – Agreed and the Department of Taxation recommends any revenue generated as prior fiscal year savings, you've spent less than you've taken in, and those can be used for one time purchases. So, for example if the Beatty Town Board said hey we want to build a new park, we could utilize ending fund balance for a project like that because there's not reoccurring costs associated with it. You want to provide your regular operational budget with your revenues that are generated on an annual basis, not live within excess of your means; Discussion followed.

Ms. Rucker – Reviewed expenses by function; Discussion followed

Ms. Rucker – Reviewed the room tax fund.

EG – Explained what we did; if we only took the revenue and did the 20%, 20%, 60% they (Museum and Chamber) would only get around \$25,000.00. So we took from the Community Support portion and put that in and then made the split. Because when they brought their budgets to us they were almost \$50,000.00. Their salaries and hours and everything are going up. So the Museum, both of them were like 43,500 and 49,000 we did that so that they are not freaking out halfway through the year; Discussion followed.

Ms. Rucker – Stated all funds are budgeted with a zero ending fund balance and that is to ensure that if anything comes up the Board can take care of it.

Ms. Rucker – Reviewed the capital projects funds, items purchased using these funds must have a useful life of more than a year and cost more than \$3,500.00; Discussion followed.

Ms. Rucker – Reviewed the PSST funds. It is an increase to the sales tax rate that went into effect in 2014 and it increased the sales tax marginally, and those funds are broken down by where the revenue is generated and deposited into the town funds. This is the Sheriffs fund and there is a corresponding fire fund. The Sheriff has a plan in the works and I've asked her to get it before the BTAB before the end of the fiscal year to make sure that we can spend out of this fund for whatever project she has coming your way. The revenue generated for this fund for fiscal 19 was \$35,649.00, \$100.00 in investment income, giving the fund a total resource balance of \$117,165.00. Because I'm not sure what the plan is exactly, I've put \$17,165.00 in services and supplies and \$100,000.00 in capital. Based on the plan that she presents to the Board we can move funding within those lines once the Board approves that. The Beatty Town Fire budget, same idea it's the exact same revenue generated in each fund from sales tax because it's split between two so you do have the same amount of revenue \$35,641.00, you have \$100.00 in investment income, giving you total resources of \$134,889.00 to use within this fund.

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DG – Asked, is it the Fire Department or emergency services that comes up with what they're spending that money on.

RR – Stated the Fire Department.

Ms. Rucker – Agreed, the Fire Department.

EG – Stated yes, and typically we haven't made a plan, you know, the truck was an item that they wanted, so we knew that was a qualifying purchase, then the turnouts you don't know because you don't know how many people you're going to have for new turnouts but I think now that you explained that I can move this (the funds), we'll just leave it like that and I will email you an updated list and I will update what we have for the Fire Department.

Ms. Rucker – Stated but budgeting this way with a zero ending fund balance, whatever the fire department brings forward that the town wants to approve you have the funds available. Assuming it's a qualifying item it can move forward to the BoCC for their final stamp of approval.

EG – Clarified, even if it's not capital outlay I can take the money out of there?

Ms. Rucker – Replied yes and reviewed the transfer reconciliation pages and following pages; Discussion followed.

*RR – Motion to approve the budget proposed by Savannah for the 2020 Beatty Town budget all departments; Second EG ; 3-0*

**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to set May meeting dates due to Memorial Day holiday falling in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month, Staff recommends May 6, 2019 and May 20, 2019, standard meeting time of 6:30pm for both. – Erika Gerling**

*RR – Motion to set May meeting dates of May 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>; Second EG; 3-0*

**10 General Public Comment**

None

Marty Campbell – Stated the Beatty Senior Center lost its dishwasher, we have an opening if anyone is interested. We had 20 people for lunch the other day. Lunch is \$6.00 for people under 60 and over 60 a suggested donation of \$3.00, if you can't pay just come up and have lunch.

Mike Harmon – Stated there is an EMT class starting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The class has 15 students, 7 from Amargosa and 8 from Beatty.

**11 Adjournment**

*RR – Motion to adjourn at 7:13pm; Second EG; 3-0*