

**Beatty Town Advisory Board  
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**Minutes  
12/21/15**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM 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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Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

**2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of December 21, 2015**

*Staff – Pulled item number 6 emergency items.*

**3 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.**

Audience – Stated Merry Christmas to everybody.

**4 Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly about Nye County Sheriff's office current deputy staffing/coverage in Beatty and Amargosa and future plans/programs for Beatty and Amargosa.**

Sheriff Wehrly introduced herself and began her presentation which included a power point;

I'm going to start with this; it says you have two deputies here and three vacant. Let me explain to you how we got the three vacant. When I came on board we had four slots total, the other slots had been taken early on and transferred to Pahrump. When Jarvis left his slot was actually in limbo paying its accruals back and the way that it was set up that whole slot was going to go to Pahrump, it didn't. I'll show you some more slides to show you what I did but it didn't go to Pahrump. I don't really understand how the former Sherriff structured things because it was very hard to really see where everything went, even after talking with Danelle Shamrell on the Human Resources side. I know that when I came on board you had four people, two in Amargosa and two in Beatty and we talked right away about putting one more on and using the half a percent sales tax to do that. Well we weren't allowed to do that half a percent sales tax. In fact a lot of the things that I wanted to do were stopped because that half a percent sales tax, once I lose that position it can't be refilled. I had four detention people that fell in that category and I cannot rehire them. I have three or four deputy slots that fell into that category and I can't rehire them. I had a couple of deputy slots in Tonopah that fell into that category and I couldn't rehire them. You have one and all together I believe there are fifteen or eighteen slots that are still supposed to be half a percent sales tax slots scattered around the County. What I did was I reorganized, I completely reorganized. I do not have any Lieutenants left except for one that I had to keep at Mercury that doesn't cost the County a dime because it's for the contract with the Nevada Test Site. As you know when I first came into office on March 7<sup>th</sup> the County told me that I owed them \$972,000.00 and the only way that I could pay that back to them was by losing people. In essence I lost the entire jail in Tonopah. That would have left all of the Northern County including here without a facility, no jail at all, so we talked, and they (BoCC) decided that a holding facility was worth it but I lost an awful lot of people. So what we did, basically this is projection option one and this is what we were doing with the staffing levels. This is all of the people that were going to be gone in Tonopah so that we could keep deputies on the street; three jail techs, one Tonopah jail sergeant, admin techs there were two and it went down to one. The central Lieutenant wasn't in that, we kept him because I thought at the time that I could. Southern Area Command we lost two deputies for another \$150,000.00, we went down and we lost five jail techs for another \$122,000.00.

EG – Clarified you went from seven to five so you lost two.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated right, we lost two for \$122,516.00. We lost an evidence technician for \$66,000.00; we lost four admin techs for \$275,944.00. I want you to notice the trend here, we are not taking patrols off the streets, and we're taking the admin away.

EG – Stated just to clarify for the audience Southern Area Command is Pahrump.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes and the Pahrump area actually took the biggest hit.

EG – Stated okay, I just want to clarify.

Sherriff Wehrly – Went on, reorganization Tonopah detention to a holding facility we came up with \$358,000.00 etcetera, Pahrump restructuring came up with \$614,576.00 so that the total reduction was what I needed to pay the County.

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked why was the previous administration over by that much and where were they getting the funds from? Why would you owe it to them, the County?

Sheriff Wehrly – Explained this is the way I understand it, I wasn't here under the previous administration and the previous administration left on January 5<sup>th</sup> of this year. I haven't been in office a year yet. I've put about 21,000 miles on my vehicle and a lot of miles on me and I haven't been here a year. So, where I think this came from is the County lost revenue because of the tax restructuring and the fact that we lost PETT funds and that kind of thing and so they weren't able to balance their budget. The entire County took a hit and the Sherriff's Office took the biggest one. You have to realize that the last time that the County took a hit the Sheriff's Office really didn't take a big hit, they took the lesser amount overall. So this time they took as big a hit if not more of a hit than the rest of the County did. So in order to save sworn people's jobs I cut administrative people. That was the bill that they gave me when I walked into the BoCC on March 7<sup>th</sup> (2015).

Audience – Wasn't there the deputy in Amargosa that was up here most the time, wasn't he transferred to Pahrump? Leaving Amargosa without a deputy after you came in office?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes, he now rides motors (motorcycles) and he does respond out there now and again.

Audience – Clarified but there's no deputy in Amargosa?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied well there wasn't a deputy in Amargosa before.

Audience – Clarified but he was there wasn't he?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no, what he did was he lived in Las Vegas; he did not live in Amargosa.

Audience – Stated right, he went home on his days off.

Sheriff Wehrly – Continued right, but he wasn't just there he was also here (Beatty). What we've done is we've been sharing deputy sheriffs. When Tony (DeMeo prior Sherriff) closed down the Amargosa substation a lot of years ago that's when there were no more actual one on one deputies assigned to Amargosa.

Audience – Stated there were a couple of different deputies down there.

Sheriff Wehrly – Responded right, I'm telling you that they weren't assigned just there and Allen (Lynn Deputy) can tell you because he was one of them, that they took care of the whole area not just Amargosa. What happened prior I'm trying to field facts, now you're right Mr. Hoffman (Deputy in Amargosa), when Frank started up the motors again, Hoffman put in, he was one of three and he was able to make the course. The course was put on by Metro (Police Department), there were no strings pulled, you had to meet Metro's qualifications. He and Mr. Kurten made that qualification, now they are traffic and they do accidents.

EG – Asked where, where do they do that?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated they do it in Pahrump and they do it in the Central Area.

Audience – Stated that makes no sense if you arrest somebody because then you have to have another deputy respond to transport.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it makes perfect sense because now I don't have to have deputies tied up on traffic calls or accidents. Yes I have deputies come pick up the transports, but I can have somebody from detention do that I don't have to take somebody off the streets and dedicate them to a wreck and keep them there for four to five to six hours. I have somebody that I can use for that and I can also bring the detectives out to help with that. The other thing that we do on a regular basis now; we have the SAU which is the Sheriffs Auxiliary Unit. We are expanding that, and hopefully we will have one up here. That unit comes out and takes the place of a deputy on the perimeter of a traffic scene or on the perimeter of any emergency that we have and they can take care of diverting the traffic. They also....

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated I just really want to get to the big picture here for Beatty and Amargosa, it hasn't been that long ago where we had ten people, ten officers staffed and that included Lieutenants, Sergeants, Deputies there were ten. We are functioning at twenty percent right now because we have two deputies for Beatty and Amargosa. We have this huge mileage area for them to cover. Round Mountain, Tonopah have so many more deputies with not nearly the amount of mileage to cover. The Auxiliary concerns me and I'll tell you why, I don't want to, I think it's an awesome thing that they do to volunteer their time to be a part of that, but I watched a gentleman stop traffic for the parade the other night. Fifteen, twenty minutes after the parade was gone, it was only four cars it was real short, he was still there in dark clothes no flashlight directing traffic. It was hard to see him.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated he should have had his emergency vest on.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Went on, I mean it was black, he had dark clothing on and couldn't be seen, the car was there, the car was sideways, it was very difficult to see him and dangerous. After the parade is over there's no point, why is he there fifteen, twenty minutes later? Anyway the whole thing is, the point is we are down to twenty percent function from what we used to be and there's not a lot of confidence. I'm not saying all of that is your fault however it is now your responsibility.

Sheriff Wehrly – Agreed, your right it is.

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Went on we need, we really need...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay, let me explain to you what we have been doing over the last three months. Business checks I have been sending someone out as a patrol every shift; you've had twenty four hour coverage for the last three months.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Clarified we've had twenty four hour coverage in this town for the last three months?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no, you have had twenty four hour coverage in the Central Area, Amargosa and Beatty.

Audience – Stated there were five different occasions that I made a call for a disturbance, not one time did a deputy show up at any time of the day. One time they were booking somebody and had to go back to Pahrump. Finally on the sixth time, finally a deputy responded to the noise complaint. So this is within the last month, and five occasions nobody showed up because they didn't have anybody available.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated last week there wasn't anybody at the courthouse and the ladies who work there called for help, they couldn't get anybody there for two hours.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated and I find that a problem.

Sheriff Wehrly – Agreed, I do too.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Went on we've been here thirty eight years, I've lived here, and you know what? When the town only had five hundred people here we at least had a cop for all three shifts. Now you hear guns go off, you call somebody (inaudible) Tonopah, your procedures, correct me if I'm wrong, there are gunshots, and not one cop can go in there...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated okay let me cut to the crux of this, I have put five different people on background to try to get those three slots filled...

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated we are not saying it's your fault but we are saying it's a problem.

Sheriff Wehrly- Went on, five different people and they haven't passed. I have three people right now and hopefully they do pass. One should be hired by next week.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Asked to live here?

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed to live here. That's the problem I can't find people who want to live here. I want to integrate them into Amargosa and Beatty. I don't want them living out like Hoffman did because if you have a call and one deputy is busy I don't have anybody to send that is not an hour, an hour and fifteen minutes away. That's not fair.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated or he kills six people by then.

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated absolutely.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated this is the problem I see.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated and this is the problem I'm having.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated I understand that with all due respect, but it's a major problem here in Beatty. These people that sell their drugs, that break into our homes, make us go out and get a gun and keep it loaded to protect our own self because our people we don't have enough people here, in this area to take care of us, our safety. They know exactly what cop is on and when they are here and when they are not here. Go ahead shoot whoever you want you have an hour and a half to get out of here. Go ahead break into my home, break into the next door neighbors home they're gone for a week take what you want, you have an hour and a half to get out of here, and it's the truth.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated, well I applaud you because you have a gun, and I think everybody should have a gun.

EG – Stated really?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated really.

Audience – Stated just out of curiosity, I have a quick question, under your administration have there been any new hires in Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes, there have been and yes I have tried to hire for out here, five different people.

Audience – Asked so why were the new hires automatically to Pahrump and not to the other areas where it is needed?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I hired at least three for Tonopah.

Audience – Asked what about Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Responded, nothing.

Audience – Clarified so the new hires have a choice on where they want to go?

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated not really but they have the choice of not taking the job and that's what I run into they have not taken the job.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Asked how many cops are in Pahrump that are employed?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated thirty four, I believe.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – How many are employed here just in Beatty? That live here?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied two.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated that should tell everybody the story.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Stated earlier when you said, when you were talking about the budget you said these positions disappeared.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated they did they went to Pahrump.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked why? All the sheriffs that we had here, went to Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes, Tony moved them to Pahrump.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked why? Why would he do that?

Sheriff Wehrly – Responded, why did they shut down the jail in Beatty?

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Reiterated yeah why?

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Stated your restructuring up here paid back the Board of County Commissioners, what they said you owed them, right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied yes.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked when is the half cent sales tax coming, is it being used?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the half cent sales tax was being used under the Kunzi administration, for the District Attorney, but when the next District Attorney....

EG – Stated no.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated oh yes it was, don't tell me no. I worked for him I know it was.

EG – Stated okay, let me just say for you guys (Audience) that Public Safety Tax that she is talking about, those monies can be used only for the Sheriff's Office and EMS, it's a 50/50 split.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Asked what is EMS?

EG – Responded Emergency Medical Services, and went on to say, no money from Beatty's allocation has been spent; I've been told none of that has been spent.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I agree with you, now that's not true for Tonopah and it's not true for Pahrump.

EG – Replied but it's true for Beatty.

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed, it is true for Beatty.

EG – Went on and I'd like to clarify one other thing. The loss of those positions, you said that the Safety Tax cannot be used to fill those positions, it cannot be used to fill a position that exists but since those positions are not, it can be used for a new...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no it cannot.

EG – Went on it can be used...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the District Attorney today, the one we have today, A) will not let me use the money or EMS...

EG – Restated and clarified for a new position?

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed for a new position.

EG – Stated, the ordinance, the law says it is for new positions and the equipment and whatever is necessary for that new position. That's what the law says.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated listen to me. She (DA) wrote a position paper and she submitted it to the Attorney General because her position was that because we didn't meet the level of positions not funded by that half a percent sales tax, that we could not use that half a percent sales tax to fund anyone.

EG – Stated it doesn't say you have to have so many positions it just says they have to be new positions.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied it says you have to meet 2007 staffing standards.

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

EG – Asked where does it say that, in the ordinance?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it does, it says you have to meet 2007 staffing standards.

EG – Stated I've read that thing dozens of times...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated talk to Angela (the DA).

EG – Replied, I will and I would like you to send Carrie a copy of this position paper please because that's not what it says and where it says about...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I'll tell you what; I've been in front of the BoCC I couldn't tell you how many times...

EG – Stated I've seen it...

Sheriff Wehrly – Went on and that is what has been determined, that we cannot use that money. That if anybody leaves a position, that is funded by the half a percent sales tax anywhere in the County, that I cannot, and EMS cannot, replace them.

EG – Stated yes, that's because that is an existing position, that's an existing position. You can create a whole new position. If you had a lieutenant and the lieutenant left, that's a position that you can't fill but I don't know, but you didn't have a sergeant, so you can create a new position of the sergeant or whatever that is.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I can't create them without money and I can't use the half a percent sales tax to do it because Angela (DA) told me I couldn't. I'm stuck.

EG – Stated we'll figure that out because that's not right.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I agree with you.

EG – Went on, and that's not what the ordinance says.

DG – Stated, why don't we let the Sherriff finish her presentation please?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated over the last three months there have been 307 business checks done.

EG – Clarified in Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated this one is in Amargosa. Over the last three months there have been 462 calls and this one is in Beatty. Calls that people have fielded in Beatty 562 and in Amargosa there were 229.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked and out of all of those calls how long was the response time?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I don't know. The report gives you just exactly what was done.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – I realize, not to shoot the messenger, but you're not the messenger this is a carryover and I realize that. I've been out here for over 32 years; I understand how Nye County works.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I've been out here for 50.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Replied okay, so Nye County politics haven't changed that much. You're battling the Commissioners the Commissioners are battling the Sherriff. It's been going on for a long time, back to the Stick Davis era.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated actually if you really want to go back you can try George Barrett.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Stated what I'm saying, to sum it up is you're not going to get, the Commissioners are clamping the whole thing, you know this. The BoCC, they control the purse strings, correct?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated absolutely.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Replied okay, I think what everyone here is basically looking for is more coverage past midnight.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I agree with you.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Went on everybody realizes that, the bad guys here know that at midnight the deputy goes to bed.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you know that's what I'm trying to get.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Continued I operate a Casino, we're open twenty four hours I see what happens after midnight in this town, I'm up, and that's when it all starts. It seems to me lagging a few hours here and carrying more into the night, the wee hours, would solidify...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we've been doing that. What time do you come on Allen (Deputy Lynn in the audience)?

Allen Lynn – Stated I go on from two to midnight.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated right, and then I have someone from Pahrump or someone from Tonopah come down here. They stay in Beatty and Amargosa; they have to cover the whole thing.

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Audience (Carol Johnson) – I understand that, they're just cutting it thin, we just need more coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I understand that you do. What really irritates me is that I just can't snap my fingers and change it.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated I understand that.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated so, I have three people that are in backgrounds right now, that have agreed to come and live in Amargosa or Beatty and they'll become part of this society, they'll be here. That way he (Deputy Lynn) and George (Deputy Wehrly) aren't getting up in the middle of the night when they just got off their shift five minutes before, or half an hour before, or forty five minutes before, or five hours before and coming back out because there is something that needs to be done immediately. I haven't got the people to be able to send them.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated we understand that but we need you to fight for us.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I am, very hard.

EG – Stated we're looking for some solutions.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated this is my solution; if you'll watch this is what I did to move people around.

Using slides as a visual aid Sherriff Wehrly went over the following;

This was the present jail staff in Tonopah; this is what we did with them. That one was a budget cut; Deputy Number 1 went over to man the holding facility, not jail, holding facility in Tonopah, so that's one, two...

EG – Clarified this is all Tonopah right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes but wait a minute and see what I'm doing here. These people, after I get my four for the holding facility and these were people who were presently Jail Staff, in Tonopah, so they got to stay Jail Staff. I had two in the academy for Tonopah, for positions that had left Tonopah, but I was able to capture that and put new people in old positions, so they didn't lose two. I'm taking the people out of the Jail, I just sent them to the academy in Carson City, I sent five, four passed, one guy failed. I took that position and I put him in the Jail in Pahrump, Tonopah position, Jail in Pahrump because I need people there too. I took the sergeant in Tonopah and I'm putting him over here under one team so this is so that I can have twenty four hour, seven day a week coverage in Tonopah and believe me, right now it's really scant. I took their lieutenant position and I moved it into a sergeant position, these are existing people in Tonopah, that's another jailer, there is another sergeant position, these were all existing positions, all I'm doing is moving them around (referring to the power point slide show graphics) these were the positions for Round Mountain, Gabbs, Manhattan, and back up for Tonopah. So those positions were way out because there was only one position for Gabbs, now this guy is an hour and twenty minutes away from anything and he's sitting out there by himself. There's Beatty, I took one of those people and I tried to move them to Beatty, well I moved their position to Beatty anyway. Back up for the forward areas, this is all street for Tonopah, this is the jail staff for Tonopah and then I got rid of three detention facility people. Those people are not sworn, they work the bubble. Changes in Pahrump and Tonopah; I got rid of Tonopah admin, a Pahrump admin, another Pahrump admin, another Pahrump person that retired I got rid of that. Now that position supposedly went into a secretary and a part-time supply specialist. I didn't get the secretary but I did get the part-time supply specialist, that was another BoCC thing, and we lost two Pahrump deputy slots and we lost three Pahrump technicians. We gave the people in Tonopah, because they had the highest seniority, the opportunity to move from Tonopah in their detention technician slots to Pahrump and everyone of them declined. So the three jobs that I showed you, in Pahrump, that were going to be gone, those three people got to keep their jobs, not because they had high seniority and were able to keep their jobs, but only because the detention people in Tonopah didn't want to move. So that was all the budget cuts, then I started tearing down, the lieutenant in Tonopah went away, the assistant sheriff basically retired, I got one sergeant out of that, I got two sergeants out of that and I got a patrol sergeant out of the Tonopah lieutenant (all referring to the ongoing power point). There's all the dollars there so you can look at them, I also got a portion of a new deputy. The lieutenant in Beatty, I got two deputy positions out of that that I haven't been able to fill for here. The lieutenant in Pahrump, I got an evidence sergeant and I made that deputy position whole. So I replaced the one deputy position of the two that I lost through the BoCC thing in Pahrump and I got an evidence sergeant out of that which lessened... the way that it was structured before is that little pieces of supply and evidence were all over the County taking up time from deputies. I moved all of that into a central area so now if they are a deputy they patrol they don't do auxiliary things.

Audience – Sated Beatty also lost its dispatch.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied, no it did not.

Audience – Clarified, we have dispatchers here? I thought all calls went through Pahrump now?

Sheriff Wehrly – Sated no I put them back in here.

Audience – Went on, and then do you guys do this academy in Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no, I've been sending police to the Silver State, so far I've sent six.

Audience – Asked so when they come out of the academy they have a choice and you can't just instruct them, you're going to be stationed in Beatty if they want the job? I mean...

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the old way that people were hired is they were hired by substation, it didn't hit me that that's what they were, until just recently when I looked at the formal conditional offer of employment letter, they've gone through all of the hiring process except the final acceptance of the job. It states in there where you are going to be assigned well right now since we are redoing the NCLEA contract and this is Nye County, it isn't Pahrump, it isn't Central and it isn't Northern Command this is Nye County. I'm trying to abolish that. What somebody did somewhere back in time, if you hired on in Tonopah then your base was Tonopah and if you were moved out of that base area they paid you food and lodging if you went fifty miles away. Well my guys are in cars I want them to go fifty miles away and I don't want to have to pay them additional monies for them to go fifty miles away, that's ridiculous but that's what the Nye County employment contract NCEA states. So Nye County NCLEA Law Enforcement Association, jumped right on the back of that and so every time anybody leaves their particular little area they can charge the County for more food, lodging excreta if they are out X amount of time. I don't know if you realize that I am fighting against that, but I think that this County is a County, if I want to send somebody to Tonopah and have them work for two weeks or go to school or do anything else, they are a Nye County Sherriff. They should be able to go and there shouldn't be any penalties.

Audience – Stated I was just talking about people out of the academy, and you assigning them to Beatty, I don't know what all this has to do with that. If you assign somebody to Beatty, they're in Beatty. I don't understand why you can't assign them where they are going to go.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the employment paper that they sign says you are going to be a deputy in Tonopah.

Audience – Continued or Beatty, why can't they be assigned to Beatty?

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated I think what she is saying is that in the past if there were people hired in Nye County, then you could say okay you're going to be in Beatty, I'm not hiring anybody in Tonopah right now; you're going to be in Beatty. Now after a couple of years or so if you're doing well and you want to transfer that might be okay, right now this is the position.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated that's all fine, the thing is they have to accept the job.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated they do.

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated, no they don't.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Clarified, I'm agreeing with you.

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated they aren't accepting the job. I finally found three people that will accept the job.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated if there is not a position available somewhere else maybe they would accept the job.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well it's not available in Nye County, right now unless you want to come to Central Command.

Audience – Stated quick question, you say there are three people interested, and from lieutenant Jarvis' position there are two open deputy positions?

Sheriff Wehrly – Responded yes.

Audience – Went on, out of those three that can be hired will be specifically for Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated there will be three hired.

Audience – Clarified those three will be hired?

Sheriff Wehrly – Confirmed, those three will be hired. If they go through the background check, I went after people that were already category 1 qualified, they don't have to go to school, they will go right into FPO and they will be functioning members within fourteen weeks, they will be on their own, if they make the FPO training program. So now we have to pray that all three of these guys, I have one of them that passed his background and I'm offering him the job next week, I have two more that are still in background and I will offer them a job as soon as they pass the background.

Audience – Clarified and then we will have five at that point for Beatty and Amargosa?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes. Let me explain this to you, one of them that we lost was a COPS grant. I know that you know this, but I don't think you really up here know this, for the last two years you've had three deputies, three slots, you've had two deputies work. The third position, the guy hurt himself and he was off on SIIS for a very long time, he came back from SIIS and then he quit. That was over almost an eighteen month period of time from what I can gather, because he went off on SIIS before I was elected. So you have one person that was being paid this whole time to work here in the Central Command Area but he didn't. He was a COPS grant person which means when he went away I could immediately hire that slot, that's how you got the third person. That's why I can hire two and also this other guy. So that will bring us up to five. I have two dispatchers in Beatty; hopefully I'm going to have one more. For the last two weeks I've had a lady come up and work the front window from 7am to 4pm all week Monday through Friday. So, I'm trying to build back but it's really a hard road to hoe, because there aren't that many people in Pahrump. I am having a hard time, and it's not excuses, I am having a hard time getting the BoCC to say yes you can go ahead and hire these folks. Over the last two months they have finally started allowing me to start to hire people back.

**Discussion with Sheriff Wehrly Continued**

Undersheriff Moody – Stated keep in mind as soon as they say yeah, you can go ahead and hire, that means we can't hire for ninety more days. They put a 90 day freeze on it, so if they tell us tonight we get to hire five people we're not going to be able to hire anybody for 90 days. All hiring has a 90 day waiting period.

Sheriff Wehrly – Went on, so basically what they are doing is they are saying that they need that amount of money to come back into the accrual system. In other words the person that left that position had vacation, sick leave that kind of stuff and they are paying that back by not filling this position for 90 days. Actually Jarvis (Beatty Lieutenant that left in fall 2014) they told me I couldn't fill the position for five months because I had to pay all of that back. Instead of having a slush fund, where most Counties do it this way, when your accrued vacation, your accrued sick leave it's taken out because it's yours, it's taken out, it's put in a trust fund so that when you want to use it that money is there. This County doesn't do that it comes directly out of my budget. So anytime anybody retires etcetera whatever their accruals are, comes right out of my budget and actually it comes right out of your budget. I don't know how to change that and I don't think that we are going to be able to. At the time that I wrote this there were only two Pahrump and two Tonopah patrol sergeants working the entire week. I only have three Tonopah sergeants now. The way they work is they all work that huge area. So if anybody needs anything this sergeant takes off and goes to Gabbs, this sergeant takes off and goes to Round Mountain or he works in Tonopah. I need four there so that each shift will have a sergeant, I finally got four in Pahrump because they had two sergeants on to run their shifts. So we are getting there we are actually moving up because we have four sergeants in Pahrump, we have another sergeant in Tonopah and if I can work it out we will at least have an acting sergeant here.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Asked who is the supervisor, now, for this area?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated depending on which sergeant is on its Duane Downing, Chris Puckett, or Sergeant (inaudible).

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Clarified, that's out of Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated that's out of Tonopah.

Audience - Stated highway 95 is busier now than it's ever been, with tourism and there's not many tickets being written, not many stops, how much of that money is the County losing by not having the citations?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated quite a bit, that's why we are really working on it. That's one of the reasons I put people on just doing traffic. That's what the motorcycles are for; inaudible discussion. We do have coverage now coming in, but the thing is they go on shift in Pahrump at six o'clock. Then they drive up here and I have them either drive the back way, go through Amargosa, write whatever they can, stop into the businesses, check as many things as possible as they go through, come up here, go through all of the businesses, check all of the back area, go on up into Sarcobatus Flats and then start back down. But they have to be back before their time to be off.

Audience – Stated but then there is another thing that you just said (inaudible)...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated but that gives you a window every time there is window of at least an hour to an hour and a half that there is nobody here.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Said that's when everything happens.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated but that's drive time, they have to be able to get from one place to the other. That's why I want people that are going to live here. So when they go home they are here, when they are called out they are here and it's the way it should be. So anyway I have three people that looks like that's what's going to happen.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated that's good.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Clarified, five people would give us twenty four hour coverage?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Stated that's what our biggest concern is. Especially when, you showed that list, and there's a whole list of people that are up in Tonopah, there's a whole list of people that are down in Pahrump....

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well now don't think the whole list of people is just in Tonopah because I wanted two for Gabbs because that's not fair to have that guy there all by himself and there is an hour and twenty minutes and when it's raining and pouring it's more like three hours away if you can get to him. So I wanted two deputies there and Round Mountain, Manhattan and Belmont have three people. So all of those people aren't in Tonopah they are anywhere from an hour ten minutes to an hour forty five minutes away.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated that's what kills us, when there is a window open.

Sheriff Wehrly – Agreed right that's exactly what kills us.

Audience (Keith Kerns) – Asked would it help if you (Sheriff Wehrly) stayed in Pahrump and he (Undersheriff Moody) went to Tonopah?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I don't know and asked Undersheriff Moody if he wanted to go to Tonopah? I've put twenty one thousand, six hundred and some odd miles on my car since I got it and asked Undersheriff Moody how many miles he has on his car.



**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Undersheriff Moody – Stated I've put on almost twenty two thousand.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we patrol.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked when somebody gets arrested for something do they get transported to Pahrump?

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated yes.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Went on and then re-transported up here to go to court.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated yes.

Audience (Karl Johnson) – Asked is that cost effective?

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated no.

Audience – It takes deputies off the street and busy.

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated that's right but what we are doing is that transport comes out of the jail. It's not a patrol officer that's doing that transport.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated but it is a patrol officer that has to make the transport in that direction (to Pahrump).

Sheriff Wehrly – Agreed yes it is, unless we have a detention officer that's on.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated but that costs money and when the only cop here has got to transport somebody...

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated when we set up the holding thing in Tonopah, that officer loads up the van and brings them down. My big problem is I need enough people in this station (Beatty) so that I can have a holding facility here so that when they come down they can pick up the inmates that are here and carry them on down.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated right, I understand that but we do have a jail here that we could utilize.

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied it's a great jail but we don't have the staffing to put anybody in it and I was kind of hoping that we could have an AU (Auxiliary Unit) here that could man the windows and as long as there is somebody in the building I could leave a prisoner there.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated even if it's dispatch right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied yeah well right, I can't leave a prisoner in a jail by themselves.

Audience (Allen Lynn) – Stated just something to add on that, I was here when the jail was fully operational; I've been here since Sherriff DeMeo shut it down. I can tell you it saves us more time taking that hour and a half trip to Pahrump and coming back then if we have them here because if there is a medical emergency I'm tied up in the jail, I'm tied up in route to Vegas to the hospital, and I'm tied up for all of that. When they are in Pahrump detention, detention is specifically for detention it's not taking us off the street to do any of that. So to me I love having the jail in Pahrump. Not because I'm lazy or I don't like the jail but because I believe the time is better spent, because ninety percent of the time a deputy will meet me at HWY 160 and HWY 95, that's all central area. Time is better spent for us taking them down there than having to deal with them here 24/7.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we also have to feed them here.

Audience (Carol Johnson) - Stated I understand that but we do have the jail here why not utilize it to a point.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I want to use it as a holding facility the same way that we are using it in Tonopah. That way they don't have to worry about it as long as there is somebody here but when they come down they pick them up and they move them (to Pahrump). That keeps them from having to break away from this area and take them to HWY95 and HWY160; inaudible discussion in audience followed.

DG – Asked the Sherriff to wrap this up.

Allen Lynn – Stated I'm losing 30 to 35% of my patrol time in the jail and that's when we were fully staffed with deputies.

Audience (Carol Johnson) – Stated yes I agree with that we are talking about a holding, we're just talking about a holding (facility).

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I'm not planning on opening the jail here unless I can have detention people.

Sheriff Wehrly – Asked did I answer most of your questions?

EG – Stated I just want to clarify a couple of things; currently we have two personnel that live here in Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly – Replied correct.

EG – Went on Allen said that he gets off at midnight correct?

Sheriff Wehrly – Responded yes correct.

EG – Stated so from midnight to....

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you have somebody up here from Pahrump every night.

EG – Reiterated every night, and went on to say so is either on call, stand by, or an actual person on duty twenty four hours a day seven days a week?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well, they are on duty but they have travel time. It's the same thing if you have a break-in up here and he's in Amargosa. So there is somebody physically in this large area.

EG – Stated okay let me back up, you've been saying central, we used to be part of north area command and we had south area command.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated and Tony made central area command.

EG – Responded well even the last presentation we had had north and south, anyway so now we are central. Let me just figure this out for myself so I understand, even though we have two people and we have one person that is coming up that whatever travel time they have driving up and driving back and doing whatever they do on the way in Amargosa during that time we don't have any coverage right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated no as soon as they get into Amargosa central area command has coverage until they leave either Amargosa and Beatty and move back to Pahrump or they come in from Tonopah and they come into Sarcobatus Flats and they make the trip down to Amargosa and come back up through Beatty, respond to whatever calls they've got and then they go back to Tonopah. There's only one person.

EG – Stated okay, this is what I want to understand so that person assigned to central they could be from Sarcobatus Flats to Amargosa, right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

EG – Stated okay I got that. What is the situation with this on call or stand by? If we have two people that live here, right, do you schedule them? How does the scheduling work?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated the scheduling right now works through the sergeants. I don't believe they are on standby anymore; they haven't been on standby since we went to this other system where we are bringing people up. They were on standby when they were the only people here.

EG – Stated so don't you think that that is a good cost effective way to have somebody available all the time? Not that they have to be out in the street. I understand it's a percentage of their pay.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated when you have somebody on standby that means that they can't leave the valley, they really don't have a life of their own, and they can't go out and have a drink or have a party or do anything. So when you put them on standby, yes I'm paying them but it's really not enough to be on call all the time.

EG – Stated I get that and I mean there's got to be some way to schedule that so that it's fair and equitable. Anyway I think that that is part of the solution for some of this time of a gap in coverage.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated it doesn't mean that I can't call Allen or George to come out if there is an emergency. If they're home then they will come out, if they're not on standby.

EG – Stated exactly both of them could be in Las Vegas this other guy could be in Sarcobatus Flats or not have left Pahrump and we have nobody.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

EG – Went on, okay so that's not a solution for me, I'm just clarifying some things.

Sherriff Wehrly – Stated let me clarify something else, we now will have five slots, we've got the five slots for here. We will have six slots if we can get the half a percent sales tax person.

EG – Stated okay, I am going to work on that. So you are working these three people and that will give us five people and you're trying to get those three people to live in Beatty.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated either live in Beatty or live in Amargosa one or the other.

EG – Replied okay and went on to ask, those positions are budgeted?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

EG – Stated okay good, now about dispatch, Shelly retired has her position been filled?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes she did, her position has not been filled I have to wait ninety days before I can fill it.

EG – Replied okay, my next question is when you are going to offer that position will somebody like Lynn Hensel be given the opportunity to transfer back to Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly- Responded yes absolutely.

EG – Stated she had been here, she used to live here and wants to come back. People have been coming from Pahrump to Beatty for dispatch even before Shelly's retirement correct?

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Sheriff Wehrly- Stated right.

EG - Went on and people from Beatty have been going to Pahrump for dispatch and why is that?

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated right, but that doesn't mean, that's up to them if they wanted to come back.

EG - Clarified not to transfer their position but on a daily basis to go to work.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated I lost you.

CT - Stated there was some extra training or something.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated oh they always have to do training they have forty hour a year that they have to do.

EG - Stated so forty hour a year, that's a regular thing. I think I understand about the coverage and the new positions coming up and I will get some clarification on the Sales Tax, Public Safety Tax.

EG - Asked is it true that there were two meth labs discovered and closed down, here in Beatty?

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated I don't know, I know there was one but I don't know about two.

EG - Stated well, I'm just asking but there was one? That's something, you should tout that. I'm just asking this is stuff people tell me.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated we got eleven pounds of meth from Amargosa, we got four pounds one time.

EG - Stated okay good. Can you please tell me about a Nye County deputy being assigned to the Homeland Security Detail in Las Vegas for a four year period?

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated no, it's a three year period and yes that's true.

EG - Reiterated three years, and asked we're paying for it?

Sheriff Wehrly - Replied we're paying for it and homeland security is paying for it so we're sharing the cost.

EG - Asked can you tell me what the benefit to me here in Beatty and to the County of having that person when we need people in the whole County not just Beatty to having that guy in Las Vegas and paying for him to be down there.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated well actually he won't be in Las Vegas he will be all over Nye County he will be all over Clark County, he will be all over wherever the drugs are coming through. He will be on a task force of like people, so we are sharing people and when the people come into Nye County we've just augmented our force by six folks. So when he goes someplace else that County then has augmented their resources by six folks.

EG - Stated I don't get it, by six people?

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated in other words he's one person out of a six person team.

EG - Stated so if you have an issue here in Nye County that whole detail will come to Nye County, they will come to Beatty or Belmont or whatever.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated yes for whatever case is available.

EG - Replied okay.

Sheriff Wehrly - Went on and not only that we also have all of their Intel-system now that they will share with us so that we have an idea of what's coming through Nye County, so if we have other things going on we can set up the drug task force that we have to catch people.

EG - Stated okay and that's fifty fifty sharing cost.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated no, they pay all of the overtime, they give him a car and they pay all of his training costs and we pay his basic salary.

EG - Reiterated you pay his actual salary. Okay I have one other question, so we still have our justice facility, thank goodness, and when court is in session what kind of coverage is there anybody available to be at the justice facility or in the station when court is in session.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated yes we haven't missed a court date.

EG - Stated okay.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated there is always somebody there.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) - Stated I can't say any date or time but I don't think that's accurate. I think there have been many days they have had somebody in court and there was not a deputy in the area on duty.

Sheriff Wehrly - Stated we make sure that there is somebody in court.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) - Stated if there is a prisoner there probably, that would be obvious.

**Discussion with Sherriff Wehrly Continued**

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated well that's the only time I'm interested in it is when you actually have...

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Went on, I think what she's saying is anytime you have court because the danger exists any time there is court whether there is a prisoner or not.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated when Judge Sullivan asks for someone to be there, there is someone there; inaudible audience discussion.

Sheriff Wehrly – Sated I don't truly think that's changed all that much.

EG – Stated I just wanted to say that I think it's really, really, really important that you and this Board have some better communication than we've been having. We've tried for a long, long time to have this meeting or to get together with you for a long time so I'm grateful that you are here but one of the things that you did promise when you were running for Sherriff was that you would have great transparency and it's been difficult to sit down and have this conversation so I really, really want to see this communication keep going. If there is something that, you know maybe you can't say, it's not for the general public but that we can know something so at least we can reassure people when they are asking questions so we don't have to say I don't know because that's the worst thing as a Board member when people ask me is I don't know. So I'd really like to keep the lines of communication open.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I was under the impression the lines of communication were open.

EG – Stated well I've been calling since...

Sheriff Wehrly – Went on I've been up here, I think I've only missed what four.

EG – Stated but we've been I'm not going to go there.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated I just want to follow up with that. I think that's the issue too for me not knowing what's going on in the Community that's the biggest issue. We don't know what is happening, inaudible.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated when you were trying to contact him he was in Israel.

Audience (Teresa Sullivan) – Stated then he can say I'm in Israel contact someone else even by email but you know that's all I'm asking for. I think that's the ongoing issue, it's difficult to communicate and I think Erika hit the nail on the head communication is really going to be a big deal. I think you might feel like you are communicating but we need more. With a transition it takes time but if you can give us more we might back off a little bit.

EG – Stated because other than that it's the rumor mill.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated we really don't like the rumor mill and if you do have a problem all you need to do is call. I know several of you that have my phone number.

DG – Thanked the Sherriff for coming tonight.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated and if you want me to come back to talk I'd be more than happy to do it.

EG – Stated anytime and the first meeting of every month you are on the agenda, there is a place for you.

DG – Stated I'll cover that in a few minutes.

**5 For Possible Action – Approval of the Minutes dated November 9, 2015 and November 23, 2015.**

*RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 9, 2015 and November 23, 2015 in context only; Second CT; 5-0*

**6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items**

*Item pulled*

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

KC- Stated I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EG – Stated I wanted to let everybody know that our letter to the road department with our list of requests was very well received, we got a response right away. We don't know what they are going to do but they have ordered the traffic count, so anyway they didn't just shine us on so that's in the works. I attended the US Ecology meeting this past Tuesday, it was a really good meeting no townspeople were there so that was kind of disappointing, except the people that work there. Anyway they are doing really good, everything looks good out there. Testing is still going on and they are looking to do some new things for the Community. I don't know anything about title 6, so I don't know what happened and I don't know what happened with the Community Development Block Grant, whether we got the Ambulance.

RR – Stated we had our raffle for the money that went to Emergency Services and the Senior Center the girl that won it took the money and used the money for Toys for Tots where they live over by Bakersfield. We had our town Christmas party last week and had well over one hundred people show up so that was a really good turnout.

CT – None; DG – None

**8 Reports**

- i. Beatty Chamber**  
None
- ii. Beatty Habitat Committee**  
None
- iii. Beatty Library**  
None
- iv. Beatty Medical Clinic**  
None
- v. Beatty Museum**  
None
- vi. Beatty Senior Center**  
RR – Stated we are looking for a new bus driver for the Senior Center. It's \$8.50 an hour four hours a day, two days of the month you get 8 hours taking the Seniors to Pahrump.
- vii. Beatty Town Square**  
DG – Stated things are progressing.
- viii. Commissioner's**  
None
- ix. Desert Hills Cemetery**  
None
- x. Emergency Services**  
Chief Harmon – Stated in the last month we had four lift assists with the Ambulance, two motor vehicle accidents, one vehicle fire that we were not able to respond to we didn't have enough responders it would leave Beatty uncovered so we called Pahrump and had them go out and help them.  
  
As of about two o'clock this afternoon our coverage area got extended by ten miles south to assist Amargosa. So if there is a call between here and Lathrup Wells, between mile post 44 and Lathrup Wells they will call us to assist Amargosa. They have three people on the fire department and they're just not doing real well.  
  
On Saturday we had two people pass the EMR class and Santa Night went really well. I want to thank everybody that helped out with that.
- xi. Ordinances**  
None
- xii. Other –**
  - Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC) – None**
  - Beatty General Improvement District (BGID) – None**
  - Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD) – None**
  - Boy Scouts – DG – Stated that on behalf of the VFW we bought \$92.00 of supplies for them. Karl is going to teach them map reading and GPS so they get their merit badges.**
  - Beatty Health & Welfare – None**
  - Other Community or Civic Organization – None**
- xiii. Nye County Sherriff's Department**  
None
- xiv. Nye County Emergency Services**  
None

**8 Reports continued****xv. Secretary**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported monies collected by the office for services collected in November and sent to the Treasurer for deposit to the town accounts;

Notary \$55.00; Photo Copy \$5.50; Fax \$10.00; Community Center Rental \$30.00; Table and Chair Rental \$6.00; Cemetery \$1,432.00; for a total of \$1,538.50

**xvi. Treasurer**

EG – Reported 42% of the year elapsed as of November 30, 2015.

Department	Expenditure	Balance	
Admin	\$61,490.91	\$424,112.09	13% of the budget used
Translators	\$1,128.36	\$3,871.64	23% of the budget used
BVFD	\$58,049.05	\$132,068.95	31% of the budget used
Cemetery	\$1,599.58	\$8,400.42	16% of the budget used
Com Cnt Serv & Supplies	\$5,470.10	\$194,529.90	3% of the budget used
Chamber	\$18,385.14	\$20,950.86	47% of the budget used
Museum	\$12,614.76	\$26,721.24	32% of the budget used
Town Tourism	\$225.00	\$117,784.00	0% 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	\$6,344.37*	\$160,575.63	4% of the budget used

\*Town Square project expenses

EG – Stated just one thing to note. I want to continue to remind the Museum to keep an eye on the balance in their services and supplies because their benefits are at 65% right now and we are only 42% of the year so they will have to take money from services and supplies to augment that at the end of the year. So just keep that in mind in your services and supplies budget.

**9 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 approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$1,751.77; Second CT; 5-0*

**10 General Business**

**a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to create a Beatty ordinance that prevents privately owned drones from flying over private property, and schools, and any other property deemed appropriate. – Betty Robinson**

Betty Robinson – Stated I'm here tonight to address the issue of recreational drones asking that their use be prohibited over private property. I've gathered some more signatures from some more Beatty citizens concerned about this matter. There will be many thousands more of these are going to be sold this holiday so we will probably see more of them flying around Beatty. Owners are now required by the FAA to register them. There also already is a revised statute prohibiting peeping, spying or capturing an image through a window or a doorway so an ordinance to restrict drones over private property would further up hold this protection.

DG – Stated first of all there already is an ordinance that you can't fly over a school, that's a State law. I called the district attorney's office and got a hold of Tim Sutton. This is sort of a hot potato issue the feds and state are working on the issue but nothing clarified. He did say that over jails and public buildings they are not allowed to fly over those. The owners of recreational drones between 250 grams (8.8oz) and 55 pounds will have to register their aircraft with the FAA before making their first outdoor flight under new rules announced December 14<sup>th</sup>. There is stuff going on on this thing, Betty that I think it is being addressed both by the County, Tim said that there is nothing on the docket in Nye County as far as he knows of anything going on on this.

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He did say if this Board did decide to send something down to them they would work on the wording for it but right now there is nothing to go on as far as Nye County as far as the DA's office is concerned. I had that item on the stalking and the harassment because I was wondering if the drone could be stalking or harassment or that type of stuff. He didn't go that far to say yes it was or no it wasn't, he just didn't want to say. That's what I found and I talked to him at 3:30 this afternoon.

EG - Stated I think that if you are having a problem with a drone and you feel that you are being harassed in some way I think that there are other laws on the books and maybe that's it harassment, that you can file a complaint for. As a Board I don't feel that we should write an ordinance that number one that we can't enforce. We're not going to be able to, we can write any ordinance any kind of law and the Commissioners can approve it but we can't enforce it. There's no way, number on who's going to enforce it, we can't enforce it. So there was a guy that had posted something on Facebook and I wasn't paying any attention to it but then I saw this thing and it said everybody enjoyed the last two so much I thought I'd do another one and it's this aerial shot and it has the little play thing so I clicked on it and there's this whole aerial thing of the area. So I sent the guy a message and I said are you filming these videos with a camera attached to a drone, there is an item on the Beatty Town Advisory Board agenda regarding drones, the meeting is Monday etc. He sent me back a reply; he said yes it is a drone with a camera on it. I was recently informed of the City Council item, I haven't flown in town for a while and don't plan to anymore now that I know it has become an issue. I did try to be respectful of people's privacy and was just having a little fun with it. So I don't think the intent of the people flying the drones is to invade anybody's privacy and I didn't see it was a great video...

Ms. Robinson - Stated it wasn't over anybody's backyards like the one that has been flying over our backyards.

EG - Stated right, but now that it has come to everybody's attention the people that are doing it will be sensitive like this guy, but if you continue to have an issue then that's a trespassing or the Sheriff will have to determine what that is but you can file a report and there will be some existing complaint that you can make. You can at least make a complaint and that person may be able to be issued a warning but I don't feel at this time that it behooves us to write an ordinance that we can't enforce.

RR - Stated I don't really care for the idea of somebody may be looking in your window with one but if they are flying like on that video way up in the air I don't...

Keith Kerns - Asked if he could speak.

DG - Asked Keith to wait one minute and asked CT if she had any comment.

CT - Stated no.

Keith Kerns - Stated I own a drone, it's white and I fly at about 100 to 150 feet. I've been zooming around up down and everywhere. It does not have zoom capability if I want to get in close to see something like someone's backyard or whatever I have to lower that drone and then I'm going to put myself in an unsafe spot, smacking a tree, a power line, whatever, I don't want to damage my drone I really don't. It's something I've always loved, remote control, helicopters, planes, these drones are the neatest thing because almost out of the box you can start flying them. Yes they do have a camera that hooks to an iPad but when you are up 65, 75, 125 feet you don't see people on these drones you see little dots that's all you can see. I'm a very, very novice drone flyer I basically put it on map and use the streets that I know to get home. It does have the capability that I set a mapping route up on it, I can leave the Stagecoach and go down to central laundry and I can buzz over to the Exchange Club and down to Death Valley Inn and then I can make it come home. All with the push of a button, I find that fascinating and I'm honest to god not snooping on anybody I could care less. I really don't feel that, these drones are not like what they are flying up where Kelly works, what they are flying over in Afghanistan. They have a really good camera on them yes but it does not zoom into someone's window. Like I said I would have to be down to that level and that's a real stupid level to be at if you are not line of sight. If you were line of sight I could fly it in this room but everybody would be ducking because those rotors will give you a haircut. Yes you have to pay attention to what you are doing, so most of the time I fly line of sight. I'm going to go out to the airport where drones are illegal. I enjoy flying from my house or where I work and really don't feel an ordinance is needed or any sort of thing.

DG - Asked did you register yours?

Mr. Kerns - Replied yes and it cost five whole dollars.

DG - Asked for additional comments. There were none.

DG - Asked for a motion. There was none.

DG - Stated items dies for lack of motion.

**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve a request for funding assistance in the amount of \$925.00 (Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars) for the purchase and installation of R19 insulation – Beatty Museum; Amina Anderson**

Amina Anderson; Beatty Museum Manger – Stated that when we got the building it came with R10 insulation for the ceiling which is completely inadequate so to replace it with R19 Aspen Insulation gave us a quote for \$1,850.00.

DG – Stated I'm glad to see that you put the R19 in but I see that you already paid for it so why do you want us to pay half?

Ms. Anderson – Stated they came up two Saturdays ago the 12<sup>th</sup> and he kind of expected to be paid at that point so we paid him.

DG – Asked for questions, there were none.

DG – Asked for comments, there were none.

*RR – Motion to approve the request for funding assistance in the amount of \$925.00 (Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars for the purchase and installation of R19 insulation for the Beatty Museum; Second KC; 5-0*

DG – Asked is there anything else going on at the Museum?

Ms. Anderson – Stated there is actually, LaHaye just came up and started the installation of the electrical.

EG – Clarified, we already paid for that right?

Ms. Anderson – Stated they haven't given us an invoice yet, you guys did agree to pay for it.

EG – Reiterated, that's the one we did agree to pay for?

Ms. Anderson – Stated yes.

EG – Stated do me a favor before you guys pay for anything come and ask us first.

**c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve up to \$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for the purchase of online EMS and Fire qualified continuing education courses and videos for up to 15 students. – Chief Harmon**

Chief Harmon – Stated every two years we have to renew our EMS licenses and we no longer have a program through the County. I took it upon myself to go out and look for one and I figured if I was looking for myself I might as well see what it would cost to get the whole crew done. If you look at the one quote there from Bob Workman, its \$900.00 (Nine Hundred Dollars) a year for up to fifteen students, if you have less than fifteen students it would have been \$59.00 per year per student if I remember right.

EG – Stated this one guy is going to give us \$960.00 (Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars) and he is going to give us that same amount for four years. So it's EMS and whoever is on the Ambulance?

Chief Harmon – Stated yes.

EG – Stated that needs that stuff and asked if there are a couple extra students built in?

Chief Harmon – Stated yes we have extra students; we did it that way so that we could get a better rate.

DG – Asked do you want the Town to pay the whole fifteen hundred or is this a 50/50 deal?

Chief Harmon – Stated I was thinking of the Fire Department training budget.

EG – Stated I would suggest that we do 50/50 I mean I don't have an issue with that. We could pay 50% out of Admin since we have been doing a lot of training stuff for you guys (BVAS) over the past several years. That would be my suggestion to do 50/50.

DG – Asked which is their training?

Carrie Radomski Town Secretary – Stated it would be Admin Operating and the Fire Department Training budgets.

CT – Clarified that the ambulance service will be able to use this as well.

Chief Harmon – Stated yes I was going out and looking for myself but I figured I might as well see for the whole ambulance service because we lost it through the County and the volunteers would have to pay for it on their own so if we can help them it might help us keep volunteers.

EG – Clarified this one is \$960.00 (Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars) correct?

Chief Harmon – Stated yes.

DG – Stated I'll entertain a motion.



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Audience (Allison Henderson) – Asked can I say something before you make the motion? I'd like to add, put in that though, that it's basically for your full time medics or your full time fire fighters. If you're going to put money out for people that aren't putting the time and effort into running with the ambulance service to keep their credentials up, what do we gain here?

DG – Stated that's a good point.

EG – Stated let me just say this we have at least thirteen people that are already committed to doing this between both services, correct?

Chief Harmon – Stated yes but not full time.

DG – Asked do you suggest that we limit it to full time people?

KC – Stated no. This is a volunteer thing and even if you don't have fulltime people if they can use this to benefit them than it's an asset.

DG – Stated I agree.

KC – Stated that's the way if feel about it whether you are EMS or Fire Department. I looked at that class/course and it is very in depth on both sides, in my opinion, and if there is something that I wanted to take I can go take it just to further my knowledge whether I use it or not. On the same thing, what do you call a fulltime fireman? We don't put forty hours in or anything like that, we are all volunteers. I don't understand that.

CT – Stated I think that if I can speak for Allison for a second, I think it is those that are just keeping up with their certification but not running on the service. I think that's what she's brining up as far as not volunteering at all. Part of being on the ambulance service they ask that you run twenty four to forty eight hours in a month that would be considered participating all the time. Somebody that decides that they are not going to run on the service but just take these classes for themselves it makes a difference.

DG – Asked isn't it a possibility, say they take one or two of these classes and it gets them over the hump and then they start participating more. That's the other side of that too.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated I had the opportunity to watch the demo with Mike and Allison that Bob (Workman) did online and one of the things that, for the Board, to limit somebody's access to education I don't think is a good idea, that's my personal opinion not the Town Secretary but Mike and Allison both have the ability when they get this system, they will be able to create students. If Allison wants to have certain requirements or Mike wants to have certain criteria for a student to have their own student identification number where the system is going to track it for continuing education, I think that's up to them as a management group to discuss. For Kelly's (KC) point they can create a student name and number and any person can log into that and take advantage of that training. So I think that there is a way for them to work out how to manage that. Clearly for CEU (Continuing Education Units) you're going to need a student number but to answer Kelly's question there is the opportunity where you can have a general login that others could take advantage of this training as well. It is not staff's recommendation to restrict anything like that in a motion.

EG – Stated that's a good point to Allison's point when you are creating your students those that you know run regularly you can assign them their own number and that will track them and give them their credits. The people that may not or very seldom can be one of those students that are not assigned to a specific person that could take a class or do a refresher or do some sort of training. So that would be up to you guys how you assign your people, does that make sense.

Chief Harmon – Stated I also think what Allison was getting at is we will have a medic that will run two days and you don't see them for eight months and then they want to come back and take advantage of all of these classes and refreshers.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that is up to you guys as a team to do that it's not a motion thing.

EG – Stated right.

Ms. Henderson – Stated I don't want you guys to spend your money on somebody you guys aren't getting the benefit for the Town.

EG – Stated but you guys are going to have to decide that. You have fifteen slots so between the two of you the Ambulance Coordinator and the Fire Chief, it'll be up to the two of you to decide the most benefit, which students to assign to those slots and keep a minimum of one slot open for anybody that wants to see what it's all about.

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Chief Harmon – Stated my recommendation for you to do that would be to type in free EMT tests on Google and you will get a lot of them but you don't get the CEU's. As an EMT in a two year period I need forty eight CEU's and a twenty four hour refresher and that's what this class is for.

EG – Stated I think it's great but you guys will have to figure out whom to assign the actual students.

*RR – Motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 (Fifteen Hundred Dollars) for the purchase of online EMS and Fire qualified continuing education courses and videos for up to 15 students and it will be half and half payout between the BVFD Training and Admin Operating; Second CT; 5-0*

**11 General Public Comment**

None

**12 Adjournment**

*KC– Motion to adjourn 8:26pm; Second RR; 5-0*