

RESOLUTION 2010-13

A RESOLUTION TO OBJECT TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PLACING AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2010 RELATED TO THE DISINCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ELY AS AN IMPROPER FORAY INTO CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of White Pine County, State of Nevada, has recently approved placing an advisory question on the upcoming general election ballot which states, "The City of Ely government and White Pine County government should merge into a single governmental entity."

WHEREAS, members of the Board of County Commissioners of White Pine County have stated publicly that through this question, they envision the process beginning for the disincorporation of the City of Ely.

WHEREAS, the Nevada Revised Statutes provide very limited means by which an incorporated city may be disincorporated, none of which involves the Board of County Commissioners placing such an advisory question on the ballot.

WHEREAS, members of the Board of County Commissioners have stated publicly that they believe there should be a better relationship between the County Commission and the City Council, then they act in such a manner that invades the province of the City of Ely improperly.

WHEREAS, the City of Ely has attempted to combine services with the County in attempts to save money, but the Board of County Commissioners has withdrawn from several combined activities with the City of Ely and with other governmental entities in the recent past; namely, the Building Department, the Regional Planning Commission, the combination of the Ely City Attorney and the White Pine County District Attorney, utilizing the Justice of the Peace as acting Municipal Court Judge, and the agreement the County had with the Nevada Division of Forestry for fire protection in the County.

WHEREAS, based upon the actions of the Board of County Commissioners in the recent past, the Ely City Council believes this is merely a power play by the Board of County Commissioners to obtain more power and authority over all the citizens of the area and to be able to control additional public funds generated in the area.

WHEREAS, all of the studies of combining governments that are available have indicated that there is an increase in expenses rather than a decrease. The Ely City Council recognizes that County employees are paid substantially more than City

employees and with the additional work in various departments that any combination would require, there would be an increase in the amount of funds spent to meet those needs due to the higher wage scale of the County.

WHEREAS, the Ely City Council believes that too much power in the hands of lesser people results in greater opportunities for abuse of that power as was indicated in the County's recent severe financial emergency resulting in White Pine County being managed by the Nevada Department of Taxation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ely City Council opposes the manner and method whereby the Board of County Commissioners has gone about this process of attempting to disincorporate the City of Ely through the proposed Advisory Question.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ely City Council opposes the Advisory Question being placed on the ballot of the County general election because it deals with a City issue and not a County issue and only city residents can determine whether the City of Ely should exist as a separate entity. Further, that the Ely City Council objects to this intrusion by the White Pine County Government into the province of the Ely City Government.

DATED this 8th **day of July, 2010.**

AYES 5 **NAYES** 0 **ABSENT** 0

ELY CITY COUNCIL



BY: JON HICKMAN
ELY CITY MAYOR

ATTEST:


JIM ALWORTH, City Clerk