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## 4R Recycling proposes to operate the Blue Bin

4R Recycling has proposed a plan of operation in cooperation with the City of Wells to operate the solid waste facility, the Blue Bin. Wayne Baron owner of the business will have moved his equipment to the Heavy Industrial area and be ready for business April 1, 2012. The City Council at its regular meeting on February 21st approved the plan and the City Attorney, Bob Goicoechea will write up a contract. The contract presented at the Council meeting on Feb.28 had some questions by both parties and will be brought back to the Council for final approval.

At the end of 2011 the City's Blue Bin solid waste fund had spent \$12,000.00, leaving just \$4,000.00 in the fund for the remainder of the fiscal year that ends June 2012. The Council having said the cost and management of the Blue Bin is out of control, is trying this approach. The basic agreement with 4R will be:

- Provide labor for the fencing of the site from free access.
- Provide signage and enforcement of access to the site also provide advertisement to the changeover and the rate.
- Open the site three days a week to start
- Assume responsibility for the management of the blue bins.
- The City will lease the mobile home at the airport to 4R for six months and will lease the transfer site for a \$1.00 a month.

In a note to the City Council, Baron wrote that he plans to recycle as much material as possible, give better customer service, and create jobs. Baron intends that business become an integral part of Elko County's infrastructure.