

## White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

### COUNTY COMMISSION & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

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**DATE:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** White Pine County Library Conference Room  
950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada

In light of Governor Sisolak's emergency directive to ban gatherings of 50 or more, this County Commission & Fire Commission Meeting is going to be available via Zoom meeting. Please enter the following link in your web browser, or access it from this agenda at [whitepinecounty.net](http://whitepinecounty.net). If you plan on attending in person, the meeting will still be held at 9:00 am in the Library, we will be adhering to the 6 foot social distancing rule, the ban of 50 or more, and the mask/face-covering mandate. Thank you for your patience as we adapt to the circumstances.

Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846957321?pwd=eGxhMXRmdlVRDdlRHBoSzJGbDFQQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 4695 7321

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**\*ASTERISK (\*) DENOTES POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

Note: All times are approximate except for bid openings, public hearings, and any other items agendized at a specific time. Action may be taken on all items except where otherwise indicated. Items not scheduled for a specific time may be considered at any time and in any order to promote efficiency. The Commission may combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion at any time. Sponsorship of an Agenda Item by a member of the County Commission or Fire Commission may not signify agreement with the requested action. The White Pine County Board of Commissioners may take a short break every 1 ½ hours. The Commission will recess for a one-hour lunch break at approximately 12:00.

**Public Comment:** Public Comment during the County Commission & Fire Commission Meeting on September 9, 2020, will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda and will be limited to three (3) minutes per person. The Commissions reserve the right to reduce the time or limit the total time allowed for public comment. **Comments during Discussion Items may not be accepted from the General Public.** The Commissions may prohibit comment if the content of the comments are willfully disruptive of the meetings by being slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on the item at the Commission meeting.

**ATTENTION: Cell phone use, text messaging and conversation that are unrelated to the specific agenda item that is being discussed are prohibited while the meeting is in session.**

**9:00 A.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken (N.R.S. 241.020(2)(c)(3)).

### **1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Chairman will temporarily recess the regular County Commission Meeting for a regular meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission.

#### **A. 9:00 A.M. FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) **Discussion/Update** on Fire District Progress. Brett North, Fire Chief
- \*2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of monthly financial reports for August 2020. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- \*3) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of budget transfers within and between functions or programs within a fund that do not increase the total appropriation of the fund or adjust for approved grants/agency funds
- 4) **Discussion Only**: the possibility of entering into an interlocal agreement or other like agreement with the State Fire Marshal to authorize properly-trained local officials to conduct fire inspections
- \*5) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of minutes from the Fire Commission Meeting of:
  - August 12, 2020

##### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission to reconvene the Regular County Commission meeting.

#### **B. 9:30 A.M. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 514, BILL NO.**

**08.12.2020**

- \*1) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/Third Reading/For Possible Action**: The White Pine County Commission will take public comment and consider approval of Proposed Ord. 514, Bill No, 08.12.2020, an Ordinance regulating the use of certain heavy equipment on County roads; requiring a Road Maintenance Agreement with the County prior to the operation of certain heavy equipment on County roads; imposing criminal and civil penalties for failure to comply with this Ordinance, adding a severability clause

**C. 9:45 A.M. MT. WHEELER POWER**

- \*1) **Discussion/for Possible Action**: Approval of security agreement with Mt. Wheeler Power to provide for irrevocable letter of credit as required by the USDA for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program (REDLG) as approved by Mt. Wheeler Power Board of Directors. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director & Kevin Robison, Mt. Wheeler Power

**D. 10:00 A.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK**

**GRANT**

- 1) **PUBLIC HEARING #2-Discussion and public input** on possible activities to be included in applications for funding under next fiscal year's (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) State Community Development Block Grant Program. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

**E. 10:15 A.M. UPDATE ON PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT**

- 1) **Discussion/Update**: on the proposed Gridflex/rPlus Pumped Storage Project in White Pine County. Luigi Resta, rPlus Energies and Matt Shapiro, Gridflex Energies

**F. 10:30 A.M. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 515, BILL NO.**

**09.09.2020**

- \*1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 515, Bill no. 09.09.2020, authorizing the issuance of a general obligation (limited tax) medium-term bond in the maximum principal amount of \$1,000,000 to finance a public safety project including, a justice center; providing the forms, terms and conditions thereof and covenants relating to the bond; providing for adoption as if an emergency exists; and providing other matters relating thereto. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Kendra Follett, Sherman & Howard

**G. 10:45 A.M. SPECIAL ROAD COMMISSION MEETING**

- 1) **Discussion/Update** on road maintenance agreement with Western Oil/Western Gold for County Roads 1177 and 1204 located in Newark Valley, White Pine County, Nevada
- \*2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of edits or changes to the road maintenance agreement with Western Oil/Western Gold for County Roads 1177 and 1204 located in Newark Valley, White Pine County, Nevada
- \*3) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of minutes from the Special Road Commission Meeting held August 12, 2020

## **2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

### **A. COUNTY COMMISSION**

#### **1. Richard Howe, Chairman**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to appoint Travis Godon as the Commission Liaison to energy in White Pine County

#### **2. Travis Godon, Vice Chairman**

- \*a) **Discussion/Possible Action** to reclaim County usage of limited library space due to COVID spacing/occupancy and other concerns related to office placement in County facilities due to the new Courthouse facility, to include approval of a letter to the University of Nevada Reno providing 30 days' notice to vacate its use of the County library space, and inviting them to explore several private lease vacancies within White Pine County for its purposes

### **B. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

#### **1. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to proceed with negotiation with contractor(s) for the engineering services on SNPLMA Round 17 projects based on recommendations from the evaluation committee
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of monthly financial reports for August 2020
- \*c) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2020-53 to augment the General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$25,108 to provide for JNA Consulting Services budgeted in FY2020 which became due and payable in FY2021
- \*d) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2020-54 to augment the Capital Improvements Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$7,900 to provide for Sunrise Engineering services on the Heritage Park Project as approved by the County Commission
- \*e) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2020-55 to augment the McGill Town Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$18,000 to provide for increased water costs for parks, back flow preventer and equipment to maintain the McGill Ballfield

- f) **Discussion Only**: Information on Presidential Directive with respect to employment tax deadlines

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following are “action” items that may be considered in one motion/one vote. They are considered routine, non-public hearing items that have no protests. Any person representing an item or member of the public not in agreement with the recommendations by staff should request to have that item removed from the Consent Agenda. Any County Commissioner may remove any items from the consent Agenda and have it placed in the Action Items.**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: to ratify Correspondence Sent on Behalf of the White Pine County Commission.
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Payroll for County Elected Officials.
- \*c) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of HR Transmittal for Payroll Changes.
- \*d) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of budget transfers within and between functions or programs within a fund that do not increase the total appropriation of the fund.

### **4. NOTICE OF UNTIMED ITEMS**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to amend lease agreement between the City of Ely, White Pine County and the White Pine Corral Association, to require the White Pine Corral Association to 1) maintain public liability insurance in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate, \$1,000,000.00 per incident AND 2) require all corral lessees to sign waivers indemnifying White Pine County and the City of Ely. Mayor Nathan Robertson from the City of Ely
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of a lease agreement between White Pine County and Michael Coster for Hangar #2 effective 10/1/2020 for 5 years at a rate of \$241/month with a Lessee option for an additional 5 years at a CPI-adjusted rate
- \*c) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to prepare and send a letter of support for SNPLMA Round 18 Grant Proposal by the BLM for a large Recreational Project north of Ely. John Miller, BLM
- \*d) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of minutes from the following County Commission Meetings:
  - August 12, 2020

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County Commission

\* Adjournment

**NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:**

**Members of the public who are disabled and require special assistance or accommodations at the meeting are requested to notify the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners at 801 Clark Street #4, Ely, Nevada 89301; or by calling 775-293-6509 at least two (2) days in advance.**

**Affidavit:**

**I, Nichole Baldwin, did on the 2nd day of September, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. cause to be posted (5) five notices of the White Pine County Commission/Fire Commission Meeting Agenda in the County of White Pine, to-wit: At the Courthouse, at the Public Safety Building, the White Pine County Library, the White Pine County Administration Building, and at the Ely U.S. Post Office. The meeting notice is also posted to the White Pine County website at <http://whitepinecounty.net> and on the State of Nevada Public Notices website at <http://notice.nv.gov>. An additional copy of the Agenda along with supporting material, if any, are on display and available at the front counter of the White Pine County Clerk's Office at 801 Clark Street, Suite 4, Ely, NV 89301**

*Nichole Baldwin*