

**IN A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2019 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

The Following Were Present:

Richard Howe, Chairman  
Ian Bullis, Commissioner  
\*Shane Bybee, Commissioner  
Travis Godon, Commissioner  
Steven Stork, Commissioner  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board  
Susan Lujan, Deputy Clerk

County Officials

Timothy Bunch, Human Resources Director  
Jennifer Farnworth, IT Specialist  
Carl Gregory, Emergency Management Dir.  
Scott Henriod, WPC Sheriff  
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director  
Mike Wheable, District Attorney  
Tim Regan, WPC Fire District Chief  
Lori Romero, Library/Sr. Center Admin.  
Burton Hilton, WPC Assessor

Also Present

Caroline McIntosh  
George Chachas, KGTV-10

\*Commissioner Shane Bybee was unable to attend today.

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Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Ian Bullis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Caroline McIntosh introduced herself and welcomed the new Commissioners on the Board. She cited her letter for reappointment to the Tourism & Recreation Board, noting she's been a member of that board for 2 years and that she hopes the Commission will consider her for another term. She added she's very happy with the progress that's been made in our community through the efforts of that board.

**COUNTY COMMISSION**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/SELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN FOR 2019**

Chairman Richard Howe noted this will be a very busy year! Now it's time to appoint a Chairman; he entertained a motion. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to appoint Commissioner Richard Howe as Commission Chairman. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried. Newly reappointed Chairman Richard Howe thanked the Board, adding that he appreciated their votes of confidence.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/SELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR**

**2019**

Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion for selection of Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to appoint Commissioner Travis Godon as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSION LIAISON APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019**

The Board actively perused the list of Commission Liaison Appointments provided. During the discussion, the Board agreed to remove the following boards from the Liaison list: Cooperative Extension Office, NDF, Planning Commission and Preston Advisory Board. The Library Board of Trustees was discussed but not decided upon. For the Audit Committee, it was noted that the Commission Chairman sits on that Board; for the Tri-County Workshop Group, all the Commissioners sit on that board, which meets quarterly. Such townships as Cherry Creek it was noted, usually call the Commission on an as-needed basis, rather than having a specific liaison assigned. For the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board, Chairman Howe advised he had spoken with a member of that board and requested that our

Emergency Management Director sit on that Board rather than a Commissioner; he is still awaiting word from them on that. Commissioner Steve Stork had talked with NACO, and it was suggested we appoint co-members so either one Commissioner or the other could attend and vote. It was agreed Commissioners Travis Godon and Ian Bullis would serve as liaison and alternate, respectively. The Debt Management Commission meets when needed, usually holding 2 meetings a year (February and August). LEPC usually meets quarterly, as does the Soil Conservation District. The Board felt perhaps Mr. Gary Perea might like to serve on CNRWA, as he definitely has the knowledge and background; Commissioner Shane Bybee wasn't present today, it was felt his liaisonships could remain status quo. District Attorney Mike Wheable noted he could visit with Commissioner Bybee regarding his list to see if he would like to make any changes. He added the County Commission could adopt this list as amended today; he did feel reaching out to Mr. Perea and Ms. Carol McKenzie to see if they would like to serve on any of these boards might be valuable. D.A. Wheable continued to note the issue of serial communication for the new Commissioners, explaining the OML in that context. He did confirm for Commissioner Travis Godon that modifications to this list may be done as needed throughout the year. Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to approve the liaison list. Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to approve the Liaison List for 2019. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. It was noted the motion language should be "amended Liaison List for 2019." Commissioner Bullis amended his motion and Commissioner Stork amended his second to reflect that change. Amended motion carried.

**White Pine County Commission  
Liaison Appointments 2019**

Board/Agency/Department	Liaison	Alternate
Audit Committee*	Richard Howe	
Department Heads	Richard Howe	Shane Bybee
Elected Officials	Richard Howe	
Emergency Management	Richard Howe	
McGill Town Council	Richard Howe	
NV Works	Richard Howe	
Regional Transportation Commission*	Richard Howe	
Senior Center	Richard Howe	Ian Bullis
Social Services	Richard Howe	Shane Bybee
Tri-County Workshop Group	Richard Howe	
White Pine Aquatics Center	Richard Howe	
Airport Advisory Board	Steve Stork	
Building and Planning	Steve Stork	Richard Howe
Central Nevada Regional Water Authority	Steve Stork	Travis Godon
Public Lands Users Advisory Committee	Steve Stork	
Public Health	Steve Stork	
Tourism & Recreation Board*	Steve Stork	Ian Bullis
Tri-County Workshop Group	Steve Stork	
Water Advisory Committee	Steve Stork	
White Pine County Sheriff's Department	Steve Stork	
Wildlife Advisory Board	Steve Stork	Travis Godon
Debt Management Commission*	Ian Bullis	
Local Emergency Planning Committee*	Ian Bullis	Travis Godon
Lund Town Council	Ian Bullis	
N.A.C.O.	Ian Bullis/Travis Godon	
Soil Conservation District*	Ian Bullis	Travis Godon
Tri-County Workshop Group	Ian Bullis	
White Pine County Hospital District	Ian Bullis	
Ag District 13/Fair & Rodeo Board*	Travis Godon	Ian Bullis
Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board	Travis Godon	
Basin and Range National Monument	Travis Godon	
BLM Land Sales	Travis Godon	Richard Howe
Coordinated Resource Management	Travis Godon	Ian Bullis
District Attorney/Court System	Travis Godon	Steve Stork
Library Board of Trustees	Travis Godon	
N.A.C.O.	Travis Godon/Ian Bullis	
Tri-County Workshop Group	Travis Godon	
Bureau of Land Management OHV	Shane Bybee	Steve Stork
Ely City Council	Shane Bybee	
Great Basin Heritage Area	Shane Bybee	
Northeastern NV Reg. Devel. Auth.	Shane Bybee	Ian Bullis
Public Works	Shane Bybee	Ian Bullis
Recreation/Golf	Shane Bybee	Travis Godon
Ruth Town Council	Shane Bybee	
Tri-County Weed*	Shane Bybee	Travis Godon
Tri-County Workshop Group	Shane Bybee	
<b>Non-County Commissioner Liaison Appointments</b>		
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council	VACANT	
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project	Laurie Carson	
Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board	VACANT	

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**NICHOLE BALDWIN, COUNTY CLERK**

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS FROM WHITE PINE COUNTY  
ADVISORY BOARDS AND TOWN COUNCILS**

**REQUESTING RESIGNATIONS**

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin explained these to the Board. In reply to a question from District Attorney Mike Wheable, she noted that the Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board had asked the Commission to resign Mr. Brian Morrison’s position due to lack of attendance.

Local Emergency Planning Committee	Kathryn Griffith	Local Environmental
	Bernadett Sena	Public Health
Water Advisory Committee	Kathryn Griffith	Environmental
Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board	Brian Morrison	At Large Citizen

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to accept the resignations of Kathryn Griffith and Bernadett Sena from LEPC, and Kathryn Griffith from the Water Advisory Committee. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried. Brian Morrison’s resignation from the Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board was tabled by consensus.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION/APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR (RE)APPOINTMENTS FOR WHITE PINE  
COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS AND TOWN COUNCILS**

**REQUESTING (RE)APPOINTMENTS**

WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin reviewed the list, citing her handout from this morning and also the recommendation from the Ag. District 13/Fair & Rodeo Advisory Board regarding their applicants. D.A. Wheable clarified that there are no term limits on that board, so when the Commission appoints them they will sit with no term expirations. He also felt that interviews could be held with applicants, where they could explain why they wish to serve on the boards. It should be noted that the “I” preceding the names on the lists are the Incumbents.

<u>Ag. Dist. 13/Fair &amp; Rodeo Advisory Board</u>	I-Gayle Bartlett	At Large
(2 Expiring Seats)	I-Shawn Bellander	At Large
	Pete Mangum	At Large
	Danielle Foley	At Large

Per advice from WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin and D.A. Wheable, Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to table the requests from the Ag. Dist. 13/Fair & Rodeo Advisory Board. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Audit Committee</u>	I-Art Olson	At Large
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Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint Art Olson to the Audit Committee. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Baker Area Citizens Advisory Board</u>	I-Carol Ferguson	At Large Citizen
(1 Expiring Seat, 2 Vacant Seats)	Dave Kuiper	At Large Citizen
	Elizabeth Woolsey	At Large Citizen

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint Carol Ferguson to BACAB. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried. Per advice from D.A. Wheable, Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to table the appointments of Dave Kuiper and Elizabeth Woolsey.

<u>Debt Management Commission</u>	I-Jolene Gardner	City of Ely
<u>Board of Equalization</u>	I-Jolene Gardner	City of Ely

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to reappoint Jolene Gardner to the Debt Management Commission and the Board of Equalization. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

Golf Advisory Board  
(2 Expiring Seats)

I-Kevin Robison  
Terrill Trask

Business  
Men's Golf Association

Clerk Baldwin explained that the other expiring seat belonged to Jess Kjorsted; however, he didn't wish to be reappointed. In the meantime, Terrill Trask requested appointment to that seat. Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to reappoint Kevin Robison and to appoint Terrill Trask to this board. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Local Emergency Planning Committee  
(5 Expiring Seats, 3 Vacant Seats)

I-Bob Winder  
I-Les Robison  
I-Marian Perez  
I-Jill Perez  
Nicole Rowe  
Carl Gregory  
Tim Regan  
Pete Mangum  
Bernadett Sena

WPMA  
Community Group  
Duckwater EMS  
Ely Shoshone Tribe  
Public Health  
WPCFD/EMS  
Alt for WPCFD/EMS  
Alt for EMS/Civil Def.  
Alt for Public Health

Following some discussion, Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint/appoint those requesting seats on LEPC. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Lund Town Council  
(2 Expiring Seats)

I-Ann Hamilton  
I-Lance Matheson

At Large Citizen  
At Large Citizen

Commissioner Travis Godon made a motion to reappoint Ann Hamilton and Lance Matheson as requested. Commissioner Steve Stork seconded. Motion carried.

McGill Town Council  
(1 Expiring Seat, 1 Vacant Seat)

I-Andy McVicars  
Chris Syme Maestes  
Danielle Jensen

At Large Citizen  
At Large Citizen  
At Large Citizen

Per advice from D.A. Wheable, Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to table. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

PLUAC  
(2 Expiring Seats, 2 Vacant Seats)

Alexa Mergen

Tourism/Recreation

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to appoint Alexa Mergen to PLUAC. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried. Clerk Baldwin advised there are other vacant seats available on this board.

Regional Transportation Commission  
(2 Expiring Seats)

I-Jolene Gardner  
I-Wayne Cameron

City of Ely  
At Large

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint Jolene Gardner and Wayne Cameron as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

Ruth Town Council  
(2 Expiring Seats)

I-Melissa Spear  
I-Phillip Winsryg

At Large Citizen  
At Large Citizen

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint Melissa Spear and Phillip Winsryg as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

Tourism & Recreation Board  
(3 Expiring Seats)

I-Caroline McIntosh  
Marietta Henry

Commercial Interests  
Motel Owner

Commissioner Ian Bullis made a motion to reappoint Caroline McIntosh as requested. Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried. Clerk Baldwin advised that another person had filed after Marietta Henry, but it was too late to place their name on this agenda. Following brief discussion, Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to table the reappointment of Marietta Henry to the Tourism & Recreation Board until the January 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

Water Advisory Committee  
(3 Expiring Seats and 2 Vacant Seats)

I-Roderick McKenzie  
I-Sam Hanson  
I-Steven Carter

Lund/Preston Irrigation Co.  
City of Ely  
Agriculture

Commissioner Steve Stork made a motion to reappoint these applicants to the Water Advisory Committee as requested. Commissioner Ian Bullis seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emergency Management Director Carl Gregory requested a list of LEPC members; WPC Clerk Nichole Baldwin will provide that for him.

Mr. George Chachas wished to remind the Commission to solicit for a newspaper that will provide us with news in our community. Also, last February he presented a bill for the vandalism done to his property, and has yet to see any remuneration for damages, in the amount of \$205.00. He continued with the railroad track rental fees and the ADA access in Lund, for which Chairman Richard Howe noted have been brought up many times before. Mr. Chachas again advised of unlicensed people doing work on the Community Choir building; Chairman Howe noted that is City property and should be taken to the City, and furthermore these issues will not be discussed. Mr. Chachas then cited an email dated 7/21 regarding a dinner with a well-known industrial figure; Commissioner Ian Bullis noted briefly about various strategies being pursued for our communities in different areas. Mr. Chachas requested Commissioner Bullis to expound on that. Commissioner Bullis thanked Mr. Chachas for his interest, after which time was called.

Chairman Richard Howe noted that now we have a new Commission in place, there are competent people on this Board, and we're really on track. Although there are many issues to be considered, he added, he is confident this Board will be making some positive movement to better White Pine County. He also appreciated the Board members selecting him as Chairman for a second term. He welcomed new Commissioners Ian Bullis and Travis Godon, and concluded by noting that we've had a really good start, and is looking forward to 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:36 a.m., Chairman Richard Howe entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Steve Stork made the motion; Commissioner Travis Godon seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF WHITE PINE  
STATE OF NEVADA

BY:

  
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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD