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White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
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 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. 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

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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 February 10, 2021, 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

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1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. 9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion Only**: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment regarding the matter of the fair market value of County-owned water rights, Water Permit Nos. 72728 & 72729, during its regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. An appraisal of the value of 100.00 +/- AFA of County-owned water rights from Water Permit Nos. 72728 & 72729 has been conducted and is available for review on the White Pine County website at <https://www.whitepinecounty.net/DocumentCenter/View/6621/White-Pine-County-Water-Rights?bidId=>
- *2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Resolution 2021-11, a resolution of the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners declaring that it is in the best interests of the County to lease certain real property in the form of water rights without offering it to the public and for less than fair market value, if necessary, for the purpose of economic development
- *3) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Resolution 2021-12, a resolution of the White Pine County Board of County Commissioners declaring that it is in the best interests of the County to sell certain real property in the form of water rights without offering it to the public and for less than fair market value, if necessary, for the purpose of economic development
- *4) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of the Water Use and Option to Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) between WPW and White Pine County; and discuss statutory requirements per NRS 533.550 and NRS 244.2795 for final approval of Agreement. Luigi Resta, President, & Matthew Shapiro, CEO (White Pine Waterpower)

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

B. 9:15 A.M. FIRE COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) **Discussion/Update** on Fire District Progress. Brett North, Fire Chief & Pat Stork, Ely FD Fire Chief

- *2) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to utilize Fire District capital improvement funds to go out to bid for equipment including heart monitors and hands-free chest compressors in an estimated amount of \$185,000. Brett North, Fire Chief, Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *3) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-08 to augment the Fire District General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues in the amount of \$23,561 to pay for expenses related to intergovernmental services provided and received. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *4) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of a one year extension for Hinton Burdick CPAs & Advisors audit services in the amount of \$64,440 pursuant to their five year proposal that the County awarded for three years with the option for two one-year extensions. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *5) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of monthly financial reports for January 2021. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *6) **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. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *7) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the following Fire Commission Meetings:
 - January 13, 2021
 - Special Joint County Commission and Fire Commission Meeting held January 27, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

C. 9:30 A.M. PASSAGE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE 517

- *1) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action:** The White Pine County Board of Commissioner will take public comment and consider the approval of proposed Ordinance 517, an Ordinance amending Title 2 of the White Pine County Code, creating standards for recruitment and application to boards, commissions, committees, or other bodies whose members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners

D. 9:30 A.M. CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY ROADS

- 1) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion Only**: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment regarding the approval of the Certification of Roads within White Pine County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 365.550. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood

- *2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of the certification of roads within White Pine County, Nevada pursuant to NRS 365.550. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood

E. 9:45 A.M. SILVER LION FARMS

- *1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of a letter of support for Silver Lion Farms to apply for incentives offered by the State of Nevada for businesses who choose to invest in Nevada and have proven to provide substantial economic benefit. Donna Bath, Silver Lion Farms

F. 10:00 A.M.

- *1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of the notification of the White Pine County Board of Commissioners regarding the following: With Kennecott Nevada Copper Company (KNCC) cooperation, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has been overseeing additional soil and surface water investigations and reclamation work on KNCC property near the Town of McGill since 2017. In 2021, an additional soil investigation is proposed on publicly accessible areas in McGill to identify the potential for impacts from historic ore processing. Jeff Collins, NDEP

G. 10:30 A.M. UPDATE FROM BCT

- 1) **Discussion/Update**: Quarterly Report on Information Technology from Business Continuity Technology (BCT). Earle Keizer, Melvin Chatman, Jr.

2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSION

n/a

B. ELECTED OFFICIALS

n/a

C. DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director

- *a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to post the Summer 2021 McGill Pool Assistant Manager position internally with White Pine County. Also to approve that this position does not need to annually come in front of the board due to the yearly posting of this position with approval to only return to the board if there are changes to the McGill Pool Assistant Managers position

2. Brett North, Emergency Management Director

- *a) Discussion For Possible Action: Ratification of Grant Award from The Department Of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management Emergency (DEM) Management Performance Grant (EMPG) FY2020 Program For RIMS Software Updates In The Amount Of \$20,000.00. The Required County Match Amount Is \$20,000.00 and Will Be Provided Through In-Kind Emergency Management General Fund Wages and \$650.00 Cash Match From The General Fund. The Period of This Grant is 10/1/19 through 9/30/21

3. Desiree Barnson, Social Services Director

- *a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the CSBG Family Resource Center Grant in the amount of \$14,093.00 with a required match of \$1,409.30 which will be in-kind as the Director's wages
- *b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the CSBG Supplemental funds in the amount of \$2,306.00 with no required match

4. Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director

- a) Discussion Only: To conduct interview Sandra Y. Urias, an applicant for the Airport Manager position and determine if she meets the qualifications and expertise required for this position
- *b) Discussion/For possible action: to approve applicant Sandra Y. Urias as the Airport Manager or continue search as determined by the BOCC
- *c) Discussion/For possible action: to approve additional WPC Personnel Policy 1.17 Employee Dating Policy

5. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

- *a) Discussion/ For Possible Action: Ratification Of Amendment To Agreement With The State of Nevada, Acting by and Through its Department of Transportation, For The Baker Multi-Use Path Project To Provide a Right-Of-Way Phase To The Project For The Acquisition Of ROW Due To The Unanticipated Need For ROW And To Fund The ROW Phase With Funds From The Construction Phase As Approved By Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. PR117-19-063
- *b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Quarterly Grant Reports
- *c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Community Development Block Grant- Corona Virus (CDBG-CV) award from the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development in the amount of \$47,730.00 Covid-19 mitigation/prevention for the period of July 1st, 2021 through December 31th, 2022 with a required County In-kind match amount of \$0
- *d) Discussion/For possible action: Ratification of Grant Application being made by Elizabeth Frances/ Tabatha Hamilton to the Great Basin National Heritage Area, for funding of a mural at the Justice Center in an amount not to exceed \$ 9,000.00 with a required county Match of \$3,000.00 which is being sought through other grant sources
- *e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Submit a Waiver to Prevent White Pine County's Removal from the Supplemental City-County Relief Tax Guaranteed Status to the Department of Taxation
- *f) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a one year extension for Hinton Burdick CPAs & Advisors audit services in the amount of \$64,440 pursuant to their five year proposal that the County awarded for three years with the option for two one-year extensions
- *g) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of monthly financial reports for January 2021
- *h) Discussion/for Possible Direction: Options for addressing the lack of a Building Official
- *i) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-09 to utilize \$1,200 from contingency to cover the cost for required appraisal of White Pine County property for housing development

- *j) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-10 to augment the White Pine County Road Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted revenues in the amount of \$76,115 to provide for necessary repairs to County Road 1177 that are being paid for by Western Oil
- *k) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Options for adding a display under the staircase in the new courthouse including approaching local businesses for contributions toward the display
- *l) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Approval to proceed with fogging of buildings in White Pine County to reduce risk of COVID-19 and incurring overtime to accomplish this activity
- *m) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Consideration of amendment to FY2021-2022 property tax rate levied by White Pine County

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) This item was removed from the agenda prior to posting
- *b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to write a letter of support to designate Baker, Nevada as the first International Dark Sky Community
- *c) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the following County Commission Meetings:
 - Regular Commission Meeting and Special Joint Meeting with the Fire Commission January 27, 2021

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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 4th day of February, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. cause to be posted (5) five notices of the Special White Pine County Commission, Board of Public Health & 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 outside the office of the White Pine County Clerk at 801 Clark Street, Suite 4, Ely, NV 89301

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