

White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

JOINT WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION & ROAD COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

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DATE: Wednesday, October 25, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: White Pine County Library Conference Room
950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada

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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.

This meeting is available via Zoom.

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Public Comment: Public Comment during the Joint White Pine County Commission & Road Commission Meeting on October 25, 2023, 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 comments 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. ROAD COMMISSION

1. **Discussion/Update:** Primary and Secondary roads within White Pine County and County Facilities, completed and future projects, communications with corporations and government agencies. Martin Troutt, Road Superintendent

B. 9:10 A.M. WHITE PINE COUNTY GRANTS

- *1. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Quarterly Grant Reports. Delaney Marich and Tabatha Hamilton, Grant Specialists
- *2. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of six Grant Awards from Nevada Division of Forestry's Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant program for each of the Volunteer Fire Departments in the amount of \$7600 each with no required County match. Delaney Marich and Tabatha Hamilton, Grant Specialists
- *3. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Grant Applications Submitted this Quarter. Delaney Marich and Tabatha Hamilton Grant Specialists

C. 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION 2023-19

1. **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion Only:** The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment regarding proposed Resolution Number 2023-19: declaring that granting an easement and right-of-way to the City of Ely for existing underground city sewer infrastructure for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) is in the best interests of the County. The public hearing is regarding the following parcel number(s) pursuant to NRS 244.281(1)(b):

Portion of APN: 001-261-01 & 001-264-01

Situate, lying and being in the City of Ely, County of White Pine, State of Nevada, and more particularly described as being a portion of the S1/2 of Section 16, T. 16 N., R 63 E., M.D.B . & M., and further described as being a portion of the Courthouse Grounds, shown and delineated on that certain Subdivision Map of the CITY OF ELY, filed for record on May 5, 1905 in Book 36, Pages 610-621 as File No. 430, in Official Records of White Pine County, Nevada, and more fully described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly right-of-way line of US-50 (Aultman Street), 40.54 feet right of and at right angles to Highway Engineer's Station "E2" 505+75.63 P.O.T.; said point of beginning further described as bearing N. 56°55'54" W., a distance of 2,757.22 feet from the SE corner of said Section 16, T. 16 N., R 63 E., M.D.B. & M., described as A FOUND 3-1/4" BLM BRASS CAP & STAMPED "16/15/21/22 1967"; thence departing said southerly right-of-way,

S. 11°18'24" E., 130.00 feet; thence S. 78°41'36" W., 364.77 feet; thence N. 15°41'19" E., 33.67 feet; thence N. 78°41'36" E., 319.48 feet; thence N 11°18'24" W., 100.00 feet to the said right-of-way; thence N. 78°41'36" E., 30.00' along said right-of-way to the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Said parcel contains an area of 13,714 square feet (0.315 acre).

The Basis of Bearing for this description is the NEVADA STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD 83/94 DATUM, East Zone, as determined by Basin Engineering Corporation.

- *2. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of an Exclusive Easement Agreement between White Pine County and the City of Ely for the "Sewer Easement" for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar). Michael A Wheable, County Manager

D. 9:45 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES

- 1. **Discussion/Information Only:** regarding the White Pine County Natural Resource and Public Land Issues Tracking List. Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc
- *2. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of a Comment Letter to the BLM regarding the Garnet Hill Recreation Area Management Plan Preliminary Environmental Assessment. Jeremy Drew, Principal Resource Specialist, Resource Concepts, Inc.

E. 10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. **PUBLIC HEARING:** The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment on whether or not to take administrative action against George Chachas for alleged inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance as a member of the White Pine County Regional Planning Commission pursuant to NRS 278.100, and if so, what administrative action to take against George Chachas. James Beecher, District Attorney
- *2. **Discussion/For Possible Action:** The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will consider whether or not to take administrative action against George Chachas for alleged inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance as a member of the White Pine County Regional Planning Commission pursuant to NRS 278.100, and if so, what administrative action to take against George Chachas. James Beecher, District Attorney

2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

A. COUNTY COMMISSION

B. ELECTED OFFICIALS

- 1. **Catherine Bakaric, Treasurer**
 - a) **Discussion/Update:** on the Treasurer's Monthly Report for September 2023

2. **James S. Beecher, District Attorney**

*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval for County Manager to sign a release form as part of a settlement agreement with one (1) of the opioid epidemic litigants (Masters Pharmaceutical), which will then permit the allocation of the litigation settlement funds to White Pine County pursuant to the One Nevada Agreement for opioid epidemic remediation and abatement actions

3. **Nichole Stephey, County Clerk**

*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of the request for resignation from Bruce Eldridge from the White Pine County Library Board of Trustees

*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of the request for appointment by Andy Britton to the White Pine County Library Board of Trustees

C. DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. **Lori Romero, Senior Program Administrator**

*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of a \$10 meal cost for those under 60 years of age who dine at the Ely Senior Center

2. **Michael A. Wheable, County Manager**

a) Discussion/Update from Silicon Ranch, Solar Developer on proposed development, interest in County property, and community outreach efforts. Adrian Markocic, Director, Strategic Planning and Initiatives for Silicon Ranch

*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation granting a temporary Right of Entry and mutual understanding during their down-town Ely Aultman Street improvement and utility project

c) Discussion: First reading of updated complete draft of White Pine County Personnel Policies

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:** Approval of Payroll for County Elected Officials

*b) **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

- *c) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the September 27th Joint County Commission and Road Commission Meeting Minutes

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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 1786 Great Basin Boulevard, Suite 3, Ely, Nevada 89301; or by calling 775-293-6509 at least two (2) days in advance.

AFFIDAVIT:

I, Hannah Homer, did on the 20th day of October, 2023 by 9:00 a .m. cause to be posted (5) five notices of the Joint White Pine County Commission & Road Commission Meeting Agenda in the County of White Pine, to-wit: At the old Courthouse at 801 Clark Street, the new Courthouse at 1786 Great Basin Boulevard, at the Public Safety Building, the White Pine County Library, and at the 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 near the front counter of the White Pine County Clerk's Office at 1786 Great Basin Boulevard, Suite 3, Ely, NV 89301.

Hannah Homer