

## White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

### COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

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**DATE:** Wednesday, January 13, 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](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

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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 Meeting on January 13, 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:**

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

### **A. 9:05 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 of monthly financial reports for December 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/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2020 Fire Commission Meeting

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **B. 9:15 A.M. WHITE PINE TOURISM AND RECREATION**

#### **BOARD**

- \*1) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to fill the vacant seat on the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board representing hotels with one of two applicants:
  - Bryane Goeringer, previously held this seat
  - George Chachas

### **C. 9:30 A.M. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE**

- 1) **Discussion/First Reading:** 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. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk & Bryan Pyle, Deputy DA

#### **D. 10:00 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES**

- 1) **Discussion/Information only** regarding the White Pine County Natural Resource and Public Land Issues Tracking List and Status of RCI's Budget through 6 months. Jeremy Drew, Project Manager, RCI
- \*2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of two amended (Phase 1 and 2) and one new (Phase 4) Task Order Amendments for RCI. Jeremy Drew, Project Manager, RCI
- \*3) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of a letter supporting the N-4 Grazing Board's request for emergency horse gathers in the Chin Creek Allotment Area. Jeremy Drew, Project Manager, RCI
- \*4) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of a comment letter regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Robinson Mine Expansion. Jeremy Drew, Project Manager, RCI

#### **E. 10:30 A.M. JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT**

- 1) **Discussion/Update** on progress with the Justice Center Project including a financial update. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director & CORE Construction

#### **F. 10:45 A.M. RUNWAY 12/31 AT YELLAND FIELD**

- a) **Presentation/Discussion Only** from Armstrong Consultants regarding crack sealing runway 12/31 at Yelland Field. Chris Knox, Armstrong Consultants
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to utilize local airport funds to perform crack sealing on runway 12/31 at Yelland Field. Vice Chairman Travis Godon
- \*c) **Discussion/Possible Action**: To utilize airport CARES funding for runway 12/31 crack sealing as recommended by Airport Advisory Board. Vice Chairman Travis Godon

#### **G. 11:00 A.M. ELY CORRAL ASSOCIATION**

- \*1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to grant permission for the Ely Corral Association to perform certain upgrades to the corrals including: construction of a perimeter fence to keep animals off of the road, repair of the arena fence, and the construction of a building intended to be used for veterinarians to perform medical procedures on animals. Darwin Kent Lynskey

## **2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND**

### **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

## **A. COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to address a letter to the State BLM Director, Jon Raby, relaying concerns of range conditions that impact livestock producers in White Pine County

## **B. ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

### **1. Mike Wheable, District Attorney**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to appoint a representative member to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council as created by AB 236 (2019) and codified into NRS 176.014

### **2. Burton Hilton, Assessor**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to refund taxpayer for parcel 005-591-49 a total of \$263.52 for over assessment per NRS 361.768; the taxpayer's personal exemption was properly returned, but not applied

### **3. Sheriff Scott Henriod**

- \*a) **Discussion/For possible action:** Approval/Ratification of the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$81,000. This grant is used to fund the Eastern Nevada Narcotics Task Force
- \*b) **Discussion/For possible action:** Approval/Ratification of the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The funds are to be used to gather and report intelligence data on the illicit cultivation, possession, and distribution of illicit cannabis

### **4. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of the request for re-appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee by Pete Mangum representing EMS and Civil
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to reappoint Kathryn Brunson to the Ag District 13/Fair & Rodeo Board

## **C. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **1. Kristi Rozich, Aquatic Center Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to close the McGill Pool for the dates of June 3-6, 2021 for the McGill Music Festival orchestrated by Rudy Herndon

- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of the grant received from POOL/PACT to purchase new life jackets to replace ones that are damaged, worn, or otherwise unable to be used for its intended purpose

**2. Brett North, Emergency Management Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Ratification of the United We Stand grant application to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) made by the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in the amount of \$395,689.00 for equipment to combat terrorism with a required County match amount of \$0

**3. Lori Romero, Library Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/ For Possible Action**: Approval to post position for Children's Librarian (Grade 117/ Step X at \$14.96) due to recent vacancy effective 11-6-2020 and impact on literacy program

**4. Tim Bunch, Human Resources Director**

- a) **Discussion/Update** on the decision concerning the White Pine County Sheriff's Employee Association step increase
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Kristi Rozich as the PLUAC/WAC Administrative Assistant to the Boards
- \*c) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to post job vacancy for Social Services Case Worker (Grade 117, Step X @ \$14.76/hr)

**5. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of monthly financial reports for December 2020
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Proposed FY2022 Budget Preparation Schedule
- \*c) **Discussion/for Possible Action**: Approval of final budget amendment to CARES Act Funds and restructuring of expenses
- \*d) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of Grant Award for the 7th Judicial District Court from the Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for equipment required for a new JAVS system in Courtroom 208 in conjunction with the Justice Center Project in the amount of \$45,905 with a County required match of \$24,708.78 appropriated from FY2021 beginning fund balance

- \*e) **Discussion/For Possible Direction:** Planning for current courthouse at completion of Justice Center Project including progress on engineering study, anticipated renovation, movement of offices from administration building and potential subsequent disposal of administration building
- \*f) **Discussion/For possible action:** Approval to utilize Community Development Block Grant slum/ blight abatement funds to remedy slum/blight at the McGill Ballpark and old canyon sheds
- \*g) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Grant Time Extension from the Nevada Department Of Public Safety in Order to Spend the Remaining \$344.45 of the Mass Casualty and Active Shooter Equipment Funding With a Required County Match Of \$0
- \*h) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Grant Award from the Nevada Department of Public Safety- Office of Criminal Justice. For Funding of Courthouse Security Equipment in an Amount Not To Exceed \$64,000.00 with A Required County Match of \$0
- \*i) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to Prepare and Publish Request for Proposals for Public Defender Services for White Pine County Based on Existing or Alternative Delivery of Service Method
- \*j) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Approval to amend the Protocols for Internal Auditors When Identifying Fraud or Suspected Fraud to include protocols encompassing other financial irregularities
- \*k) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-02 to utilize \$5,500 from contingency to cover the cost for required appraisal of White Pine County water rights
- \*l) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-04 to utilize \$4,129 from contingency to cover the cost for annual leave payout to an employee authorized due to extenuating circumstances
- \*m) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-03 to utilize \$50,000 from contingency to cover the cost for the Economic Emergency as outlined in Resolution 2020-76
- \*n) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-05 to Augment the 911 Telephone Surcharge Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance in the amount of \$8,104 to provide for address GIS support services, completion of addressing database and training

- \*o) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-07 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance by \$24,709 to cover the grant match required for Grant Award for the 7th Judicial District Court from the Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts
- \*p) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to Prepare and Publish Request for Proposals for Information Technology Managed Services for White Pine County Based on Existing or Alternative Delivery of Service Method

### **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 of minutes from the following County Commission Meetings:
  - December 9, 2020
  - Special December 21, 2020
  - Special January 4, 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 7th day of January, 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**

*Nichole Baldwin*