

**IN A REGULAR MEETING WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION, FIRE COMMISSION MEETING & SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH HELD ON JULY 14, 2021 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

**The Following Were Present:**

**County Commission  
Richard Howe, Chairman  
Travis Godon, Vice-Chairman (Zoom)  
Ian Bullis, Commissioner  
Shane Bybee, Commissioner  
Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner  
Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board  
Jill Perez, Deputy Clerk**

**County Officials:**

**James S. Beecher, District Attorney  
Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director  
Tabatha Hamilton, Finance  
Burton Hilton, Assessor  
Sheriff Scott Henriod  
Ross Smillie, Deputy DA  
Lori Romero, Library Director  
Desiree Barnson, Social Services Director  
Daren Kunz, Public Health Officer  
Catherine Bakaric, WPC Treasurer  
Martha Rivera Sindelar, WPC Recorder**

**Also Present:**

**George Chachas  
Jennifer Lee, City of Ely  
Gary Perea, Border Inn  
Mark Bassett, NNRD Director  
Fred Fisher  
Rod Gamble  
Pat Stork, City of Ely Fire Chief  
Kyle Horvath, WPC Tourism  
Victoria Perea, WPCFD  
Mike Cracraft, City of Ely  
Heather Hamilton  
John Charchalis  
Joshua Miller, McGill Town Council  
Dennis Hernstoom, CORE Construction  
Brandon Whipple, CORE Construction  
Savannah Evans, CORE Construction  
Nick Lopez  
Dr. Jeffery Klinger**

**Present via Zoom:**

**Geri Wopschall, Tara North, Marietta Henry, Mary Kerner, Michelle Beecher (City of Ely), Elanie Eldridge (Finance), A. Garcia, C. Bakaric, L. Gust, WP JPO, Laura Oslund (PACE Coalition), Ely Mayor, Bill Wilson and others**

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**Chairman Richard Howe called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioner Ian Bullis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION**

**This was duly observed.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Lee, City of Ely, addressed the Board and read a letter to the Board regarding Broadbent Park SNPLMA Round 19:

To whom it man concern. For your consideration to secure funding for the revitalization to Broadbent Park in Ely Nevada through SNPLMA Round 19 funding. Broadbent Park is not being utilize to the full potential after both High School Football and Baseball sports were being played at other locations. Several individuals starting working between themselves on how to use the park to benefit the many different organizations and the groups promoting new sports. As discussion ensued, it became apparent there was a need to get the community involved in what would be the best use of the facility. It was approved by the Ely City Council to have a survey prepared and made available to the public for their thoughts and ideas. Thru the efforts of Kyle Horvath, White Pine County Tourism Director, and others, questions and ideas were reviewed until it was finalized and put into survey form and submitted to the public. The response from the public was amazing. 287 individuals responded with answers and suggestions of their own for turning Broadbent Park into a multi-use facility. The survey was presented the Ely City Council and was given the go ahead to perceive the changes the public was requesting. The revitalization of Broadbent Park will become a central gathering spot not only for locals but for the thousands of visitors for our fine City. Thank you for your consideration as you review our project. Sincerely Jim Alworth, Ely City Council Member.

Mary Kerner addressed the Board via Zoom regarding item 2A2a. She strongly felt this item should not be on the agenda and felt Mr. Bullis is using his weight as a politician to bully private businesses.

Kyle Horvath, Tour and Rec. expressed his support for the Broadbent proposal for SNPLMA round 19. This is a major piece for the White Pine Development Plan and it would be a huge boost for the local businesses in the area. He felt it should be #1 on the SNPLMA list. He is in support of the Astro-tourism Plan from the Nevada Northern Railway Museum and thinks it should be #2. He stated there is no exaggeration when it comes to the trains at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum and people come from far away to see these trains. These are both able to bring a return on investment for the City of Ely. Cameras are not SNPLMA and thinks they would be best for the POOL/PACT Grants.

Mark Bassett, Nevada Northern Railway Museum Director. The Astro-tourism Star Trains started a few years back with only 2 trains going. This year there will be over 45 trains. It will bring in at least \$1 million dollars to White Pine County each year. It has been on the news several times and we have over 400 letters of support for the SNPLMA Round 19 Grant from all over the world. Part of the Grant will include moving the Curry Depot to Star Flat. By doing this, we will be saving a historical structure.

Rod Gamble addressed the Board. Rod Gamble has been appointed Interim Fire Chief in Brett North's absence. Mr. Gamble requests that County Station 1 and the Commission do not change any protocols that have been in place until WPC Fire Chief Brett North returns from his leave of absence and then see where he would like to go from there.

Dr. Jeffery Klinger is in support and would encourage the Board to place the Nevada Northern Railway Museum in the top 3 in the SNPLMA Grant. He is spending the week in Ely and the big reason is for the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.

Nichole Baldwin read a letter from a letter into public comment from a resident of Ruth regarding the Postal Service.

Bill Wilson addressed the Board via Zoom in regards to item 2A1, concerning the Constitutional County. As a member of the PLUAC committee, PLUAC deals with Federal and State Government agencies. The committee felt this will cause confusion and concerns for the meetings if there is another interpretation of government by the County. The PLUAC Board is requesting that the Board of Commissions do not approve this resolution.

George Chachas addressed the Board. In regards to agenda item 1B1, the Board is to consider possible amendments to WPC Code 4.02. Mr. Chachas asserted this item needs to be denied. The 30 room minimum was set for a reason. He reminded the Board that Ruth, Lund and McGill do not have a hotel or a motel. He has requested a copy and still has not received a copy of a study done of the possible ski resorts for WPC. The public has a right to the copies and he has been denied. He has not seen anything in a report for the Heritage Park. He reminded the Board that child safety should be the first priority and Mr. Chachas felt the Board is ignoring this. The safety railing at the Veteran's Park still has not been replaced. Mr. Chachas felt there are some concerns with the Planning Commission not adhering to complaints regarding code compliance. He reminded the Board the City of Ely and the County cannot selectively enforce the law. Time was called.

**B. 9:15 A.M.**

**1) Discussion Only: regarding possible amendments to White Pine County 4.02 dealing with gaming in White Pine County. Gary Perea**

Gary Perea addressed the Board. This ordinance was approved 5 years ago and he was unable to comment or make any changes due to being on the Commission and he was a business owner. Mr. Perea wanted to make sure the grandfather aspect part of the ordinance is clear. The Border Inn is the only unrestricted Inn in the county and this ordinance would only affect his business. He wants to make sure if the Inn sells, the grandfather clause stays in motion for the new owners. The Border Inn invests in the community and the ordinance was put in place to stop somebody from putting more than 16 slot machines and not making a major investment into the community. He would like to make it where the new owner would be able to have 2 years to get the gaming license due to it being difficult to obtain one. District Attorney Beecher gave clarification on the ordinance. If Mr. Perea were to sell the LLC it would fit in the grandfather clause. If the new buyer were to create their own LLC, and create their own establishment, then it would not fall within the grandfather clause. This would be something that can be brought back to go through the proper channels.

**C. 9:30 A.M. PROPOSED ORDINANCES 520, 521 AND 522**

**\*1) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval regarding**

**proposed ordinance 520, bill no. 06.23.2021a, an ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 2.16 to allow for the County Clerk to charge and collect an extra fee of three dollars (\$3.00) for the filing of each and every marriage license. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

Clerk of the Board, Nichole Baldwin, addressed the Board. This was brought to the Board during the first reading. This is a bill that the legislature passed this summer to allow the Clerk's Office to enact an ordinance to institute the extra \$3 charge. This will go towards the technology fund that will be accessible in the Clerk's Office for technology needs. The legislature also atomically passed an increase of \$25 which has already been in place in the office. This will make the license \$88 after the publication runs for 2 weeks after the Commission's approval. Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*2) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval regarding proposed ordinance 521, bill no. 06.23.2021b, an ordinance amending Title 8 to allow for the management of problems relating to the providing of sustenance in a County Park to a feral cat, feral cats and/or any cat(s) that have become a nuisance. Ross Smillie, Deputy District Attorney**

Deputy District Attorney Ross Smillie addressed the Board stating there was an issue with cats in the county parks and the neighbors were upset about it. There will be a warning and then \$25 fine per cat that the people are feeding. Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*3) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval regarding proposed ordinance 522, bill no. 06.23.2021c, an ordinance amending Title 10 to allow for the daily closure of all County Parks from ten o'clock (10:00) P.M. to five o'clock (5:00) A.M. (of the succeeding day). Ross Smillie, Deputy District Attorney**

Deputy DA Smillie addressed the Board stating this is the second reading of the ordinance and while working with Public Works Director Calderwood, District Attorney Beecher, and Sheriff Henriod, they were able to come up with the timed curfew of closure from 10pm to 5am with the reason being vandalism and noise complaints. If any time after curfew there is a special event, the parties would be issued a permit to be able to use such parks.

Public comment was made by George Chachas. Although he is not against taking care of the vandals, he is concerned about where people who are over 21 are going to go to hang out during the time the parks are closed. He reminded the Board that he got broken into again. He does not think it's a good idea to close the parks and felt the Commission is over reacting to just a few bad apples and is punishing the whole community.

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**F. 10:00 A.M. SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT (SNPLMA)  
ROUND 19**

**\*1) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: Evaluation And Final Ranking Of Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) -Round 19 Project Priorities. Following The Public Input At The Public Hearing The Board Of County Commissioners Will Determine The Final Ranking Of The Projects And The Top Three Project To Go Forward With Application In Round 19. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

Director Frances addressed the Board. Both Director Frances and Tabatha Hamilton asked the community to submit ideas and fill out questionnaires for projects and ideas for Round 19. Each person will get 5 minutes to present their ideas and the Board will vote on the top three to be submitted.

Tabatha Hamilton addressed the Board. The Marich Field upgrade is to include, but is not limited to, grass, water, sod, sand/dirt, fencing, parking lot, seating, catch nets, sound system and shaded seating. Restrooms would be upgraded as well as the playground equipment. Safety is an issue right now with the playground. Kids tend to leave the park area and run around in the parking lot. The upgrade would include fencing around the park area to assist keeping children safe and out of the danger of oncoming vehicles.

Joshua Miller addressed the Board. The community of McGill is on Phase 3 of the Ball Park revitalization. McGill would like to bring the Ball Park back to the glory days. The community has been working hard on trying to bring it back. There is a small group of people who come out to maintain the park. There is a rough estimate of \$1 or \$2 million to complete the project and it does qualify as a SNPLMA project. The Park is being utilized for family gatherings, the School is using the fields for games and during the holidays you will see the Easter Egg hunt. The McGill community is hoping to be able to host games in the future from different schools. All the stands and the announcement booth do meet ADA requirements.

Alex Stewart addressed the Board via Zoom with a presentation for the Ely Broadbent renovation. He went over the safety issues with the park and offered new and improved safety lights, splash pad, two bathrooms and more. They would like to make the ball fields open fields and make them a multi game area. The estimate is \$5.5 million. There was 21 letters of community support for this park. Mr. Stewart reminded the Board that this park is in a central part of town and will bring large crowds to the local businesses.

Heather Hamilton addressed the Board. The White Pine Athletic recreation Center was presented by slide show. The location for the Center is located close to DEN, Ely Learning Bridge Charter School and Little People's Head Start. It will also be close to Steptoe Park and a residential area. This park offers energy saving and water saving solutions. This will be a green building and the cost for this park will run up to \$9 million and it will pay off in the long run with all the energy savings that will be offered. This will offer something for the community to use during the colder months and a gym for those in the community who are not involved with the local gyms.

Director Frances addressed the Board. This is a project that was encouraged by SNPLMA. This will be a multi-use trail that will start at the Heritage Park area. You will be able to hike or ride a bike on this trail. The project was presented with a slide show. It was encouraged to use both the bench and the valley of the mountain. Estimated cost would be \$1 million. This will be a great opportunity to get active and healthy and promote more of the biking community to come to White Pine County. This is a low maintenance trail with amazing views. This is a natural trail and will basically maintain itself. This project will be going south.

Director Frances addressed the Board. This is another bike trail for the old Lincoln Hwy. This will go from McGill to Schellbourne via the existing county easement. This project will go north vs. the project before went south. This project will tie into the Nevada Northern Railway Museum project. People will be able to take their bikes on the trains and get off in McGill and take the trail back up north back to town. This is a family friendly and will promote both McGill and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum program. This is a low cost and low maintenance project. It is not intended to be paved. Chairman Howe inquired if the county would be eating the cost for maintenance. Director Frances stated yes and stated it will be low maintenance.

Fred Fisher addressed the Board. The Steptoe park upgrades will include, but are not limited to, security measures, motion sensor solar powered lighting, pickle ball courts, and basketball courts. Upgrades to the bathrooms and the playground equipment are included.

Mark Bassett, Nevada Northern Railway Museum Director, addressed the Board. This will increase the awareness for the dark sky. The Nevada Northern Railway Museum will be preserving a historical building by relocating the Curry Depot to Star Flats. There are more requests for the star trains. The trains are there for up to 3 hours and it would benefit Nevada Northern Railway Museum by having a bathroom at Star Flats for the riders of the train. There is too much light pollution in the Cities and the dark skies in White Pine County will allow for more visitors in White Pine County. The Nevada Northern Railway Museum have added new trains to accommodate the riders who happen to stay in the hotels in Ely. The trains are popular with the media and people from different countries. Estimated cost will be \$9 million. Nevada Northern Railway Museum has been funded for 2 SNPLMA projects. Commissioner Howe inquired where Star Flats is and if it could possibly be a conflict with the Pumped Storage Project. Mr. Bassett stated Star Flats is on the High Line and could be a conflict with the Pumped Storage Project and he is working with the people for the Project on a mitigation plan.

George Chachas addressed the Board. His concern is all the eggs in one basket in regards to Broadbent park expansion, his problem is the grandstand. He stated it is easy to make it ADA accessible and he did not see that on the presentation. He reminded the Board the Nevada Northern Railway Museum does not have a "rosy" reputation and it should not be considered for the any SNPLMA funding. The foundation does not run under the open meeting law. He is demanding to know how the funds are being spent at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Director Frances clarified this will be county funds and will be handled by the county, not the foundation and would be available for public inspection at any time. Mr.

Chachas stated not everyone in White Pine County is into the outdoor stuff and asserted the Board look into other avenues of entertainment. He stated he did not see anything on the all events center. The Board reminded Mr. Chachas that it was submitted in the last round.

Chairman Howe addressed the Board stating all the presentations were very good and the Board had a discussion and made a selection on the top 3. Commissioner Carson made the motion for the top 3 to be Marich Field, Broadbent Park and Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Chairman Howe voting in opposition.

**G. 10:15 A.M.**

**\*1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the request to designate a family cemetery at or near 1275 North SR 318 in Preston, Nevada, parcel# 011-300-34 pursuant to NRS 451.067 and WPCC 6.40.010-040. John W. Cripps**

John W. Cripps addressed the Board. He did follow all NRS codes and has not received any negative response. There is a distance of 377 feet between the plot and the nearest well. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**H. 10:30 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES**

**1) Discussion Only: Information regarding the White Pine County Natural Resource and Public Land Issues Tracking List. Jeremy Drew, RCI**

Chairman Howe tabled items 1, 2, and 3.

**\*2) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval for a Task Order Addendum for RCI Participation in Cooperating Agency Activities and Scoping for the Bald Mountain Mine Plan of Operations Amendment and Juniper Project Expansion in the North Operating Area. Jeremy Drew, RCI**

See item 1.

**\*3) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a Task Order Addendum for RCI Participation in Cooperating Agency Activities as well as Review and Comment to the Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the Geotechnical Study for the Proposed White Pine Pumped Storage Project. Jeremy Drew, RCI**

See item 1.

**I. 11:00 A.M. UPDATE ON THE JUSTICE CENTER**

**1) Discussion/Update: Progress on the Justice Center Project including financial update. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Ken Gallegos; Dennis Hernstrom; Brandon Whipple**

Director Frances addressed the Board. \$27.5 million have been spent so far. The balance will come from the USDA loan and CORE Construction is staying on schedule. Brandon Whipple, CORE Construction, addressed the Board. CORE Construction does a walk through every Monday to make sure things are moving along. The Project is going well and moving quickly. The Landscaper will start on Monday. The ground is being prepped to be paved and will be

done by the end of the month. Mr. Whipple went through a slide presentation to show the inside of the building's progress. The last week of August they will offer a walk through for the community before the inmates move in. The Grand Opening will be held in mid-October for the community to come see the building.

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

### **A. COUNTY COMMISSION**

#### **1) Vice Chairman Travis Godon & Commissioner Ian Bullis**

##### **\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Resolution #2021-51 That White Pine County becomes a Constitutional County and in doing so, joins the other rural Nevada Counties that have already passed similar resolutions**

Vice Chairman Godon addressed the Board via Zoom. There are 5 or 6 other counties that have adopted similar resolutions. This will give the citizens of White Pine County a piece of mind. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **2) Commissioner Ian Bullis**

##### **a) Discussion Only: regarding the vaccination policy at KGHM Robinson Mine**

Commissioner Bullis addressed the Board. He stated this is not the government trying to run private businesses. The Commission passed a resolution to avoid this very thing from happening and it appears KGHM got together with their lawyers and worded the policy and made it to where it is not going against the resolutions that were passed for White Pine County. In Commissioner Bullis's opinion, it violates the spirit of the law and stated "at the end of the day there are two types of people who now work at the mine. Those who got the sticker and those who don't. Those who got the \$250 bonus and those who did not." He felt the people who did not take the vaccine are being shamed and he was hoping Mrs. Hilton would be at the meeting to discuss this topic. Commissioner Bullis wanted to make sure the community knows this is not going unnoticed. District Attorney Beecher stated there is nothing that can be done about this. 2 resolutions were passed by the Commission. The 2nd resolution is they cannot require proof of vaccination in violation of the privacy rights to enjoy regular rights and services. The mine has a mask mandate which complies with the 1<sup>st</sup> resolution and if any employee voluntary take this vaccine and presents proof, then it's an exception to the mask mandate. Technically it does not offend the 2 resolutions. Commissioner Bullis just wanted to make sure KGHM knew this was uncool.

### **B. ELECTED OFFICIALS**

#### **1) Burton Hilton, Assessor**

##### **\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of Sklyine Roofing, Inc.'s contract for roof replacement of Senior Center**

Assessor Burton Hilton addressed the Board. The last thing needed to be done is the roof replacement. It will be within the budget. The amount is \$134,500 to Sklyine Roofing. This



will be a 30 year roof. Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to transfer 2019 Jeep Wrangler to Maintenance for use as the fleet vehicle, transfer existing fleet vehicle 2004 Ford Expedition to Social Services, and surplus existing Social Services 2004 Ford Expedition**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to move forward with Community Services Building Concept**

Assessor Hilton addressed the Board and presented a Power Point. The presentation is a comparison if there was a new building built where the annex used to be vs. keeping the admin building as is. The Pros of moving all the departments back downtown would be making it a one stop shop again. If the departments stay the way they are, across town from each other, the community has to go back and forth to the different departments to be able to get things done. Assessor Hilton stated it is always difficult, especially for the seniors, to have to go to Recorder's Office and then be sent to the Assessor's Office and back again to the Recorder's Office. It would be much easier on the community to have a one stop shop. He discussed each page and explained the benefits of how things will be moved within the City. Social Services Director Desi Barnson addressed the Board stating they just want to be able to reach the whole community. She expressed interest in wanting to expand to the veterans of Ely and to be able to reach the seniors. She does not feel she can do this in the location she is at. She stated it is easier for the High School kids to come see them because they have vehicles. The younger kids from the Middle School are unable to go unless they get a ride from someone. Commissioner Bybee expressed his concern on the contracts and the need to expand or renovate the buildings that will be leased or rented. At the end of the contracts there will be a clause states they would have to de-renovate. There was more discussion on the Pros and Cons of having all the offices together. Vice Chairman Godon addressed the Board via Zoom stating he could not bring himself to vote for another building. Director Frances reminded the Board when the money in capital improvement is used for the new facility, you would have to rebuild the funds. The capital improvement funds are what is being used to renovate the Courthouse and you cannot begin renovating the Courthouse until the two offices are moved out of the building. Chairman Howe reminded the Board this is to move forward with the Community Services Building. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Godon voting in opposition.

**2) Steve L. Dobrescu, Senior District Court Judge**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Cooperative Agreement between Lincoln, Eureka, and White Pine Counties as a part of the Seventh Judicial District for the allocation of costs as listed in the agreement for FY2021/2022**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson second the motion. Motion passed.

**3) Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the request for resignation from Jimmy Jordan from the Ag 13 Fair & Rodeo Board**

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**C. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**1) Lori Romero, Library Director/Senior Program Administer**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept 2021 LSTA Mini Grant Funding in the Amount of \$9,036. The Library Director's Wages will be used as in-kind match for the \$903**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept Aging and Disability Services Division Amended Funds in the Amount of \$2,400 for Congregate Meals. The Match has been met**

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Accept Aging and Disability Services Division Amended Funds in the Amount of \$12,784 for Homebound Meals. The Match has been met**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2) Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval Of The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Award From The Nevada Governor's Office Of Economic Development In The Amount Of \$765,620.00 To Reline McGill Sewer Pond For The Period Of July 1st, 2021 Through June 30th, 2022 With A Required County Match Amount Of \$0**

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the United We Stand (UWS) grant award from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in the amount of \$31,998.00 for equipment to combat terrorism for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 with a required County match amount of \$0**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the OPTE grant award from the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) in the amount of \$28,965.00 for equipment to combat hazardous material incidents for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for the period of July 1st, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 with a required County match amount of \$0**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the revised exempt pay scale based on County Commission action taken at the June 23, 2021 Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the revised judicial pay scale based on County Commission action taken at the June 23, 2021 Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*f) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to provide a \$300 per week stipend to Elizabeth Frances and Elanie Eldridge to perform the duties of Human Resources effective 6/21/2021 until the position of Human Resource Director is filled**

Commissioner Carson inquired about the pay for both Elanie Eldridge and Director Frances. Director Frances explained the average weekly pay for HR is between both pay and she split it between the two of them. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*g) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval to post position for the Kitchen Helper/Driver (Grade 103/ Step X at \$10.77) to provide additional hours needed for meal prep and delivery at the senior center**

Commissioner Carson made the motion approve. Commissioner Bullis second the motion. Motion passed.

**\*h) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval to post position for the Senior Center Program Supervisor (Grade 127/ Step X at \$19.47) due to recent vacancy effective 6-4-2021**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*i) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the revised unrepresented pay scale based on County Commission action taken at the June 23, 2021 Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*j) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval to post position for the Library Assistant (Grade 117/ Step X at \$15.21) to replace current position resigning effective 8/13/2021**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**\*k) Discussion/for Possible Action: Direction on utilization of the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$1,860,803**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*l) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of preliminary monthly financial reports for May 2021 – final audited reports will be presented in December 2021**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **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.**

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a three month extension to September 30, 2021 for the McGill Sewer Pond Lining PER Project, 20/PCB/15 as required for the environmental review process and to complete the Preliminary Engineering Project**

Chairman Howe opened item b at the same time. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve both items a & b. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a three month extension to September 30, 2021 for the Slum/Blight Property Abatement Project, 18/ACQ/09, as required for the environmental review process**

See item a.

**\*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to select a type of liaison position to the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion for a limited liaison position. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of minutes from the County Commission Meetings held:**

- June 9, 2021
- June 23, 2021

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*e) Discussion/Possible Motion to close the open meeting for litigation session related to the opioid lawsuit. James S. Beecher, District Attorney**

DA Beecher stated this item was not needed.

**\*f) Discussion/For Possible Action: to approve the proposed Nevada allocation agreement for the Purdue bankruptcy Plan, regarding the opioid litigation. James S. Beecher, District Attorney**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

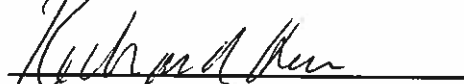
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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**WHITE PINE COUNTY  
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BY:

  
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**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

  
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