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# White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

# WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING & A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE FIRE COMMISSION AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** White Pine County Library Conference Room

950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada

\*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.

Use the Zoom link information below to access or participate in the meeting online: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81786144831?pwd=dUJ1SmFEZVMvQ0VZZ1VUYVFRVVIwdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81786144831?pwd=dUJ1SmFEZVMvQ0VZZ1VUYVFRVVIwdz09</a>
Dial: 1 408 638 0968 Meeting ID: 817 8614 4831 Passcode: 007595

**Public Comment:** Public Comment during the County Commission Meeting & Special Joint Meeting with the Fire Commission on April 27, 2022, 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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken (N.R.S. 241.020(2)(c)(3)).

# 1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:

#### A. 9:00 A.M. BCT UPDATE

1) <u>Discussion/Update</u>: Quarterly Report on Information Technology from Business Continuity Technology (BCT). Melvin Chatman, Jr., Manny Rosales

The Chairman will temporarily recess the regular County Commission Meeting to convene a Special Joint Meeting with the County Commission and the Fire Commission.

# B. <u>9:15 A.M. SPECIAL JOINT COUNTY COMMISSION AND</u> FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- \*1) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a one-year health insurance renewal for FY 2023 through Anthem Blue Cross with an increase in rates not to exceed 5% as outlined in the backup or may be presented at the Commission Meeting. Jeff Hyde and/or Lindsey Wanlass, Leavitt Group; Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Michael Wheable, County Manager
- \*2) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a one-year dental insurance renewal for FY 2023 through Ameritas with no rate increase as outlined in the backup materials. Jeff Hyde and/or Lindsey Wanlass, Leavitt Group; Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Michael Wheable, County Manager
- \*3) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a one-year vision insurance renewal for FY 2023 through MetLife with no rate increase as outlined in the backup materials. Jeff Hyde and/or Lindsey Wanlass, Leavitt Group; Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Michael Wheable, County Manager
- \*4) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a one-year life insurance renewal for FY 2023 through Lincoln Financial Group with no rate increase as outlined in the backup materials. Jeff Hyde and/or Lindsey Wanlass. Leavitt Group; Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Michael Wheable, County Manager
- \*5) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction or Approval related to Revenues and Expenses in the FY2023 budget for all funds & departments including: Commission, County Manager, Clerk including special revenue budgets, Recorder including special revenue budgets, Assessor including special revenue budget, Treasurer, Elections, Information Technology, Finance. Human Resources, Countywide, Public Defender, District Attorney, Justice of the Peace-Ely including special revenue budgets, District Court I including special revenue budgets, District Court II including special revenue budgets, Judicial related costs, Juvenile Probation, Juvenile Detention, Bailiffs, **Judicial** Court Support, **Sheriff** Administration, Detective, Patrol, Jail, Coroner, Dispatch and Task Force, Fire, Emergency Management, Economic Development, Buildings and Maintenance, Parks Maintenance, **Public** Health, **Cooperative**

Agreements-Animal Control, Library including Gift Fund, Airport Operating, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, Agricultural District, Emergency Medical Services, Agricultural Extension, Social Services, Road Department, Airport Capital Improvement, Capital Improvements, SB74 tax fund, Towns of Lund, McGill & Ruth, Senior Center, Wildlife Management Fund, Industrial Park, Forensic Services Fund, Tri-County Weed, Building & Planning, Golf Course, Aquatic Center, China Springs, Camp Success & Various Grant Budgets. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

- \*6) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of minutes from the:
  - Special Joint Meeting with the County Commission April 29, 2022

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman will adjourn the Special Joint Meeting with the County Commission and the Fire Commission to reconvene the regular County Commission Meeting.

#### C. 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN APPEAL

\*1) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will re-consider an application for reclassification of property zoning denied by the Regional Planning Commission on March 16, 2022 for APN 010-440-11

#### D. 9:45 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES

- \*1) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a Scoping Letter to the BLM's Bald Mountain Mine Juniper Project Environmental Impact Statement. Jeremy Drew, RCI
- \*2) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of a Task Order Addendum for RCI to Review and Develop Document-specific Comments to the Draft License Application for the Proposed White Pine Pumped Storage Project. Jeremy Drew, RCI

#### E. 10:00 A.M. ROAD COMMISSION MEETING

1) <u>Discussion/Update</u>: on primary and secondary roads within White Pine County and county facilities, completed and future projects, communications with corporations and governmental agencies. Martin Troutt, Road Lead Supervisor

#### F. 10:15 A.M. WHITE PINE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

\*1) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to appoint attorney Lorien K. Cole, Esq. as a replacement White Pine County Public Defender to fulfill the vacancy created by Rich's Sears resignation on same terms and conditions as outlined in the assignment of Contract, Effective May 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (pro-rated rate for remaining 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY22). County Manager, Mike Wheable

# 2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

#### A. COUNTY COMMISSION

#### B. <u>ELECTED OFFICIALS</u>

#### 1. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

- \*a) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of the request for resignation from Marian Perez from the Local Emergency Planning Committee representing Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- \*b) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of the request for appointment from Robin Peterson as an alternate to the Local Emergency Planning Committee and to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee representing the Ely Shoshone Tribe

#### C. <u>DEPARTMENT HEADS</u>

#### 1. Lori Romero, Library Director

- \*a) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to Accept 2021 LSTA ARP Digital Collection Development Grant in the Amount of \$3,600. There is no match
- \*b) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to Accept 2021 LSTA ARP Plus Grant in the Amount of \$18,600 for Library Furniture. There is no match
- \*c) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u> to Approve the County Library to hold a Surplus Auction

#### 2. <u>Mark Holloway, Airport Manager</u>

\*a) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of the revised grant application and grant award recommendation for AIP No. 3-32-0006-xxx-2022, a Federal grant for \$392,653 to be used for Runway 18/36 and an aircraft parking ramp crack repair and seal project (RWY 12/30 Locally Funded Project)

# 3. <u>Mike Wheable, County Manager</u>

\*a) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to ratify White Pine County's letters of support seeking direct federal funding for utility infrastructure expansion along economic corridor to further housing development priorities. (Letters directed to the offices of Sen. Cortez Masto, Sen. Rosen, and Congressman Horsford)

- \*b) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to Retain Davison Van Cleve, P.C. Law Firm for the purpose of providing expert counsel to protect the County's interests Power Project and Transmission Line Developments, and to draft, and coordinating the imposition of Development Agreements for major projects affecting County natural resources forthcoming to White Pine County, including but not limited to the Power Pump Project and various pending electrical transmission line developments
- \*c) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to Retain Davison Van Cleve, P.C. Law Firm for the purpose of providing expert counsel to protect the County's interests in telecommunication infrastructure developments, and to draft, and coordinate the passage and imposition of a Franchise agreement with telecommunication providers
- \*d) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval to amend County Policy 7.5 "Educational Assistance" to outline conditions for reimbursement and procedures, with the intent to promote retention and recruitment effective immediately

#### 4. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

- \*a) Discussion/For possible action: Approval of Grant Application being made by Tabatha Hamilton/Agricultural District 13 Fair and Rodeo Board to the Great Basin National Heritage Area, for funding to assist with putting on a Firework Show during the 2022 fair weekend in an amount not to exceed \$5.000.00 with a required County Match of \$5,000.00 which will be provided through the Agricultural District 13 fund and potentially more match from other sources such as White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board
- \*b) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval Of Amendment To Agreement With The Community Development Block Grant for the White Pine County: Slum /Blight Property Abatement Project to Provide a Time Extension Through April 30, 2022
- \*c) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of Amendment to Agreement with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the McGill Sewer Pond Relining Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) Project to Provide a Time Extension through June 30, 2022
- \*d) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Ratification of Grant Application Submitted By Tabatha Hamilton to the Nevada Department of Public Safety for Funding of Courtroom 121 Virtual Court Hearings Upgrades in an Amount Not To Exceed \$47,378.54 with A Required County Match of \$0
- \*e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Quarterly Grant Reports

- \*f) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Declaration of Critical Labor Shortage for the position of Bailiff due to recruitment and retention issues, effective 07/01/2020
- \*g) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of Resolution 2022-18 to appropriate \$10,175 of intergovernmental revenues from the State of Nevada pursuant to AB321 and Interim Finance Committee Funds to cover election postage, ballot stock, postcards, ballot boxes, fire suppression kits, and envelope sorters
- \*h) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of Resolution 2022-19 to Re-Open Fund Number 316 Economic Development Special Revenue Fund

#### 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. UNTIMED ITEMS

- \*a) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Approval of minutes from the:
  - Special Joint Meeting with the Fire Commission April 29, 2022
- \*b) <u>Discussion/For Possible Action</u>: Motion to close the open meeting for discussion with the Board related to Collective Bargaining pursuant to NRS 288.220. Michael Wheable, County Manager; Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; James Beecher, District Attorney

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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, Nichole Baldwin, did on the 21st day of April 2022 by 5:00 p.m. cause to be posted (5) five notices of the White Pine County 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 Ely U.S. Post Office. The meeting notice is also posted to the White Pine County website at <a href="http://whitepinecounty.net">http://whitepinecounty.net</a> and on the State of Nevada Public Notices website at <a href="http://notice.nv.gov">http://notice.nv.gov</a>. 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.

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