

## White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

### COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

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**DATE:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** White Pine County Library Conference Room  
950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada

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. Thank you for your patience.

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 September 22, 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. 9:05 A.M. UPDATE FROM BCT**

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

### **B. 9:30 A.M. ROAD COMMISSION**

- 1) **Discussion Only:** on primary and secondary roads within White Pine County and county facilities, completed and future projects, communications with corporations and governmental agencies. Martin Troutt, Roads Lead Supervisor
- \*2) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to give the Department Head/Supervisor of the Road Shop the authority to close roads in emergency situations as defined herein as well as the ability to close roads for traditional events (parades, etc). All closures made in this fashion shall come before the Board of Commissioners for ratification as soon as reasonably possible thereafter. Vice Chairman Travis Godon & Public Works Director, Bill Calderwood
- \*3) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the Road Commission Meeting held August 25, 2021

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

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

### **D. 10:15 A.M. WILDLIFE PRESERVE**

- \*1) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** approval to determine that operating a “big cat” sanctuary in parcels zoned O-5 is/is not similar to uses defined in White Pine County Ordinance 17.24.020, and therefore permitted/not permitted. James L. Buchal, Murphy & Buchal LLP

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

## **A. COUNTY COMMISSION**

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

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to update County Personal Policy to include the following:
  - No County Employee shall ever be required to take any vaccine (including vaccines for COVID-19) as a means for employment, health/dental/vision/life insurance, retirement benefits, and any other benefits/employee programs. No Federal or State vaccine mandate will be adhered to by the County and this policy stands regardless of these governing body's protocol.
  - No County Employee shall be discriminated against or incentivized based upon vaccination status for any disease (including vaccination for COVID-19).
  - No County Employee shall be subject to a frequently occurring testing protocol for COVID-19 (or any other similar disease) for the sake of satisfying any State or Federal Mandates/Regulations. Testing can still occur if there is a reasonable cause (exposure, symptoms, etc).
  - No County Employee shall ever be asked or forced to disclose vaccination status for any disease (including COVID-19).
  
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of Resolution 2021-82 in response to Biden Administration's Executive Actions Regarding COVID-19 Mandates

## **B. ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to appoint Cory Lytle to the vacant seat on the Agricultural District 13/Fair & Rodeo Board as an at large member
  
- \*b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to set the schedule for regular Commission Meetings during the months of November and December 2021

## **C. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

### **1. Brett North, Emergency Management Director**

- \*a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval Of The FY 2021 Hazardous Material Emergency Planning (HMEP) Mid-Cycle Grant Award From Nevada State Emergency Response Commission In The Amount Of \$13,010.00 For The Period Of July 1st, 2021 Through September 30th, 2021. The Required County Match Amount Is \$0

## **2. Lori Romero, Library Director**

- \*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to accept the 2021 LSTA ARP Act Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to purchase a Wireless Access Point and 13 laptops with no required match**

## **3. Desiree Barnson, Social Services Director**

- \*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the ESG Grant Award in the amount of \$3,048.00 with a required match of \$3,048.00 which will be in-kind as the Director's wages**
- \*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the WSAP Grant Award in the amount of \$4,759.70 with no required match**
- \*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the CSBG Family Resource Grant Award in the amount of \$20,760.00 with a required match of \$2,076.00 which will be in-kind as Director's wages**
- \*d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the NDOT 5311 Grant Award in the amount of \$259,398.00 with a required match of \$145,432.00 which are RTC donations of \$30,000 per year, a Mt. Wheeler Power donation of \$27,000.00, and ADSD funds of \$30,000.00 per year**
- \*e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Ratification of the ADSD Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 per year with a required match of \$4,500.00 per year which is in-kind as Director's wages**

## **4. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

- \*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Notice of Completion for the Nevada Northern Railway Trail Phase II project**
- \*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions for Receiving the American Rescue Plan Act Funding**
- \*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Information Technology Engineer job description**
- \*d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Information Technology Engineer Pay Scale**
- \*e) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval begin recruiting efforts for Information Technology Engineer**

- \*f) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of recruiting schedule/process for County Manager
- \*g) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of request from Douglas County to provide additional funding for China Springs Camp in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 in the amount not to exceed \$27,596.38
- \*h) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of option for building official services
- \*i) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of amended and restated Telecommunications Service Agreement between White Pine County and WestNet Nevada, LLC
- \*j) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to utilize an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to install new low voltage infrastructure in the public safety building with funds taken from contingency
- k) **Discussion/Update:** Planned meeting for the evening of Wednesday, October 13, 2021 for the Nevada American Recovery Plan Listening Tour
- \*l) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Ideas for and approval of ribbon cutting ceremony for the Justice Center Project on the afternoon of October 27, 2021

### **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) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Approval for minutes of the County Commission meeting held:
  - Special Joint July 21, 2021
  - August 25, 2021
  - September 8, 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 13th day of September, 2021 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 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 at the front counter of the White Pine County Clerk's Office at 801 Clark Street, Suite 4, Ely, NV 89301

*Nichole Baldwin*