

White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

COUNTY COMMISSION & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: White Pine County Library Conference Room
950 Campton Street, Ely, Nevada

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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 & Fire Commission Meeting on October 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 meeting of the White Pine County Fire Commission.

A. 9:05 A.M. FIRE COMMISSION MEETING **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 the White Pine County Fire Protection District Explorer Program and Program Manual. Fire Chief Brett North and Deputy District Attorney Ross Smillie
- *3) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to sign the Fireworks Display Application and Permit to the City of Ely Fire Department as proposed by Michael Couch from Garden State Fireworks, as the property owners of the White Pine County Golf Course granting Mr. Couch permission to conduct the 4th of July City of Ely Fireworks display at that location in 2022. Michael Couch
- *4) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of monthly financial reports for September 2021. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *5) **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. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director
- *6) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the following Fire Commission Meetings:
 - September 8, 2021

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. LIQUOR BOARD

- *1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of a Liquor License to Amanda Panagopoulos, on behalf of the White Pine Copper Days Rodeo Committee, for the period beginning on October 15, 2021 and ending on October 18, 2021, to be conducted at the White Pine County Fair Grounds. Sheriff Scott Henriod

- *2) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of minutes from the Liquor Board meetings held:
 - August 11, 2021
 - August 25, 2021

C. 9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARINGS & FIRST READINGS FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- *1) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action**: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval of proposed Ordinance 523, Bill No. 08.25.2021a, a proposed amendment to Ordinances 498 and 487, amending Title 10, Chapter 10.62, Sections 10.62.010 and 10.62.040(A) of the White Pine County Code, and Title 17, Chapter 17.65, Section 17.65.050 of the White Pine County Code, changing the zoning requirement of a marijuana establishment from only operating in districts designated Industrial Park to White Pine County, pursuant to NRS Sections 244.137, 244.116 and 678B.500. James S. Beecher, District Attorney

- *2) **PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion/For Possible Action**: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take public comment and consider approval of proposed Ordinance 524, Bill No. 08.25.2021b, an amendment to Ordinance 476, amending Title 4, Chapter 4.02, Section 4.02.020 and 4.02.030, by adding “establishment” to the Restrictions and Applicability regulations regarding gaming. James S. Beecher, District Attorney

- 3) **FIRST READING/Discussion Only**: Regarding proposed Ordinance 525, Bill No. 10.13.2021, an amendment to Ordinances 448 and 203 (Section 9), thereby amending Title 17, Chapter 17.24, Section 17.24.020, of the White Pine County Code, by adding the following to the special permitted uses of Open Range District land in the O-5 zone classification, pursuant to NRS 244.137, 244.116 and 278.250: “Big Cat” Sanctuaries, involving any of the large members of the cat family, including the lion, tiger, leopard, jaguar, snow leopard, clouded leopard, cheetah, cougar or the like.” “S”. James Beecher, District Attorney

D. 9:45 A.M. NATURAL RESOURCES

- *1) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to sign onto a letter from The Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands, Wildlife and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros to Debra Haaland, Secretary of Interior, expressing concern and the need for action to address the over-populations of wild horses and burros in Nevada. Jeremy Drew, RCIU, on behalf of PLUAC

E. 10:00 A.M. WHITE PINE WATERPOWER PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT

- 1) **Discussion/Update**: Update from White Pine Waterpower on Pumped Storage Project. Luigi Resta, President

F. 10:30 A.M. TRAILS IN WHITE PINE COUNTY

- 1) **Discussion/Update**: Presentation on the EDA Grant received for the Toyaibe Trails Institute and a presentation on the next proposal for the current EDA Grant cycle pertaining to dark skies. Kyle Horvath, Marketing Director

2. ITEMS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSION

1. Richard Howe, Chairman

- *a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to send a letter/card to Assemblyman John Ellison in regards to the recent passing of his wife

B. ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Catherine Bakaric, Treasurer

- a) **Discussion Only**: Update regarding the Treasurer's monthly reports from June and July 2021

2. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk

- *a) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval to consider the qualifications of and appoint any qualified applicant to fill the vacant position on the Regional Planning Commission for an at large resident of White Pine County
- *b) **Discussion/For Possible Action**: Approval of the request for appointment from Rope Ashworth to the vacant seat on the Agricultural District 13 - Fair & Rodeo Board

- *c) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to direct IT or BCT to cancel the automatic transfer of phone calls made to Emergency Management and the Fire District to the Clerk's Office and for any other changes so the Clerk's Office no longer has to field OEM/Fire District calls

C. DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director

- *a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval to negotiate a contract for architectural services for the Community Services Building with the top ranked architect, Lombard-Conrad Architects-Nevada, Ltd. (LCA) based on the Statement of Qualifications process and to negotiate with the number two ranked architect if acceptable terms cannot be reached with LCA

2. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

- *a) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Direction on inviting Governor Sisolak and/or others to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Justice Center Project on the afternoon of October 27, 2021
- *b) **Discussion for Possible Action:** Direction on how to proceed with remedying two blighted County owned buildings in Ruth known as the Old Ruth Church and the New Ruth Club
- *c) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of monthly financial reports for September 2021
- *d) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of White Pine County Plan for Provision of Indigent Defense Services
- *e) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Certification of the White Pine County Financial Status Report for Provision of Indigent Defense Services

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 the proclamation to proclaim the week of October 23-31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week. Mary Kerner
- *b) **Discussion/For Possible Action:** Approval of minutes from the County Commission Meetings held:
- August 25, 2021
 - Special Joint Meeting with the Board of Public Health September 15, 2021
 - September 22, 2021
- *c) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Approval of a Motion to close the County Commission Meeting pursuant to NRS 241.030 to have closed personnel sessions for Randy Long-Golf Professional to consider his character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, physical or mental health. Elizabeth Frances, Interim Human Resources Director
- *d) **Discussion/for Possible Action:** Approval of administrative action, if any, based on information obtained during the closed session for Randy Long-Golf Professional. Elizabeth Frances, Interim Human Resources Director

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County Commission * Adjournment

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Affidavit:

I, Nichole Baldwin, did on the 7th day of October, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. cause to be posted (5) five notices of the White Pine County Commission & 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