

**IN A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION & SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE FIRE COMMISSION HELD ON MAY 26, 2021 IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM IN ELY, NEVADA**

**The Following Were Present:**

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

**County Officials:**

**Brett North, WPC Fire Chief**  
**Ross Smillie, Deputy District Attorney**  
**James S. Beecher, District Attorney**  
**Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**  
**Sheriff Scott Henriod**  
**Burton Hilton, Assessor**  
**Martin Troutt, WPC Roads**  
**Tim Norton, WPC Maintenance**  
**Tim Bunch, Human Resources**

**Also Present:**

**Jose Noriega, Forrest Service**  
**George Chachas**  
**Paul Ward, MedX**  
**Serenity Orr, MedX**  
**Earle Keize, BCT**  
**Tiera Arbogast, BLM**  
**Ed Spear, City of Ely**  
**Nancy Abrams, MedX**  
**Jacob Dalstca, MedX**  
**Richard Stuhan, Trans Canyons**  
**Cross-Tie Project**  
**Greg Brown, Trans Canyons Cross-Tie**  
**Project**  
**Aleta Brown, Trans Canyons Cross-Tie**  
**Project**  
**Amberlie Newby, MedX**  
**Randal Combs, MedX**  
**Britteny Heech, MedX**  
**Jared Bybee, BLM**

**Present via Zoom:**

**Geri Wopschall, Desiree Barnson, Clara Stevens (Project Manager), Gary Perea, Lori Romero (Library Director), Elanie Eldridge, Paula Carson, and others**

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

## **MOMENT OF SILENCE/SILENT INVOCATION**

**This was duly observed.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jose Noriega, Forrest Service, addressed the Board. He wanted to let everyone know that Bird Creek Camp Ground will be open for public use and the Ward Mountain well went down. The Forrest Service is in the process of pulling an emergency contract to address the situation as soon as possible.

George Chachas addressed the Board. He still has not seen anything on the County pulling the support from the Heritage Park project. On agenda item 1C4 the Board is to consider possible action on items related to revenues and departments. He did not see anything related to the victim's funds. He claims to pay thousands in taxes to support the departments and claims to be a victim and wants equal protection under the law. Regarding item 2C1a, the Board is to consider removing the GED and High School Diploma requirements from the seasonal position. He strongly felt that education must be encouraged. Regarding item 2C2g, the Board is to consider the approval for Resolution 2021-37 to cover the increased cost for the Public Health Officer. Mr. Chachas asserted it should be denied. He accused Commissioner Ian Bullis of being the problem and stated the funds should come out of his paycheck. He stated the County needs to solicit a newspaper; there are a lot of things going on in the community and the citizens need to know. The Planning Commission selectively enforces the color of law. They continue to ignore the request to use the sound system. He reminded the Board of the Open Meeting Law which allows aid for those who are hearing impaired. Time was called.

Nichole Baldwin, Clerk of the Board, read a letter from Jennifer Lee, City Clerk regarding Steptoe Park. The letter stated there was only one stop sign and the street light will be replaced the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **1. NOTICE OF TIMED AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **A. 9:00 A.M. UPDATE ON THE CROSS TIE PROJECT**

##### **1) Discussion/Update For 500 KV Transmission Line In White Pine County, The Cross Tie Project. Richard Stuhan, Trans Canyon**

Richard Stuhan, Trans Canyon, addressed the Board. Mr. Stuhan presented a newly proposed 500 KV transmission line project to the Board and explained Trans Canyon as an independent developer with an understanding of being a long term steward of communities to maintain good relationships. The transmission line will create a strong interconnection between PacifiCorp systems in Utah and Nevada Energy systems in Nevada. Increasing the ties will help improve reliability and the ability to move energy created from various generation sources. Trans Canyon has submitted their right of way request to BLM and the US Forrest Service and are anticipating the NEPA process developing the environmental impact statement early next year. This will not tie in the Gonder substation. Commissioner Shane Bybee inquired about the capacity of the Robinson station and how much it could handle even with the expansion. Mr. Stuhan reported Robinson Summit is not fully built out

and they don't envision any issues with the capacity of the station. They have started up the Western Electric Coordinating Council phase 2b study process and this is the last leg in certifying the pathway for their project. To be able to work on the private lands, they would have to get a right of way that would include compensation. The local benefits would include the hiring of construction workers within the County and the generation of local sales tax providing economic benefits to the County. The estimated property tax would total \$3 million dollars in the first year of operation. He went through the back up material explaining each page and going through the time line to the Board.

**B. 9:15 A.M. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES 518 AND 519**

**1) FIRST READING/Discussion only: regarding proposed ordinance 518, bill number 05.26.2021a. An ordinance amending Title 10 to allow for the execution of the fictitious business certificate in the presence of the County Clerk or a Deputy County Clerk by an authorized person displaying official identification as an Alternative to requiring notarization of the filing of a fictitious business certification. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

Clerk Baldwin addressed the Board requesting the 2<sup>nd</sup> item to be opened as well. This is to allow the Deputy Clerks to act in the place of a notary the same way we would administer oaths. Anyone who is not in White Pine County will still need go to a notary. Anyone living in White Pine County will be allowed to come to the office and have any of their clerks sign with just showing one form of ID. The fee is set by statute. District Attorney James S. Beecher stated this is the same thing a notary would do except it's the Clerk's Office doing it, instead.

**2) FIRST READING/Discussion only: regarding proposed ordinance 519, bill number 05.26.2021b. An ordinance amending Title 4 to allow for the execution of the fictitious business certificate in the presence of the County Clerk or a Deputy County Clerk by an authorized person displaying official identification as an Alternative to requiring notarization of the filing of a fictitious business certificate. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

See item 1.

**The Chairman temporarily recessed the regular County Commission Meeting for a special joint meeting with the White Pine County Fire Commission.**

**C. 9:30 A.M. SPECIAL JOINT COUNTY COMMISSION & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Perea addressed the Board via Zoom. In regards to item #2, he felt the working relationship between the volunteers and Ely Fire is working ok, but his concerns are financial and he is unsure if it would be sustainable to continue with the way things are going. The thought of a public and private partnership is intriguing to him and there could be some opportunity to save money in working with MedX and he hopes the Board would give it some serious consideration. There is also a real issue in the Baker area as far as the number of EMT's. This has become a big problem since Milford County in Utah pulled their ambulance

out. Right now Baker ambulance is being called out on both sides of the border. That is a large area with only 2 EMT's that are on call and it is not sustainable. He suggested a conversation with the two different Counties on how to address this situation.

George Chachas addressed the Board with his ongoing concern of Ave. D that he claims has not been addressed. Chairman Howe interjected stating he brings the same things to the meeting and requested something new.

**\*1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the FY2021-2022 White Pine County - White Pine County Fire Protection District interlocal agreement calculated amount. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director; Brett North, WPC Fire Chief**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances addressed the Board. This contract is in the backup material and it is a contract the County has to have due to being separate legal entities between the County and the Fire District. Vice Chairman Travis Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*2) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to select an option for emergency ambulance and fire services by selecting 1) a modified contract with the City of Ely to provide services through the Ely City Fire Department, or 2) a contract with MedX to provide emergency ambulance services and offering a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Ely to provide fire services on an as needed basis. James S. Beecher, District Attorney**

District Attorney Beecher addressed the Board. DA Beecher explained the County had a 5 year contract with the City of Ely and the City of Ely gave notice they would be canceling the contract at the end of this year. There were negotiations and the initial offer by the City was the County to provide an additional \$200,000 on top of the \$150,000 the County is already providing to the City. \$200,000 is an unreasonable sum, which was acknowledged by all of the parties on the negotiating committee, including the City. The backup material the County received from the City shows the cost of servicing the agreement was less than what the County is paying the City. In the other backup material, it shows the City's net expenses being lower than they have ever been. The County asked for a reasonable number and the City refused to provide a counter offer. Since the County was not moving forward with the City, the County decided to find an alternative with MedX. The County would provide MedX \$75,000 a year and MedX would do the majority of the ambulance transport. The City offered a reasonable offer for the County pay the City \$150,000 that was provided in the original contract and the County would pay an additional \$50,000. That would be reduced based on their revenues. When this all started, the County provided the revenues from their transports and that was around \$450,000 and the City showed concern that they were not receiving the revenues. That is what the City presented to the County. What passed at City Council was different than what they told the County. The City said the County would pay the \$150,000 plus an additional \$50,000 and then if they hit over \$450,000 in revenues, it would be reduced by a maximum of 3% up to \$500,000. The County would be paying \$185,000 minimum up to \$200,000 instead of the \$150,000 that is provided by the current contract. DA Beecher states there have been reports that the City has not been responding to areas south of Lund and would not respond to McGill unless the City is specifically called and this

sounds like a Mutual Aid Agreement and not a contract of services and if the County sticks with the City, there would be some issues that need to be fixed. The second option would be to work with MedX.

Paul Ward, MedX Air One, addressed the Board. He introduced himself and his staff and explained what MedX has to offer. He went through the back up material that was handed out. MedX is based in Elko but works with Elko, Ely, Wells and Winnemucca. MedX offers a high caliber air and ground medical transport with compassionate and highly trained medical staff who call Northern Nevada their home. Mr. Ward expressed MedX is not here to gouge or make a giant profit and they want to provide value, quality care to the patients and make this a sustainable positive working relationship. The staff is highly qualified and trained with high professional standards that are recognized by the National EMT Registry. MedX can offer 24 hour ground ambulance with crew staffed at Station 1. Mr. Ward explained they get payments from insurance and not from the patients. They offer training to the community and to the County volunteers. Mr. Ward expressed his gratitude to be able to work with White Pine County. MedX would like to be able to build a good solid working relationship with all entities involved in emergency care.

White Pine County Fire Chief Brett North addressed the Board. He was with the City of Ely for 31 years and felt it showed his loyalty, but he is now with White Pine County. He expressed his gratitude and respect towards Ely Fire Chief Pat Stork. He stated there are so many issues that need to be straightened out and he noticed the issues started when they started billing. He felt his ability and the volunteers' ability came into question this past weekend. Most of his employees are volunteers and the volunteers will go above and beyond to get the training needed to advance and Fire Chief North feels the volunteers do a tremendous job. After the last EMT class, some of the volunteers could not get their certificates due to not turning in an evaluation, so they could not get their license to be able to start working and felt the City was basically holding the certificates hostage. Commissioner Ian Bullis thinks Fire Chief North and the Ely Fire Chief Pat Stork have done a great job working together on the political and the rivalry aspects that tend to be true anywhere you go and it sounds like all those little details seems to steam from individuals trying to get rid of that. Commissioner Laurie L. Carson acknowledged Fire Chief North has been extremely loyal and he has tried to make this work. She felt this is unfortunate and she expressed her disappointment.

Ely Fire Chief Pat Stork addressed the Board via Zoom. He denied the claims of the City's refusal to go south on 318 and stated he spoke with County Fire Chief Brett North and agreed there was a need for only one ambulance and should not put all the resources where they are not needed. He spoke with Fire Chief North regarding McGill when there was a call and the City showed, but the crew that was there turned around and stated the City ambulance was not needed. The City did not refuse to go on any call; the City was told they were not needed. On the training issue, he explained there are requirements from the state of Nevada stating they have to have all the paperwork with the evaluations together to turn into the state before a license can be issued. Once the state gets the paperwork, they pass out the certificate then the person can get their license.

Commissioner Ian Bullis expressed his gratitude in working with Chief North and with Chief Stork. He stated they seem to work well together and hopes they will continue to do so and felt these issues did not need to be brought out in a public forum. Chief Stork suggested both he and Chief North sit down with a member of both the City and the County Boards and talk about what issues are going on. Chief North agreed to this. Vice Chairman Godon recommends this item be tabled until the next meeting and see how it works out with the meeting with Chief North and Chief Stork. There was a small discussion as to what the contract should say and when Chief North and Chief Stork would meet. There was more discussion about what should be put in the contract and Chairman Richard Howe stated the Board needs to figure out what is in the best interest for the County and for the residents. Commissioner Bybee made a motion for option 1, to enter into a modified contract with the City. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Godon and Commissioner Bybee voted for option one. Chairman Howe, Commissioner Carson and Commissioner Bullis opposed for option one causing the motion to fail. Commissioner Carson made a motion to accept option 2, to enter into a contract with MedX with an as needed basis for fire. Chairman Howe seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Godon, Commissioner Bybee, and Commissioner Bullis opposed option two. Both motions failed and it was agreed that a special meeting be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am for the contract options.

Chairman Howe called for a 5 minute break 10:50 am.

**\*3) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction on White Pine County facility options and alternative financing sources.**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances addressed the Board. She is looking at options for funding a building to be able to move the Treasurer's and Recorder's offices during the construction of the old Court House and is looking at \$2,500 to \$3,500 a month for an estimation of 2 years. The Treasurer's and Recorder's Offices will need to be moved during the construction process due to safety concerns. She included an explanation in the backup document. Public Works Director Bill Calderwood and his team can start on some of the renovations that can be done in-house which will defer the construction cost. Within the two year period, they will do the basic remodeling and rewiring for the office spaces. The 2<sup>nd</sup> option would be to build a second building were the old annex was. This new facility could house Public Health, Social Services, including bus service and Juvenile Probation. It would provide additional space to accommodate future office needs and keep County offices a one stop shop. Funding options would be \$1.8 million in the American Rescue Plan, Social Services Director Desiree Barnson is willing to donate up to \$1 million of her funding at the end of the year for a new building, and \$2.1 million can be used from Capital Improvements to be able to move all the offices into the building. The building, if built where the old annex was, could be started in the spring and could be done in 10 months. Whatever is decided needs to be added to next year's budget. There was discussion on what the building could be used for and what is in the back up material. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to renovate the Historic Courthouse and develop a plan to retrofit the admin building as necessary. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*4) Discussion/For Possible Action: Direction or Approval related to Revenues and Departments in the FY2022 budget including: Commission, County Manager, Clerk, Recorder including special revenue budgets, Assessor including special revenue budget, Treasurer, Elections, Information Technology, Finance, Human Resources, Countywide, 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 including 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, Airport Operating, Natural Resources, Transfers, Contingency, Agricultural District, Emergency Medical Services, Agricultural Extension, Social Services including donations fund, Road Department, Airport Capital Improvement, Capital Improvements, SB74 tax fund, Towns of Lund, McGill & Ruth, Senior Center, Industrial Park, Tri-County Weed, Building & Planning, Golf Course, Aquatic Center, China Springs, Camp Success & Various Grant Budgets. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

Finance Director Elizabeth Frances addressed the Board. There will be 2 offices in the courthouse after October. Director Calderwood stated there are security measures we can take to keep them safe. The back door cannot be locked due to it being the only ADA access in the building. The elevators will be made to not move and the staircases will be locked off also so there will be only one floor with access. The concern is the offices that have the money will be housed in the building by themselves and they do have panic buttons, but if they are moved to a different building where they will be by themselves the County will have the same situation. It might be reasonable to not move the offices until 2023. Treasurer, Catherine M Bakaric stated she would be fine if her office stay in the existing building during the engineering phase as long as the back door can be locked for safety reasons with the understanding of it being the only ADA access to the building. She went through the budget/funds for the next fiscal year. There was a discussion for the County Manager. District Attorney Beecher broke down the County Manager position and what the person would be doing. Chairman Howe mentioned the well on the Golf Course that has county water. KGHM went out two days ago and inspected the well and will be able to get it up and running. By running this well, the Golf Course will be off the city water and will save an estimated cost of \$20,000. Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**5) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion: The White Pine County Board of Commissioners will take comments from the Public on the Tentative Budgets for FY2021-2022 for White Pine County and the Towns of Lund, McGill and Ruth. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

No public comment was made.

**6) PUBLIC HEARING/Discussion: The White Pine County Board of Fire Commissioners will take comments from the Public on the Tentative Budget for**

**FY2021-2022 for the White Pine County Fire Protection District. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

No public comment was made.

**\*7) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the FY2021-2022 White Pine County Fire Protection District Final Budget as Outlined During the Public Budget Hearing. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

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

**\*8) Discussion/for possible Action: Approval to issue a permit to the Lund Pioneer Day Committee to hold a firework show Saturday July 24th, 2021 at 9pm in Lund. Micah Griffin**

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

**\*9) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval of meetings from the Special Joint Fire Commission Meeting held April 28th 2021**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

**The Chairman adjourned the special joint meeting with the White Pine County Fire Commission to reconvene the Regular County Commission meeting.**

**D. 10:00 A.M. PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT**

**\*1) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of public defender contracts as submitted, proposed or amended during session for Jane Eberhardy, Kirsty Pickering and Richard Sears at a base cost of \$164,430 each plus additional for cost their individual company subscriptions to Lexus-Nexus and/or Westlaw, \$125 per hour for complex litigation, and \$100 per hour for domestic violence cases originating in the City of Ely or as may be discussed and amended during the Commission meeting. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

Finance Director Frances addressed the Board. She provided copies of the contract and spoke briefly on an email from Kirsty Pickering and went through the changes for the contract. Public Defender Jane Eberhardy addressed the Board and inquired on what contract was being used. She went through and explained all the changes that were made and how it will affect the practice and what can be changed according to the Law Board. District Attorney Beecher suggested a conference call to nail down what should be in the contract and then bring it back to the table. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.



**E. 10:15 A.M. BCT UPDATE**

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

Earle Keizer addressed the Board and introduced the BCT team. Each of the staff members shared what they did through a presentation. They spoke on the importance of changing passwords and not using the same password for all accounts. There will be some cyber training coming up and changes coming up for digital sign-ins. There have been a total of 107 tickets that have been worked on and closed. The state sends information to BCT on what is happening in the county and tells them of any issues within the system. Right now, BCT is working on the Justice Center; JAVS has been ordered and they are trying to reconfigure it to make it work with the existing system. BCT is actively protecting White Pine County from ransomware and maintaining a security base with the state.

**F. 11:00 A.M. STEPTOE PARK**

**\*1) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval or direction regarding lighting upgrades, maintenance, a safety plan, signage and/or a curfew at Steptoe Park. Fred Fischer**

Fred Fisher submitted a flash drive for presentation. He has safety concerns with Steptoe Park at night and sometimes during the day. There has been too much vandalism going on mostly at night and sometimes during the day and he is hoping for good light and more safety measures. He stated he went into the bathroom located by the Hospital and someone started a fire in the men's bathroom. He was kind enough to clean up the mess and checked on the women's bathroom. He requested for the police to do extra patrol around the park during the night. Chairman Howe read the letter to Mr. Fisher regarding the stop signs and the lights from Jennifer Lee, City of Ely.

**2) Discussion/For Possible Direction: Steptoe Park Security Lighting. Bill Calderwood, Public Works Director**

Tim Norton, Maintenance and Parks Department, addressed the Board in place of Public Works Director Bill Calderwood. In regards to Mr. Fisher's issues, all the lights in the park were fixed the next day. They have removed the outlet from the pavilion because every day the wires are exposed; the power boxes are broken and it is getting to be too much to be replaced every day. There was a light under the pavilion, but has since been removed due to vandals. There is power available and will be hooked up if requested. The basketball hoop has been ordered and they are looking at fixing the fence with a stronger material. The restrooms have been opened for a month and the vandals are already building bon fires. There have been police reports made, but nothing can be done until they are caught. There was a brief discussion on how to catch and stop the vandals. The Board asked for quotes on lighting and cameras for the next meeting as well as a proposal for a reasonable time for curfew.

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

**A. COUNTY COMMISSION**

**1. Commissioner, Shane Bybee**

**\*a) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval for updated letters of support for Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority's 2021 application to the Governor's Office of Economic Development request for proposal for economic development services.**

Commissioner Shane Bybee addressed the Board stating this is just a letter of support from NNRDA to further their outreach for the grant. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*b) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval to trade liaison positions between Commissioners**

Commissioner Bullis agreed to take over the golf course as liaison. This item was discussion only.

Chairman Howe called for a 10 minute break at 12:40 pm.

**B. ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**1. Burton Hilton, Assessor**

**\*a) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval to designate the attached list of six (6) Personal Property Accounts, for a total of \$2,188.46, as uncollectible and allow the Assessor to write off the accounts, under NRS 361.5607**

Burton Hilton, Assessor addressed the Board. These are old accounts and his office cannot even find the owner; some of them date back to 2014 and some of the mail is being sent back and he can't get any information from BLM. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bullis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2. Sheriff Scott Henriod**

**\*a) Discussion/for possible action: Approval for the White Pine County Sheriff's Office to accept two, 2006 Yamaha XT225 Motorcycles. The motorcycles are being donated by the Winnemucca County Sheriff's Office. The motorcycles will be used by the Eastern Nevada Narcotics Task Force and the White Pine County Search and Rescue Team. There is no cost associated with this donation.**

Sheriff Scott Henriod addressed the Board stating the motorcycles are in great shape and would be perfect for the Task Force. Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**3. Catherine M. Bakaric, Treasurer**

**a) Discussion Only: Regarding the Treasurer's Monthly Reports for April 2021**

Catherine M. Bakaric, Treasurer, addressed the Board. This is just the monthly report.

**4. Nichole Baldwin, County Clerk**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to select Stephen Winton for the vacant seat on the Ruth Town Council**

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

**C. DEPARTMENT HEADS**

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

**\*a) Discussion/for possible action: Approval to ratify the Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker job description by removing the G.E.D./ High School graduate requirement.**

Human Resources Director, Tim Bunch addressed the Board. This is an unskilled position and it is not mandated for the GED or High School diploma. The Driver's Licenses will stay in place. By making these changes, it will allow the younger generation to apply and get their foot in the door with the County. Commissioner Bullis made the motion to approve. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**2. Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director**

**\*a) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the Remaining Quarterly Grant Reports**

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

**\*b) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-34 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted concealed weapon permit revenues by \$12,000 to cover cost of processing applications for concealed weapon permits.**

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

**\*c) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-35 to augment the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 General Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted donation revenues by \$14,123 to properly recognize the fair market value of a vehicle donated to the Sheriff's Office.**

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

**\*d) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-36 to augment the fiscal year (FY) 2021 budget of the White Pine County Legal Aid Fund from unanticipated and unbudgeted beginning fund balance to provide legal aid services at the direction of the District Court Judge.**

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

**\*e) 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 table this item. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**\*f) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of the FY2021-2022 Final Budgets for White Pine County and the Towns of Lund, McGill and Ruth as Outlined During the Public Budget Hearing.**

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

**\*g) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-37 to utilize \$24,800 from contingency to cover the increased cost of the public health officer contract for the duration of the pandemic beyond amount provided through the General Fund and CARES Act Funding.**

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

**\*h) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-38 to utilize \$3,500 from contingency to cover the cost of engineering services required to renew water rights permit applications.**

Commissioner Bybee made the motion to approve as presented. 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. Vice Chairman Godon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **4. UNTIMED ITEMS**

**\*a) Discussion/for possible action: Approval to address the feral cat problem on Juniper St. in Ruth, NV. Philip Winsryg, Ruth Town Council**

Philip Winsryg addressed the Board. There is one resident in Ruth who feeds 40 to 60 cats and does not stop when asked. This resident claims they are all his cats. The residents of Ruth are not able to have a garden and children are unable to play in their yards due to cat feces being all over the yards and when it is damp, it warms up and the stench is terrible. Mr. Winsryg expressed his concern for health hazards for the residents of Ruth. Commissioner Bybee stated he would make a phone call to Animal Control.

**\*b) Discussion/for possible action: Approval of the request to use the back roads to divert traffic during the Lund Pioneer Celebration Parade. Christiann Griffin**

Martin Troutt, Road Department, addressed the Board. They would like to do the same thing in Lund that happens here in Ely. Whenever Ely has a parade, instead of opening the back roads, Ely will shut down the road until the end of the parade and then let the traffic thru. Lund would have to make the request to NDOT because 318 is under state jurisdiction, not the County. After speaking with Eric Trujillo, the concern is detour signs, oversized loads, hazmat loads, pedestrians, kids on the back roads, and the roads within the town of Lund were not designed to have heavy traffic. Mr. Troutt does not think it is a good idea and thinks blocking the road would be best. Chairman Howe asked for suggestions and Commissioner Bullis suggested it die for lack of motion. Chairman Howe asked for a motion to approve the use of the back roads of Lund. Item died for lack of motion.

**\*c) Discussion/for Possible Action: Approval for minutes of the April 28th County Commission meeting**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice Chairman Godon expressed his gratitude to Finance Director Frances and her staff for going through and making sure everything is done for the County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bullis made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHITE PINE COUNTY  
STATE OF NEVADA**

BY:

  
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**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

*J. P. Dallen*  
**WPC CLERK OF THE BOARD**