

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY 9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

PRESENT:

Joanne Bond, Chairman  
Mike Mouliot, Vice Chairman  
Sue Camp, Commissioner  
Jim Galloway, Commissioner  
Jim Shaw, Commissioner

Betty J. Lewis, County Clerk  
Katy Simon, County Manager  
Maureen Griswold, Deputy District Attorney

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

98-900 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that the agenda for the September 15, 1998 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Medina, a Truckee Meadows resident, spoke in opposition to annexation issues.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 1998, be approved.

98-901 UPDATE - 1998 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE - JONNIE PULLMAN WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jonnie Pullman, Washoe County School District Trustee, gave an overhead presentation regarding the proposed 1998 School Bond Issue. Ms. Pullman reviewed the particulars of the bond issue explaining that this is a two-part bond with Part A representing critical needs for new high schools and funds for improvements to existing schools which would not require an increase to the existing tax rate.

Ms. Pullman advised that Part B of the bond represents additional facility needs identified by the public in the past several months; and that the passage of Part B would require a tax increase which would approximate \$21.00 per year for a new home valued at \$150,000.

Steve Williams, Washoe County School District, clarified that 76% of individuals polled expressed their desire for expandable schools.

Commissioner Camp suggested that the location proposed for the North Valleys High School be relocated to the Stead area as it would be more centrally located for students and more appropriate for the expansion occurring in the North Valleys.

Ms. Pullman advised that the school district owns the land on the North Valleys site; that they looked at long-term projections and felt that this was a good site; that there have been questions raised recently regarding the location; that perhaps more information should be made available to the public regarding this proposed site; and that the school board needs to listen to these concerns expressed by the County Commissioners as well as numerous individuals who have expressed similar concerns.

Tom Clarke spoke representing the "Yes Yes For Kids Campaign" explaining that this group is comprised of business and political leaders, citizens and parents who have joined together to assist the school district with regard to the bond issue.

The Board then commended Ms. Pullman and Mr. Williams for their efforts in bringing these issues to the table and enhancing community awareness regarding school district issues and the proposed bond issue.

98-902 PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK - SEPTEMBER 14 - 18, 1998

Upon recommendation of Katy Simon, County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Proclamation be adopted and Chairman Bond authorized to execute:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The American Payroll Association and its 14,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 125 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting worker earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and

WHEREAS, Payroll professionals in Washoe County play a key role in maintaining this County's economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and

WHEREAS, Payroll departments collectively spend more than \$15 billion annually complying with the myriad of federal and state wage and tax laws; and

WHEREAS, Payroll professionals play an increasingly important role ensuring the economic security of American families by helping to identify noncustodial parents and making sure they comply with their child support mandates; and

WHEREAS, Payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in educating both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and

WHEREAS, Payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both government and businesses; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA, that September 14-18, 1998 is designated as National Payroll Week in Washoe County.

98-903 PALOMINO VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE TRAINING - ROADS

Upon recommendation of W. Dean Wall, Manager, Road Operations & Maintenance, through Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that a request by the Palomino Valley General Improvement District to participate in Commercial Drivers License (C.D.L.) training activities, requiring class members to operate various County owned trucks and heavy equipment under County supervision be approved.

98-904 WATER RIGHTS DEED - STEPHEN N. PARKER - WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water

Resources, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Water Rights Deed for 2.02 acre-feet of water rights from a portion of Permit 46246, Certificate 11578, between Stephen Parker, as Grantor, and Washoe County, as Grantee be approved; that Chairman Bond be authorized to execute the Water Rights Deed; and that the Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record the Water Rights Deed with the County Recorder.

It was noted that the water rights are being dedicated in support of Stephen Parker's parcel map creating one new parcel within Washoe Valley which is currently a portion of APN 046-060-22.

98-905 WATER RIGHTS DEED & WATER SALE AGREEMENT - SUN VALLEY WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT - WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Water Rights Deed for 21.89 acre-feet of water rights from a portion of Permit 63814, originally a portion of Claim 330, between Sun Valley Water and Sanitation District, as Grantor, and Washoe County, as Grantee, and Water Sale Agreement between Sun Valley Water and Sanitation District and Washoe County be approved; that Chairman Bond be authorized to execute the Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement; and that the Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record the Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement with the County Recorder.

It was noted that the water rights are being dedicated in support of 58 lots within Stone Crest Phase 7.

98-906 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - POLAROID FILM - UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Richard Kirkland, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that eight cases of Polaroid film valued at \$1,448.00 donated by the University of Nevada, Reno, Police Department funded through their "Stop Violence Against Women Act of 1996," grant be accepted with gratitude.

98-907 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE

Upon recommendation of Anna Heenan, Finance Division, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that the following appropriation transfers for the purpose of sending five Guardian Case Managers to the National Guardianship Association 1998 Annual Conference be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

Department		
Public Admin.		
Account	Description	Decrease Amount
001-1591-7003	Overtime	\$2,200
Account	Description	Increase Amount
001-1591-7620	Travel	\$2,200

98-908 CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS - 1998/99 SECURED TAX ROLL - ASSESSOR

Upon recommendation of Thomas Sokol, Assistant Chief Deputy Assessor, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Roll Change Request correcting a factual error on a tax bill already mailed, be approved for the reason indicated thereon and mailed to the property owner, a copy of which is placed on file with the Clerk. It was further ordered that the Order directing the Treasurer to correct the error be approved and Chairman Bond be authorized to execute on behalf of the Commission.

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on July 16, 1998, for Carpet Tile & Installation (Washoe County 9th Street, TMFPD Offices, Records Offices, Hallway, Lobby; Washoe County Sheriff's Patrol Offices; and Reno Library, Administration Annex and Periodicals, Reno, NV) on behalf of the Building & Grounds Division of the General Services Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

B.T. Mancini  
Phil's Fine Floors  
Simas Floors

Dayton's Floors, Inc., and MSA Industries Inc./Dupont Flooring failed to respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Camp, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that Bid No. 2100-99 for Carpet Tile & Installation (Washoe County 9th Street, TMFPD Offices, Records Offices, Hallway, Lobby; Washoe County Sheriff's Patrol Offices; and Reno Library, Administration Annex and Periodicals, Reno, NV) on behalf of the Building & Grounds Division of the General Services Department, be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms and conditions Phil's Fine Floors in the amount of \$100,982.55.

It was further ordered that the Board exercise the provision in Bid No. 2100-98, Section 1.8 allowing Washoe County to utilize bid pricing for future Fiscal Year 1998/99 requirement if prices do not increase.

It was noted that the bid award includes the base bid of \$66,561.30 and two additional alternates (Alternate one for the Recorder's Library area in the amount of \$9,307.25 and Alternate two for the Recorder's Office area in the amount of \$25,114.00 for a grand total of \$100,982.55.

98-910 AWARD OF BID - TORO REELMASTER 6500-D FAIRWAY MOWER - WASHOE COUNTY GOLF COURSES - BID NO. 2103-99 - PARKS

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on July 31, 1998, for one Toro Reelmaster 6500-D Fairway Mower on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department's golf courses. Proof was made the due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

Turf Equipment & Irrigation  
West Star Distributing, Inc.

Sierra Repair & Sharpening, Inc., and Simpson-Norton Corporation submitted "no-bid" responses and Pac-West Distributing failed to respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that Bid No. 2103-99 for one Toro Reelmaster 6500-D Fairway Mower on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department's golf courses, be awarded to West Star Distributing, Inc. in the amount of \$33,108.00.

It was further ordered that the County reserve the option to procure additional Toro Reelmaster 6500-D Fairway Mowers from West Star Distributing, Inc., through June 30, 1999, provided the pricing does not increase.

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 12, 1998, for Topsoil, Humus and Aggregates on behalf of various Washoe County Departments. Proof was made the due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

Cinderlite Trucking  
Granite Construction Co., Inc.  
Nevada Organics  
Rilite Aggregate Co.  
Rocky Ridge, Inc.  
Sha-Neva, Inc.

Advanced Companies, Black Top Paving, Gopher Construction, Highfield Corporation, Nevada Hydrocarbon and Nordic Industries, Inc., failed to respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Camp, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that Bid No. 2104-99 for Topsoil, Humus and Aggregates on behalf of various Washoe County Departments be awarded in an approximate annual value in excess of \$100,000 as follows:

BIDDERS	BID ITEM #	DELIVERY AREAS
Cinderlite Trucking	1.1	Will call at plant
	7.	A thru K, All Depts. except Golf Course
	8.	A thru K, All Depts.
	9.	A through K, All Depts.
	10.	A, All Depts. except Roads
	11.	A, All Depts. except Roads
	13.	A thru K All Depts. except Golf Course
Granite Construction	1.1	Will call at plant
	4.	A thru K, All Depts.
	6.	F and G, All Depts. except Roads
	12.	I, All Depts.
	19.	L, All Depts.
Nevada Organics	13.	A thru K, Golf Course only
	13.	Exception A thru K
Rilite Aggregate Co.	1.1	Will call at plant
	14.	B
	15.	B, All Depts. except Parks
	16.	B, All Depts. except Parks & Golf Courses

18. A thru K, All Depts. except Parks & Golf Courses

Rocky Ridge, Inc.

1.1 Will call at plant

1. A thru K, All Depts.

2. A thru K, All Depts.

3. A thru K, All Depts.

5. A thru G,I,J,K All Depts.

6. A thru E, H, I, J, K

10. B thru K

11. B through K

16. A, Golf Course & Parks only

16. C through K

17. A through K

19. A through N

Sha-Neva, Inc.

12. A through H, J, K

14. A, C thru K, All Depts. Except Golf Courses

15. A, All Depts. except Parks

15. C through K, All Depts. Except Parks

It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to procure the topsoil, humus and aggregates on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement, effective from approximately September 1, 1998 to August 31, 2000, with an option to extend the agreement for one additional year, provided that prices do not increase.

98-912 AWARD OF BID - EPA APPROVED ROAD DE-ICING SAND - BID NO. 2105-99 - ROADS/CITY OF RENO

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 21, 1998, for EPA Approved Road De-Icing Sand for use by the Roads Division of the Public Works Department and in-jointer with the City of Reno. Proof was made the due and legal Notice had been given.

A bid, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk, was received from the following vendor:

Sha-Neva, Inc.

Rilite Aggregate Co., submitted a "no-bid" response and All-lite Aggregate, Cinderlite Trucking Corp., Dayton Sand & Gravel, Gopher Construction, Granite Construction, Nordic Industries, Inc., Paiute Pit Aggregates and Q & D Construction failed to respond to the invitation to bid.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that Bid No. 2105-99 for EPA Approved Road De-Icing Sand for use by the Roads Division of the Public Works Department in-jointer with the City of Reno, be awarded to the only responding bidder, as follows:

Washoe County Roads Division:

BIDDER

Sha-Neva, Inc.

BID	ITEMS	COST
#1.	EPA Sand Delivered	\$ 7.65/per ton
#1.A	EPA Sand Total	\$ 59,670.00
#1.B	EPA Sand F.O.B. Plant	\$ 4.75/per ton

City of Reno:

BIDDER

Sha-Neva, Inc.

BID	ITEMS	COST
#2.	EPA Sand Delivered	\$ 7.16/per ton
#2.A	EPA Sand Total	\$ 53,700.00
#2.B	EPA Sand F.O.B. Plant	\$ 4.75/per ton

It was noted that the award shall be for approximately twenty-four months, September 1, 1998 to August 31, 2000 with the provision for a one-year extension; that the material will be procured on an as-needed basis during the term of the agreement; that the initial procurement for Washoe County is \$59,670.00; and that the initial procurement for the City of Reno is \$53,700.00.

98-913 AWARD OF BID - MATTERHORN BOULEVARD PAVING - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 26 - PWP-WA-1998-560 ENGINEERING

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 25, 1998, for Matterhorn Boulevard Paving, Special Assessment District No. 26, (PWP-WA-1998-560) on behalf of the Public Works Department. Proof was made the due and legal Notice had been given.

Janelle Thomas and Walter West, Engineering Division, answered questions raised at yesterday's caucus meeting concerning compliance with specifications for the depth of base and minimum standards for paving. Mr. West assured the Board that they were in full compliance with minimum paving standards; and that paving of Matterhorn Boulevard will commence at the beginning of October if this item is approved today.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following contractors:

Sierra Nevada Construction	\$ 628,620.00
Granite Construction	\$ 658,658.00
Frehner Construction	\$ 690,000.00
Q & D Construction	\$ 692,270.00
A & K Earth Movers	\$ 727,040.00

Upon recommendation of Janelle Thomas, Engineering Division, through David Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Camp, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the bid for the Special Assessment District #26 Matterhorn Boulevard Paving, Washoe County, Nevada be awarded to Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder, in the amount of \$628,620.00, and Chairman Bond be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

98-914 AWARD OF BID - STREET PAVING - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 27 - UNIT 1 (OSAGE ROAD/WHITEOWL DR.) UNIT 2 (PLACERVILLE ROAD & NORTHERN SECTION OF OSAGE ROAD (PWP-WA-1998-668) - ENGINEERING

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice of Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 25, 1998, for street paving for Special Assessment District No. 27 (PWP-WA-1998-668) on behalf of the Public Works Department. Proof was made the due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following contractors:

Sierra Nevada Construction	\$ 129,220.00
Granite Construction	\$ 156,156.00
A & K Earth Movers	\$ 168,000.00
Frehner Construction	\$ 170,070.00

Upon recommendation of Walter West, Engineering Division, through David Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Camp, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the bid for Street Paving for Special Assessment District #27, Units 1 (Osage Road/Whiteowl Drive and Unit 2 (Placerville Road & the Northern Section of Osage Road), Washoe County, Nevada (PWP-WA-1998-668) be awarded to Sierra Nevada Construction Company, Inc., the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder, in the amount of \$129,220.00 and Chairman Bond be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

98-915 RESOLUTION - AMENDED SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN (CPA98-SV-1) - APN'S: 55-081-19 THRU 21; 55-081-23, & 55-081-43 THRU 46 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon recommendation Mike Boster, Department of Community Development, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Chairman Bond authorized to execute:

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE AMENDED SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN (CPA98-SV-1) A PART OF THE WASHOE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, Section 278.150 and 278.210, Nevada Revised Statutes, specifies that the Washoe County Planning Commission may prepare, adopt and amend a master (comprehensive) plan for all or any part of the County, subject to County Commission approval;

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Planning Commission has found that the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN, a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, and the most recent amendment, provides a long-term general plan for the development of the County including the subject matter currently deemed appropriate for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, Section 278.220, Nevada Revised Statutes, specifies that the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada may adopt and endorse plans for Washoe County as reported by the Planning Commission, in order to conserve and promote the public health, safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the adoption of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, including the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN, was held on May 21, 1991, with the most recent amendment to the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN being held on May 26, 1998, by the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada;

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners endorsed the amendment to the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN, a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to Section 278.0282, Nevada Revised Statutes, for conformance review with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan;

WHEREAS, A public hearing for the review of conformance of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, including the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA



PLAN, was first held on October 23, 1991, with the most recent amendment to the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN being held on July 8, 1998, by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission, at which time the plan was deemed in conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan; and

WHEREAS, The amendment to the SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN, a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, which is in conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, has completed all the necessary requirements for adoption as specified in the Nevada Revised Statutes and Article 820, Amendment of Comprehensive Plan, of the Washoe County Development Code; now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA, That the Board does hereby adopt and endorse the amended SOUTH VALLEYS AREA PLAN, a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, to serve as a guide for the orderly growth and development of Washoe County, Nevada.

98-916 BILL NO. 1214 - SCHEDULE OF RATES & CHARGES - RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE

Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, responded to questions raised at yesterday's caucus regarding fees contained in the proposed ordinance stating that he has requested that their Fiscal Compliance Officer review all fees as he believes some of them are lower than they should be.

Mr. Schmidt stated that rate changes would require an ordinance amendment and Commissioner Galloway stated that when an individual signs up for this service he would like an assurance that they are not violating their contract with them by changing the rates.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the reclaimed water ordinance is basically the potable water ordinance that has been used since 1983; that it has been modified and reviewed by Deputy District Attorney John Rhodes; that a reclaimed water service agreement is referenced in the ordinance; and that he would like to add the following language to the agreement: "I have read, understood, and concur with the conditions of service availability specified within the attached ordinance." He advised that the ordinance could be attached to the service agreement to enable the approximately 33 reclaimed water customers to have a clear understanding of the ordinance.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he concurs with this idea, however, he would prefer to add additional language that would state: "and understand that rates are subject to change by ordinance amendment," and Maureen Griswold, Deputy District Attorney, stated that this could be done within the form of the contract.

Bill No. 1214 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REQUIREMENTS AND A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF RECLAIMED WATER SERVICE BY WASHOE COUNTY; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION, TO SUBMIT BILLINGS TO ALL RECLAIMED WATER USERS WITHIN THE CERTAIN AREAS, REQUIRING PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR ITS ENFORCEMENT," was introduced by Commissioner Shaw, the title read to the Board, and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

98-917 PROPOSAL - REQUIREMENT OF SUPER-MAJORITY VOTE ON TAX ISSUES

County Manager Katy Simon stated that Commissioner Mouliot had requested that this item be placed on today's agenda; and that considerable discussion had been held at yesterday's caucus meeting regarding this issue.

Commissioner Shaw stated that although he does not have a problem with the concept of requiring a super-majority vote on tax issues, he believes the timing for considering this matter is poor as it would be more appropriate to have this discussion in January, 1999 following the elections and when new Board members are in place.

Chairman Bond stated that she does not believe that property taxes will be raised in the immediate future, however, she would be willing to accommodate Commissioner Mouliot's concerns, and perhaps the Board could impose this requirement for an interim period of time with possible revisions in January.

Commissioner Mouliot stated there are numerous reasons why he is requesting a super-majority vote, most particularly, that

property tax is a tax that most governments immediately fall back on when they are in need of money; that it is a tax that has tripled in the last ten years for individual property owners; that there is a projected revenue shortfall next year; that he wants to ensure that this Board or future Boards do not immediately jump on the "property tax bandwagon" to make up for shortfalls rather than try to economize; and that he is attempting to insulate property owners from an immediate tax impact each time governments fall short of money.

Chairman Bond inquired if Commissioner Mouliot would be willing to confine the super-majority requirement to property tax increases only and he responded that he would be willing to do so.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he is opposed to raising taxes as well, however, it is possible that the Board may be faced with a situation in the future where the County may be in a financial bind and be required to reduce services; that many of these services are State mandated; and that by failing to provide them could result in lawsuits and litigation which could be very costly to the taxpayers.

County Manager Katy Simon clarified that property taxes are the only taxes the County could utilize in a "fallback" or "shortfall" situation.

Commissioner Mouliot then made a motion that the Board have a policy which would require a super-majority vote of the Board for property tax increases.

Following discussion, Commissioner Shaw amended the previous motion to require a super-majority vote of the Board with 4 out of 5 members voting on property tax increases except in the case of an emergency and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Maureen Griswold, Deputy District Attorney, stated that the next item concerns Rules and Procedures for the Board; and that this policy could be placed within those rules.

98-918 RULES AND PROCEDURES - 1997/98 WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Katy Simon, County Manager, stated that discussion had been held at yesterday's caucus regarding this item.

Commissioner Galloway suggested that the following amendment be made to the Rule regarding "Removal of Items from the Agenda:" "That no item may be pulled from an agenda without consent of the initiator; and that any items originated by County staff under the cognizance of the Manager may be pulled by the Manager."

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Mouliot, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that Rules and Procedures for the 1997/98 Washoe County Board of Commissioners be adopted as amended.

Ms. Griswold stated that with regard to Commissioner Galloway's request for an additional rule contained in his memorandum dated September 14, 1998 which would disallow an item from being agendaized for action on changing tax rates or adding new taxes during the interim between a general election and the installation of any newly elected Commissioners, her concern is that this was not included within the scope of the original rules presented, and if the Board desires to take action regarding this proposed amendment, she would recommend that it be placed on a future agenda for consideration as a rule which would be a better way to express the Board's policy regarding voting on taxes. Commissioner Galloway stated that he would agendaize this item for a future meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' /MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager Katy Simon reminded the Board that the NACO conference will be held in Carson City November 17 through November 20, 1998 stating that she would like to ascertain whether or not they will have a quorum for the November 17th meeting.

Commissioner Mouliot requested an update on filling the Assistant Manager position and certain directive positions and requested that this process be expedited.

Ms. Simon advised that there is an item on next weeks agenda to discuss the recruitment for the Community Development Director position; that she is working on a progression of appointments; that the Community Development Director is the next appointment that needs to made; and that following that, she intends on working on the reorganization involving the staff and department heads.

Commissioner Mouliot requested that discussion regarding the Assistant Manager position be agendized for the next meeting as well.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk.

98-919 Communications:

A. Proof of Publication of "Notice of Intention to Authorize Medium Term Financing per Washoe County Bid No. 2092-98," scheduled for public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on August 18, 1998, which was removed from the agenda for that date.

B. Copy of "A Resolution from the Board of Commissioners, Elko County, Nevada, requesting federal legislation from the Congress of the United States establishing a Claims Account and/or Claims Commission for the purpose of remunerating substantial damages caused by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior implementation of illegal mineral exploration bonding rules and other matters related thereto."

C. Special Provisions, Proposal, and Bond under Contract No. 2887, Granite Construction Company, Contract, on SR28, Tahoe Boulevard, at Crystal Bay, Washoe County, forwarded to Public Works on August 25, 1998.

D. Notice of Joint Meeting with the Reno City Council concerning the Reno Annexation Program 1998-2004, which meeting was canceled.

98-920 Reports - Monthly (February 1998)

- A. Animal Control
- B. County Clerk
- C. Court Clerk
- D. Treasurer

98-921 Report - Annual (1997-1998)

A. Treasurer's Report consisting of Review of Existing County Bank Accounts and Results of Audit of County Department Change and Petty Cash Funds

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

JOANNE BOND, CHAIRMAN  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: BETTY J. LEWIS, County Clerk