

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

JANUARY 17, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner*
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner*

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East 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:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the January 17, 2006 meeting be approved with the following changes: **Delete** Item 10D, creation of full-time equivalent Business Analyst II position, and Item 10E, Water Banking Trust Agreement.

06-81A WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL - JARED WILSON

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza absent, the Board convened in closed session to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted.

The appellant, Jared Wilson, was present to offer testimony during the closed session. Also present were Debi Campbell, Records Manager, and Roxanna Silva, Chief Records Clerk, Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

***1:25 p.m.** Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza arrived during the closed session.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board reconvened in open session and the following action was taken:

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, the Board ordered that the appeal be upheld and the work card permit be granted to Jared Wilson with the understanding that the applicant will comply with his probation conditions.

1:45 p.m. The Board recessed.

1:55 p.m. The Board reconvened.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, was opposed to the consent agenda as currently applied and utilized.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, stated his disapproval on several items listed in the consent agenda.

06-81 **MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2005 be approved.

06-82 **APPOINTMENT - RAND TANNER - ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS COMMITTEE - MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Rand Tanner be appointed to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee as a representative of District 4 with a term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2008.

06-83 **PURCHASE ORDER – STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT - SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS, INC. - SENIOR SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, through John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the fiscal year 2005/06 Purchase Order to Social Entrepreneurs, Inc., concerning Strategic Plan Development for Washoe County Senior Citizens in the approximate amount of \$50,000, be approved. It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to execute an agreement for same.

06-84 **STATUS REPORT - TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT - WATER RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of Paul Urban, Flood Control Manager, and Jeanne Ruefer, Water Resources Planning Division Manager, through Steve Bradhurst, Water

Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the status report on the Truckee River Flood Management Program be accepted.

**06-85 ACCEPT FUNDING - NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES - NEW POSITIONS - SOCIAL
SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Social Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Social Services Director be authorized to accept additional funding, in the amount of \$74,851 in fiscal year 2005/06 and in the amount of \$154,407 in fiscal year 2006/07 from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services to include two new positions to support existing contract services in Washoe County from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. It was further ordered that Human Services be authorized to create two new positions in the Integration Cost Center 280910 to include a Social Services Program Specialist and Mental Health Counselor II. It was also ordered that Finance be directed to make the necessary budget adjustments, contingent upon the State Interim Finance Committee approval at the January 26, 2006 meeting, of the transfer of resources within the Division of Child and Family Services budget to support the redesign of children's mental health residential treatment services.

**06-86 APPROVAL - IT UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY
EQUIPMENT - MILLS B. LANE JUSTICE CENTER - PUBLIC
WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Roger Van Alyne, Public Works Deputy Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the IT equipment purchase for the Mills B. Lane Justice Center in the amount of \$61,377.06 be approved.

**06-87 APPROVALS - TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT -
CINCINNATI SCIENCE CENTER - EXHIBIT AGREEMENT -
MACE LOFTUS - PARKS**

Upon recommendation of Kristy Lide, Recreation Specialist III, through Doug Doolittle, Acting Regional Parks and Open Space Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that a Transfer of Ownership agreement between Washoe County and the Cincinnati Science Center, concerning *Our Weakening Web: The Story of Extinction* Exhibit in the amount of \$27,695, be approved. It was further ordered that an exhibit agreement between Washoe County and Mace Loftus, concerning a Live Animal Exhibit for the 2006 spring and summer combined exhibit entitled "*The Rhythm of Nature*" for

the Wilbur D. May Museum in the amount of \$37,500, be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to sign both documents upon presentation.

06-88 RESOLUTION - INCREASE CHANGE FUND - SECOND
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT - TREASURER

Upon recommendation of Bill Berrum, Treasurer, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same:

RESOLUTION

**INCREASE CHANGE FUND FROM \$800 TO \$1,850 FOR THE WASHOE
COUNTY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, pursuant to NRS 354.609, has the authority to create and fund change and petty cash fund accounts; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Second Judicial District Court has requested an increase in their change fund from \$800 to \$1,850 to assist in the administration of that office; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA** as follows:

1. That, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.609, the County Treasurer and the County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to establish and account for a \$1,050 increase in the change fund (for a total of \$1,850) for the Washoe County Second Judicial District Court.

2. That the above additional \$1,050 will be transferred from the Washoe County Treasurer's Commercial Bank Account.

3. That said change fund be used exclusively for transactions related to the Washoe County Second Judicial District Court.

4. That the Court Administrator shall henceforth be held accountable for the change fund authorized by this resolution.

5. That the County Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Washoe County Treasurer, Comptroller, Internal Auditor, Second Judicial District Court and the Nevada Department of Taxation.

06-89 **WASHOE COUNTY CLAIMS - FINANCE**

Upon recommendation of Kathy Garcia, Comptroller, through John Sherman, Finance Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the list of all Washoe County claims indicating bills allowed by the Board of County Commissioners for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$500,021,459.37 be accepted. It was further ordered that the Comptroller's Office be directed to present the list one time for public record in a newspaper published in Washoe County per NRS 354.210.

06-90 **UNCOLLECTABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES - FINANCE**

Upon recommendation of Kathy Garcia, Comptroller, through John Sherman, Finance Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the names and amounts of delinquent and uncollectable personal property taxes for fiscal years 1997/98 through 2004/05 in the amount of \$45,049.89 be stricken.

06-91 **AWARD OF BID - AUTOMOTIVE AND LIGHT TRUCK
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PARTS AND SUPPLIES - BID NO.
2498-06 - PUBLIC WORKS**

This was the time to consider award of the bid for Automotive and Light Truck Maintenance and Repair Parts and Supplies for the Public Works Department. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on September 2, 2005. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Finley Industries/Napa Auto Parts
NC Auto Parts (Disqualified)

Upon recommendation of Richard Williams, Buyer, through John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, and Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Bid No. 2498-06 for Automotive and Light Truck Maintenance and Repair Parts and Supplies for the Public Works Department be awarded to the only responsive and responsible bidder, Finley Industries/Napa Auto Parts, in the estimated amount of \$100,000 per fiscal year.

It was further ordered that Finley Industries/Napa Auto Parts be awarded as the primary supplier for these parts. It was also ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to utilize other suppliers within Washoe County as the secondary suppliers, including NC Auto Parts. It was noted that discounts, prices, and exceptions, as stated in Washoe County Invitation to Bid No. 2498-06, shall be honored

and adhered to until September 30, 2007 with an option to renew for an additional one year period through September 30, 2008.

06-92 AWARD OF BID - AUTOMOTIVE AND COMMERCIAL BATTERIES - BID NO. 2503-06 - PUBLIC WORKS

This was the time to consider award of the bid for Automotive and Commercial Batteries for the Public Works Department. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on September 5, 2005. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Finley Industries/Napa Auto Parts
Interstate Batteries
NC Auto Parts
Standard Batteries Inc. of Reno

Upon recommendation of Richard Williams, Buyer, through John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, and Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Bid No. 2503-06 for Automotive and Commercial Batteries for the Public Works Department be awarded to, NC Auto Parts, in the estimated amount per fiscal year of \$10,000.

06-93 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS - PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM - PURCHASING

Upon recommendation of John Sherman, Finance Director, Bill Berrum, Treasurer, and Matt Beckstedt, Information Technology Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that staff be authorized to proceed with contract negotiations with the preferred vendor and bring a contract back to the Board for future consideration of the acquisition and implementation of a new property tax system for Washoe County. It was noted the estimated cost to purchase and install the tax system would be \$2.997 million spread out over fiscal years 2005/06 to 2006/07.

06-94 APPEARANCE - NEVADA COMMISSION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE V&T RAILWAY

Bob Hadfield, Virginia City-Truckee Railroad (V&T) Commission Chairman, presented an update on the V&T Railroad and thanked the Board for their contribution to the project. Mr. Hadfield remarked this was an important Public Works project and commented this would bring a great number of visitors to the region.

Kevin Ray, V&T Project Coordinator, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation and noted since the V&T Railroad was an historic shortline in the United States this would become a world-class destination. He remarked the benefits included increased tourism, economic development, and long and short-term employment. Mr. Ray requested the Board's contribution to the purchase of a steam engine the project was obtaining. He encouraged the public to read the newsletters provided by the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation that listed ways to support and contribute to the project.

Ted Short, Northern Nevada Railroad Foundation Trustee, explained the condition of the steam engine the V&T Railway was purchasing. He commented it was essential for the project to obtain authentic equipment.

John Tyson, Journalist, explained the historical significance of the V&T Railroad. He said the project purchased five passenger cars and would like to acquire an additional eight. He believed this would be one of the largest tourist attractions in the United States, but to achieve that would take time, money, and patience.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Chairman Larkin invited approximately 32 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

06-95 APPEARANCE - REGISTRAR OF VOTERS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, presented an update on the promotional campaign for registration and voting for the 2006 election. He said staff planned to increase the number of voting machines to alleviate some of the confusion that occurred during the 2004 early voting process.

Kathy Carter, Community Relations Director, highlighted the general concept for a public information campaign for the 2006 election. She reviewed the goals and messages associated with the campaign in a PowerPoint presentation.

Pam duPré, Reno resident, commended staff on analyzing the situation concerning the last election. She said voter registration was an important regional service offered to the community.

Anita Hara, local resident, applauded the early voting procedure changes and stated early voting offered flexibility to today's society.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, said the American voting system was broken and should return to manual voting, manual counting, and smaller precincts.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, said he was opposed to early voting. He emphasized more voting machines were needed in the precincts on Election Day.

Sandy Steele, Washoe County Republican Party Chairman, said early voting was extremely important and commended staff on educating the public. She stated the Washoe County Republican Party was ready to assist the Registrar's Office on Election Day in providing volunteers for registration and transportation to and from polls.

Juanita Cox, local resident, declared voting was an American duty. She could not understand why any government would spend \$60,000 to pressure citizens to carry out their duty.

Jim Denton, resident, said the program for early voting composed by Mr. Burk, Ms. Carter, and staff was commendable. He supported early voting and stated when done in an effective manner, it increased participatory democracy and saved tax dollars in terms of absentee voting.

Commissioner Humke suggested instituting a "Take your child to vote program," through the Washoe County School District. He said, with the closures of schools on Election Day, this could be a positive approach for students to witness the voting process. Ms. Carter agreed. In response to Commissioner Humke, Mr. Burk replied the first election to use early voting was the 1996 election. Commissioner Humke inquired if an express line could be incorporated for the elderly or infirm. Mr. Burk replied staff planned on expediting this for the upcoming election.

Commissioner Weber asked if dates had been designated for early voting. Mr. Burk replied early voting was set to begin the third Saturday before each election and continue through to the Friday before the election.

Commissioner Larkin suggested some of the newly acquired voting machines be placed in non-governmental locations. Mr. Burk replied the major location for voter turnouts were the Registrar's Office and Park Lane Mall. He said to place machines in other locations would be expensive because a line would have to be placed into each destination costing a minimum of \$2,500.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if staffing would be increased. Mr. Burk said additional staff would be available to help manage each polling location. Commissioner Sferrazza believed turnout would be low for this election, but additional staff could help alleviate the long lines. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if candidate information provided to voters would be funded with taxpayer dollars; and, if so, he would like that information available in printed form and mailed. Commissioner Sferrazza said he would like to do away with the selling of names for the public and provide it free for political parties. He noted it should be provided without charge for everyone.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Mr. Burk replied, as a result of the 2000 presidential election, the new system convinced people of integrity, accountability, and openness.

Chairman Larkin suggested placing times and locations of early voting on the sample ballots. Mr. Burk commented that was already done; however, it needed to be simplified to fit on the sample ballot.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, noted all of the machines and votes were locked down each night and witnessed by several people. She added an independent review occurred concerning tallying and reconciliation for every vote, machine, precinct and polling place.

Commissioner Galloway commended Mr. Burk for reversing any trend of doubt in the County's system. He said he did not condone publishing the personal views or campaign rhetoric of people, who may have only paid \$100 to file as a protest candidate, at taxpayer expense.

Commissioner Sferrazza said, if the County publicly subsidized a campaign to bring voters to the polls, the County should provide the information at taxpayer expense. He stated he would not vote for one without the other. Commissioner Sferrazza said to deny any candidate the access to a voter list provided to the parties was a denial of equal protection. He commented he could not support a system to increase voter turnout using taxpayer dollars without providing the opportunity for the candidates to speak to the voters.

Commissioner Humke moved that the Registrar's update be supported on the promotional campaign for registration and voting for the 2006 election; including, but not limited to the resources to commit to early voting and budget. He further moved that the suggested amount of \$60,000 to the Community Relations Department and the Election Division be specifically mentioned. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he would vote against the motion since it did not include informing voters or allowing candidates to reach voters in a non-partisan fashion.

On call for the question, the motion passed on a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no."

06-96 RESOLUTION - WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, suggested local businesses close on Election Day as well as the schools, to allow citizens the opportunity to make it to the polls in a timely manner.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Washoe County recognizes that the tremendous growth in new voters and precincts over the last five years has made finding adequate polling places to conduct elections ever more difficult; and

WHEREAS, The County is now mandated to use new touch-screen technology that requires an increased amount of space and electrical outlets within each polling place and poses new challenges to the right of every voter to cast a secret ballot; and

WHEREAS, The schools of Washoe County constitute the majority of locations used as polling places on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County School District has responded to these needs by agreeing to combine two existing half-day "Professional Development Days" into one day and place that day on the date of the 2006 General Election; and

WHEREAS, This action will now make Washoe County the first County in Nevada to hold a General Election at school locations when students are not present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Washoe County, thank the Board and staff of the Washoe County School District for this remarkable example of cooperation between local governments and commend the Washoe County School District for this act of good citizenship in behalf of the voters of Washoe County.

06-97 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, read a statement advising the Open Meeting Law does not require a public body to tolerate comments that are willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks. Section 8.05 of the Nevada Open Meeting Law Manual states that the Chair of a public body may, without the vote of the public body, declare a recess to remove a person who is disrupting the meeting.

Judge Peter Breen, District Court, said he was disturbed by the criticism he witnessed towards the Commission during a recent meeting. He commented the County Commission and staff had always been generous to the Specialty Courts.

Robert Cameron, Reno resident, suggested any new or approved developments should have an adequate number of firefighters and emergency equipment readily available.

Guy Felton, local resident, voiced his opinion on American government.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, spoke on the attempt of the Board to remove him from the Board of Equalization following the 2005 season.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said he was upset about the camera angles used for certain individuals who spoke during public comment.

Katherine Snedigar, local resident, said not one word of the Washoe County Development Code applied to her. Ms. Snedigar noted she was a private citizen who used her private property for personal use, which was not open to the general public.

Juanita Cox, local resident, commented the Community Development Department Code Enforcement officers and the Development Code were in violation of citizen rights.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Larkin noted the Washoe County 2006 Services Guide was currently available in the Manager's Office and local libraries.

Commissioner Galloway commented he was appreciative of staff for the follow-up issues concerning the New Year's flood.

Commissioner Sferrazza said staff did not advise Sierra Nevada Community Access Television (SNCAT) on camera angles. He requested a ratio study of Washoe County showing a percentage of the fair market value of homes being sold in the County. Commissioner Sferrazza reported he attended the Martin Luther King Jr. dinner.

Commissioner Humke reported he attended the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society for the celebration of Rosa Parks and the annual Martin Luther King Jr. dinner.

06-98 APPEARANCE - WASTE MANAGEMENT

Earl Roberts, Fleet Optimization Manager, presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the new pick-up schedules for garbage collection. He explained the new charges and notification chronology for customers.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Roberts said Incline Village was not affected by the change.

Commissioner Humke commended Waste Management for providing their customers information in advance.

06-99 REPORT - WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING - SENIOR SERVICES

Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, reported on the White House Conference on Aging she attended in Washington D.C. She said the theme of the Conference, "Aging of Today and Tomorrow," was focused towards baby-boomers. She reviewed the resolutions presented at the Conference listed in the agenda memorandum, dated December 28, 2005. Ms. Bobba requested direction on how to proceed forward, in terms of advocacy, for the County.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Ms. Bobba explained the Policy Committee made the decision to consider the top 50 resolutions and then the top 10 resolutions would be forwarded to President Bush.

Commissioner Sferrazza indicated some people were unhappy with the process and were excluded from speaking. He asked if President Bush had attended. Ms. Bobba replied the President chose not to attend and added he was the first President not to attend this event. She said the process for speaking was very restrictive for delegates.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, suggested supporting the top 50 resolutions the Policy Committee recommended, and further direction be given through the Strategic Planning Process. Ms. Singlaub noted the Board could consider resolutions appropriate to support advocacy after looking at the strategic priorities.

Commissioner Galloway inquired why some resolutions received a low number of votes. Ms. Bobba explained the vote count was an attempt by some delegates to place their issues as a priority, so they made an active choice not to vote for all 50 resolutions. Commissioner Galloway supported the idea of having staff research resolutions that fit the County's Strategic Plan and check them for feasibility.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested input from the Senior Services Advisory Board.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Bobba, through John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that staff be directed to screen the resolutions and return to the Board with recommendations on which Resolutions would be appropriate at the local level, consistent with the Strategic Plan, and feasible. It was further ordered this process be conducted with the advice of the Senior Services Advisory Board.

06-100 TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN - MANAGER

Matt Beckstedt, Information Technology Director, said the Board hired the consultant firm of Pacific Technologies Inc., (PTI) to conduct a Countywide Strategic Plan. He said the strategy was reviewed by the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC), which was planning to meet and discuss the next steps.

Dan Borgan and Mike Silverman, PTI representatives, presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Technology Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Galloway asked if PTI endorsed the County obtaining certification by the International Standards Committee for disaster recovery. Mr. Borgan replied sometimes certifying bodies could get caught up in minutia. He said it would be important to carry out a due diligence involving the more critical business services that needed to continue.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Mr. Borgan replied a survey was distributed to other Counties; however, some chose not to respond.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, reported the Project Steering Committee developed the chart and signed off on it.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Singlaub, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Washoe County Technology Strategic Plan be accepted. It was further ordered the Plan be referred back to ITAC for discussion and consensus regarding the recommended strategies which ITAC would forward back to the Board for future action. It was noted that ITAC consider meeting the International Standards Organization for disaster recovery.

5:17 p.m. The Board recessed.

5:52 p.m. The Board reconvened.

**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES/BILL DRAFT REQUESTS -
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, noted this would be a standing item on future agendas. She acknowledged there were no issues to discuss at the present time.

**06-101 PURCHASE - FURNITURE - MILLS B. LANE JUSTICE CENTER
- PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Roger Van Alyne, Public Works Deputy Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman

Larkin ordered that the furniture purchase for the Mills B. Lane Justice Center utilizing an existing State of Nevada contract with Kahl Commercial Interiors, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 be approved.

06-102 DISCUSSION - PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Robert Cameron, local resident, said everyone's opinion was important and suggested all speakers be given the same amount of time.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, believed there should be a time definite for public comment.

Juanita Cox, local resident, said the one-minute rule was unfair and violated the Equal Protection Law under the 14th Amendment. She noted equal time should be allotted for all public speakers.

Commissioner Sferrazza suggested a process be established to be followed when the Chairman found a speaker to be disruptive. He read a recommendation, that was placed on file with the Clerk, and suggested a flat two-minute rule.

Commissioner Galloway said some speakers repeat the same comments over and over and feel obligated to comment on all items on the agenda. He said, if the rule was not abused, the Board would not have to be addressing the problem. Commissioner Galloway supported a flat two-minute rule.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, said she researched how the public comment rule came to be and said it was permissible to give everyone the same amount of time.

Chairman Larkin indicated he was interested in an early resolution on this issue. He said the Board needed direction for the remainder of the year. He did not support a quasijudicial appellant ruling on matters dealing with public comment and favored a two-minute rule.

Commissioner Weber said a two-minute time rule may be the appropriate manner.

Further discussion ensued concerning the appropriate time allowable for public comment on agenda items, public hearings, and appeals.

Ms. Foster remarked the Board should include an amount of time for individuals who were not the appellant or the applicant commenting during a public hearing. She said that the agenda should reflect the Board's action. Ms. Foster was concerned a different rule, not fully explained, would get into a quagmire when the Board had not advised the public.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that a policy concerning public comments on agenda items being restricted to a maximum of two minutes be adopted. It was further ordered that the policy did not rule out subsequent questions from Board members to staff or the public who addressed the Board after the two minutes ended and it did not apply to appellants or respondents in an appeal. It was noted that when the Chairman interrupted a speaker, the Chair would explain why the statement was improper.

06-103 DISCUSSION - SCR 26 SUBCOMMITTEE - WATER RESOURCES

Steve Bradhurst, Water Resources Director, reviewed the staff report and attachments dated January 17, 2006. He said, during the first meeting of the SCR 26 subcommittee, staff requested interested water entities in Washoe County provide the subcommittee recommendations regarding management models for an entity that would be responsible for water resource acquisition, management, and conservation. Mr. Bradhurst stated the Board instructed staff to provide information on what the entity would do involving water resource acquisition, management, conservation, the construction of mega-structures, and information on how the entity would receive oversight. He said staff prepared background information on those topics that were provided in attachments A, B, C, and D in the staff report. He said the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) and the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) recommended an entity with functions similar to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA). Mr. Bradhurst stated, at the January 12, 2006 Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) meeting, a consolidation of TMWA and Washoe County for water acquisition development was recommended. He said a new entity responsible for water resource acquisition, conservation, and management would make sense.

Steve Cohen, STMGID Chairman, reinforced STMGID's stance on consensus. He suggested the County stand united with SVGID and STMGID before the SCR 26 subcommittee.

Jim Ainsworth, SVGID Chairman, said consensus was important to them. He said it was difficult being a small utility and not having a vote on what was happening in the area. Mr. Ainsworth stated, even though SVGID bought wholesale from TMWA, it was handled through their facility, tanks, and lines.

Diana Langs, SVGID, said the SNWA model was appropriate. She said the purveyors were wholesale purveyors; and there were two GID's involved in that group.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, said he was opposed to any state mandated single authoritarian body covering water activities. He said this organization should be consensus and advisory only. Mr. Schmidt was opposed to any mandated surrender of privately held water rights.

Robert Cameron, local resident, was not in favor of one entity. He felt all development should go before the County or TMWA to receive full approval.

Chairman Larkin said staff was seeking the intent of the Board. He said the Board was not discussing the purveyor portion; however, water acquisition, development, and management methods should be conveyed to the SCR 26 subcommittee.

Commissioner Humke asked if anyone was still suggesting a consolidation of purveyors. Mr. Bradhurst replied TMWA recommended a new entity by way of joint powers authority. Commissioner Humke stated, if there were a new entity, it should be a Washoe County entity.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said staff suggested a single entity would be desirable for those functions, but not a new entity. She said, based on all of the problems brought before the Board by citizens, a single entity could be an improvement over the situation the County had now.

Commissioner Sferrazza was concerned that one entity would acquire water rights. He said the recommendation of TMWA was Model 4, as listed in the attachments; but, unlike Washoe County and TMWA, the discussion said STMGID and SVGID would not be part of that. He did not support the SNWA as the great model since it had some inherent problems; however, he did not oppose an alternate entity to acquire water rights. He stated TMWA did that now, and Washoe County acquired them from TMWA.

Commissioner Galloway said the Legislature was determined there would be some kind of super-structure regarding the acquisition and management of water rights. He said, if the County was silent on management and oversight issues, that silence could be seen as an action. He would favor the County requesting the following: inclusion of all entities listed in the staff report, consensus, and oversight. He urged the Board to support those issues.

Ms. Singlaub clarified staff was not proposing the four options presented by TMWA. She said SVGID and STMGID supported a SNWA type model with consensus and inclusion of the GID's within the Flood Model Decision Structure. Ms. Singlaub added the SCR 26 subcommittee would craft a bill draft request, and the Legislature would be the final authority.

Chairman Larkin said there was an appetite to move toward an entity where water acquisition development, management, and functions occur within that entity. He did not believe there was general agreement on the management model. Chairman Larkin said he could not embrace a suggestion without a thorough elaboration from the SNWA. He stated he was in favor of inclusion, acquisition, and development management in a single entity.

Commissioner Sferrazza suggested placing the County in charge of TMWA or advising that Board to meet the criteria.

Commissioner Galloway suggested an agency that acquired and managed water resources that included the management of a super-structure, the two GID's, the County, and the Cities of Reno and Sparks. He moved that the Board send the consensus recommendation to the Legislature, and then come back to the issue after the Board learned how the SNWA worked. Commissioner Humke seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza could not support the SNWA model at this time because it was directly diametrically opposed to what this motion said. He said there was no governmental entity on the SNWA, only utilities. Commissioner Sferrazza said it was different from what was being proposed in the motion.

On call for the question the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

06-104 COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Correction to Agenda Item 8J(2) from the December 20, 2005 BCC meeting, award of bid for NEAX 2400 Telephone System Cards and Terminal Equipment. The bid number should be 2511-06, not 2411-06, and the amount of the award \$68,287.70, not \$65,287.70. (See Minute Item Number 05-1331.)

- B. Notice of Intent to Annex Land into the City of Sparks dated December 23, 2005 to annex 610.39 acres of land, generally located south of La Posada Drive, west of Cimarron Planned Development, north of Pioneer Meadows Planned Development and east of the Pyramid Lake Highway, Washoe County, into the City of Sparks, and a copy of Bill No. 2482 introducing the proposed Ordinance. The public hearing on Bill No. 2480 was scheduled for the Council meeting held on January 9, 2006. (Copy of Documents sent to Community Development on December 28, 2005.)

- C. Notice of Completion between Washoe County Department of Water Resources, Utility Services Division, and B.M.S.W., Inc., State Contractor's License No. 36911/369112, for the Lemmon Valley Water System Improvements, Heppner Waterline Extension

– Phase 4. The Notice was filed with the Washoe County Recorder on December 5, 2005.

- D. Resolution to Augment the 2005-06 Budget of the Washoe County School District and schedules indicating the changes made to the Final Budget as a result of the augmentation.

06-105 REPORTS – ANNUAL (Fiscal Year 2004-2005)

- A. Incline Village General Improvement District
- B. Reno-Tahoe International Airport

06-106 REPORTS – MONTHLY (November 2005)

- A. County Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, County Clerk
and Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by
Stacy Gonzales
Deputy County Clerk*