

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

JANUARY 5, 2009

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
David Humke, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
John Breternitz, Commissioner-Elect

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

ABSENT:

Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:38 a.m. in special 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:

County Manager Katy Simon stated: "The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings."

09-0001 AGENDA ITEM 3

Agenda Subject: "Approval of the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners' meeting of January 5, 2009, including consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists."

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke on his approval of the agenda item and his disapproval of two-minute time rule for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 3 be approved.

09-0002 AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Oath of office for newly elected officials.”

Amy Harvey, Washoe County Clerk, stated Reno Justice of the Peace Pete Sferrazza would be sworn in first and then he would administer the oath to the newly elected commissioners. Ms. Harvey administered the oath to Judge Sferrazza.

Judge Sferrazza then administered the oath to Kitty Jung, Commissioner, John Breternitz, Commissioner, and Robert Larkin, Commissioner.

Judge Sferrazza next administered the oath of office to the newly elected representatives for the General Improvement Districts (GID): Ted Fuller, Incline Village GID; John Vander Meer, Palomino Valley GID; David Kennedy, Palomino Valley GID; Linda Woodland, Sun Valley GID; Robert Fink, Sun Valley GID; Margaret Reinhardt, Sun Valley GID; and, Steve Cohen, South Truckee Meadows GID.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne congratulated the individuals on the election and stated his concerns regarding Nevada’s voting system.

09-0003 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Election of Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.”

Commissioner Jung nominated Commissioner Humke as Chairman. She thanked Chairman Larkin for his service as past Chairman.

Commissioner Humke accepted the nomination. Chairman Larkin stated it had been a grand three years serving as Chairman. He expressed that the County was facing tougher times and thought Commissioner Humke would bring new energy to the Board.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne recommended Commissioner Humke as the Chairman.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Commissioner Humke be the new Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Humke assumed the gavel.

09-0004 AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Election of Vice Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.”

Commissioner Larkin nominated Bonnie Weber as Vice Chairperson.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Humke ordered that Commissioner Weber serve as Vice Chairperson of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

09-0005 AGENDA ITEM 7 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Michael Jacobus thanked the Board for their work on the Rancho San Rafael Park last year.

Garth Elliott congratulated all and stated he hoped that 2009 would be better than 2008. He also requested that the Board reconsider extending the public comment time limit to three minutes.

Sam Dehne discussed his concerns about how the Board meetings were conducted.

Chairman Humke recognized all other elected officials that were in attendance.

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9:08 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, the meeting was adjourned.

DAVID HUMKE, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Jaime Delleria, Deputy County Clerk*