

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT**

FRIDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 23, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkgigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Stacey Brownfield, Special Deputy County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:36 a.m. for a Local Government Summit at the Henderson Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, 200 S. Water Street, Henderson, Nevada. After introductions and the announcement of quorums by the individual entities, the following discussions ensued:

15-0114 AGENDA ITEM 6 – OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Andy Hafen, City of Henderson, and Lorinda Wichman, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) President, welcomed everyone. President Wichman noted the purpose of the summit was to allow all to come together and get the word out to the constituents and legislators regarding identified priorities, opinions and common issues of concern facing the cities and counties of Nevada.

Anita Wood, Nevada League of Cities President, welcomed everyone. She said everyone had a voice and it was important to use that voice in shaping future policy. She thought now was the time to address any key issues within the proposed Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) to make the most out of this legislative session.

15-0115 AGENDA ITEM 6 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mona Lisa Samuelson said she was interested in hearing the discussion regarding medical marijuana and would like to read a prepared statement during the final public comment. She also congratulated President Anita Wood.

15-0116 AGENDA ITEM 7 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Wes Henderson, Nevada League of Cities, thanked Past President Emily Carter and President Anita Wood for their leadership. He briefly summarized the following projects they had been working on since the last Local Government Summit held in 2013. He said they had been working on the Federal level regarding long-term

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funding for transportation projects, Marketplace Fairness Act, maintenance of tax-exempt status on municipal bonds, and the filing of an Amicus brief in a case between the City of Reno and the firefighters' union. He noted Reno had sustained some firefighter positions via a SAFR Grant and subsequent to that grant not being renewed they had to lay off some firefighters through that grant. The Court ruled in the City of Reno's favor stating that budgetary decisions were the sole discretion of the governing body, which he felt was very important. The second ancillary thing that came out of the case was that under Rule 29 a municipality could file an Amicus brief without consent of the parties or leave of the Court. The Court accepted the filing under Rule 29, but then asked them to file a motion asking permission to file the Amicus. He reported they did that, but then the Court rejected that motion as being unnecessary. He explained the importance of that because that set a precedent that the League and NACO could file an Amicus under Rule 29.

Jeff Fontaine, NACO Executive Director, briefly summarized the projects they had been involved with including: Funding the Highway Trust Fund, Marketplace Fairness Act, maintaining the tax-exempt status on municipal bonds, Nevada Lands Management Task Force including phasing of transfer of land to the State, a lawsuit challenging the Endangered Species Act Settlement regarding maintaining approximately 290 species listed including the Greater Sage Grouse and listing deadlines, assisted counties with medical marijuana ordinances, renewable energy ordinances and AB 239, property tax abatements for renewable energy, and worked with the Nevada Department of Transportation on the development of their road relinquishment regulations. Mr. Fontaine also thanked the NACO committee members for their hard work.

There was no action taken on this item.

15-0117 AGENDA ITEM 8 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL DRAFT REQUESTS

Agenda Subject: "Executive Directors and Individual Entity Representatives."

Wes Henderson, Nevada League of Cities, briefly described the Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) that had been filed by the Nevada League of Cities:

Assembly Bill 19: Revises the provisions governing the timing of budget hearings by local governments.

- Assembly Bill 25: Revises the provisions governing the authorized uses of the proceeds of the Residential Construction Tax.
- Senate Bill 22: Revises the provisions governing state licenses required for certain businesses such as liquor importers, wholesale dealers of wines and liquors, and wholesale dealers of beer.
- Senate Bill 28: Clarifies provisions governing the fees that may be charged for providing copies of public records.

- Senate Bill 51: Establishes and funds a state coordinating agency for the Main Streets USA Program of the National Main Street Center of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Jeff Fontaine, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Executive Director, briefly described the BDRs that had been filed by the NACO:

- Assembly Bill 10: Requires the state public defender to bear the cost of providing legal representation to an indigent person in a capital case for which the death penalty may be imposed.
- Assembly Bill 80: Phases out the prepayment of net proceeds of mineral payments to counties.
- Senate Bill 16: Reduces the percentage of costs that counties must pay to the State for presentence investigations reports prepared by the State's Department of Public Safety Parole and Probation Division.
- Senate Bill 29: Delegates additional authority to counties for certain day-to-day functions of county governments specific to health and safety issues, including authority for county commissions to adopt ordinances regulating health and safety issues.
- Senate Bill 30: Authorizes a board of county commissioners to reduce longevity pay to elected county officers.

There was no action taken on this item.

15-0118 AGENDA ITEM 10 – SESSION EXPECTATIONS

Agenda Subject: "Legislative Leadership/Government Affairs Chairs."

Anita Wood, Nevada League of Cities President, welcomed Senator David Parks

In response to Ms. Wood, Senator Parks noted he was working on a bill that dealt with the reporting/publishing of the tax rolls and the expense that local counties/governments incurred with that regulation. He was hopeful it would pass this time.

Chris Giunchigliani, Clark County Commissioner, commented that she supported SB 16 and requested that the timelines and length of stay be addressed as that was what drove up costs to the counties.

Ron Schmitt, City of Sparks Councilman, suggested to Senator Parks that an amendment be included in the bill he was proposing regarding the publication of the tax roll to include all legal notices no longer needed to be published in the newspaper, which would create a cost savings.

Councilman Schmitt discussed SB 22 regarding the duplication of business licenses for liquor. He commented on other businesses that were required to obtain a business license and was concerned why some had to file with both the city and the county. He wondered if NACO was going to support the bill. Mr. Henderson stated he had received support from both Washoe County and Clark County. A request was made for an explanation as to which business licenses had to come before the commission when their business was solely within a city. Mr. Henderson stated SB 22 would only require wholesale liquor business license requests to come before the commission.

Responding to a comment made by a member of the public, President Wood noted that the labeling and marketing of medical marijuana products would be brought up during this legislative session. She stated Colorado was having issues with medical marijuana being purposefully marketed toward children. She was not sure if that was something that could be handled at the local level, but thought it needed to be handled at the State level. She said they were looking toward the arguments brought forward to the Colorado legislation in order to make a proposal to Nevada's Legislators regarding keeping children safe and strengthening the law.

Commissioner Giunchigliani said that additional legislation was being reviewed including how medical marijuana dispensaries were selected as well as legislation giving local governments more flexibility. Nye County Commissioner Dan Schinhofen stated they currently had one dispensary and the owner of that dispensary cultivation was in Clark County. He noted they had no intention of hindering their sales regarding cross-county jurisdiction for medical marijuana dispensaries. He said anything they could do to open those door cultivations would be appreciated. Ms. Wood stated they had no intention of stopping cooperation between any of the jurisdictions; it was just to make sure that the packaging was clear as to what the product was, so there was no confusion as to what it was and making it as safe as possible.

Mr. Henderson commented on a letter from Speaker Designate John Hambrick, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He noted that collective bargaining would be discussed during the legislative session along with certain bills regarding the prevailing wage laws. Mr. Fontaine stated in addition to those two items, they were aware there may be a bill and discussion regarding changes to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and tax issues. Mr. Henderson stated there would be discussion regarding Home Rule and he summarized a few Senate bills that had gone through the process.

Regarding the issue of collective bargaining, Commissioner Giunchigliani commented they needed to refrain from getting caught up in the politics and dragged into

a fight. She said there were many other important issues that needed to be addressed such as the tax agenda, Home Rule and education.

15-0119 AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: "Overview of Local Government Fiscal Working Group – Jeremy Aguero, Principle Analyst, Applied Analysis."

Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Board of Directors Meeting", which was placed on file with the Clerk. The areas of discussion of major concern included: state of the economy and economic indicators; state of local governments, General Fund revenues and expenditures for counties and cities, revenues per capita, expenditures per capita, revenues and revenue alternatives, principles of good tax policy, property tax, payroll tax, business license fees, Sales and Use Tax, Live Entertainment Tax, general business taxes, excise taxes, Net Proceeds of Minerals Tax, other revenue considerations, and closing considerations. Mr. Aguero stated in conclusion he believed revenues would continue to be unstable; revenues would continue to be stressed and would not keep pace with the costs of delivering services.

Mr. Aguero said the State of Nevada was the second fastest growing state; Nevada was number two in the Country relative to the pace with which the population was expanding; and, Nevada was number three relative to how fast we were creating jobs. He said the unemployment rate was falling and wages and salaries were rising. He noted however that while Nevada had gone a long way in addressing the economic problem, there had been very little done to address the fiscal problem.

Mr. Aguero explained in 2014 there were roughly 290 non-restricted gaming licensees in Nevada. He said 23 of those were along the Las Vegas strip and represented more than 50 percent of all the gaming revenue and 75 percent of all of the rural revenue in the State.

Mr. Aguero commented Nevada had the narrowest sales tax in the United States and if we fail to expand it we would see revenues down and spend more of our money on services. He believed there were lots of mistakes made on property taxes, one of which was the tax cap. He said it was a good idea at the time; however, today the amount we had abated equated to a half a billion dollars and approximately 43 percent of that would have gone to schools. He concurred property tax was the single most important source of revenue for the State and even though it had been an historical stable source of revenue, it was becoming one of our less productive sources of revenue.

Mr. Aguero stated Clark County would set a record for the most taxable sales when the December numbers came in. He thought that would be a result of lower fuel costs, which allowed people to spend more on taxable items. At length, Mr. Aguero discussed the live entertainment tax, general business tax and what all that entailed in Nevada.

In response to a question regarding Hawaii's comprehensive sales tax, he stated they suffered horribly during the economic downturn. Florida reversed their sales tax on services almost immediately after it was put in place. He discussed expanding the sales tax base to include services and categorized those services into three tiers. He commented that some of those tiers were elastic and some were not.

Mr. Aguero stated he did not want to pre-empt any announcement by the Governor, and explained some of the considerations that had gone into the proposed business license fee with across-the-board increases and categorizing the businesses by size. He thought the possibility of creating and taxing a new industry, such as the sale and reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel could be a good source, but he had not heard that as part of the discussion.

Mr. Aguero stated the Governor's proposed business license fee, as it was constructed, would look more like the economy than any other source of revenue in the State of Nevada today. Mayor Goodman recommended looking at all sources of connectivity such as cell phones, tablets, etc. to see if there was potential for a source of revenue.

Mr. Aguero stated the funding formula system was broken and needed to be addressed as well as the money that fell out of the system, which should be recirculated back into the education system and not returned to the General Fund. He believed there was also a need to generate more money for education.

15-0120 AGENDA ITEM 11

Agenda Subject: "Discussion regarding Local Government Positions and Session Priorities."

Lorinda Wichman, President Nevada Association of Counties, requested those in attendance to come to a unified decision on the message to deliver on the tax issues. The following suggestions were noted after discussion by the entities present: depreciation on the property tax, adjusting or removing the property tax cap, correcting bad legislation that was already in place, create tax policy that meets the four criteria mentioned today (simple, transparent, neutral, stable), taxing self-funded insurance groups, sales tax on services, Bond rollover, graffiti clean-up of abandoned homes, tax abatement, Indigent fund Medicaid reimbursement rate, paperless sample ballots, increase taxes on non-resident ownership, more legislative activity in Southern Nevada, Home Rule, and addressing term limits of mayors and council members.

President Wichman stated that based on the discussions and suggested topics; there was enough information for Mr. Henderson, Mr. Fontaine, and staff to compile additional position statements in an effort to move forward during the legislative session.

15-0121 AGENDA ITEM 12

Agenda Subject: "Closing remarks – Presidents Wood and Wichman."

Anita Wood, President Nevada League of Cities, and Lorinda Wichman, President Nevada Association of Counties, thanked Mr. Henderson and Jo Walker for organizing the summit. They also thanked the City of Henderson for hosting the summit.

15-0122 AGENDA ITEM 13 - PUBLIC COMMENT

Mona Lisa Samuelson, a medical marijuana patient, read a prepared written statement asking for the local government leaders' assistance and support in making medical marijuana an issue of "Home Rule" in this legislative session.

15-0123 AGENDA ITEM 14 – SPECIAL ORDERS

On behalf of their respective entities, Mayor Andy Hafen, City of Henderson; Mayor Carolyn Goodman, City of Las Vegas; Chairwoman Marsha Berkbigler, Washoe County; Commissioner Lorinda Wichman, Nye County; and Commissioner Steve Sisolak, Clark County; adjourned the special meeting.

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11:31 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without opposition.

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The foregoing minutes represent the understanding of the Washoe County Clerk's Office of the discussions held during this meeting.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 27, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk (10:00 a.m. to 3:29 p.m.)

Jaime Dellera, Deputy Clerk (6:00 p.m. to 6:17 p.m.)

John Slaughter, County Manager

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. 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:

15-0079 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole."

Stephen Moss, from the Law Office of Michael B. Springer, said he was appearing on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Newell. He stated the Warm Springs Specific Area Plan included a provision for reimbursement to developers and owners if deposited funds were not used within ten years. He said requests had been made for an accounting of the funds; however, County staff did not respond to those requests and he was seeking the Board's help.

George Newell said he owned 800 of the 4,000 acres that comprised the Warm Springs Specific Area Plan. He said there was an amendment to the original agreement which mandated that funds contributed for infrastructure would be refunded if the funds were not used within ten years. He stated the County was required to provide an annual accounting of the monetary contribution and the accrued interest, but had not fulfilled that obligation. He said he had a meeting with County staff members and, although they agreed the money was owed, he was told there were some legal issues to be resolved. He believed the County violated the terms of the contract.

Ken McNeil said he lived near the western edge of Peavine Mountain and he was concerned about people shooting guns too close to his house. He displayed a bullet-ridden sign to the Board, which he said was recovered from a trail near his home. He suggested the placement of "No Shooting" signs in congested areas and the establishment of more designated shooting areas on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. He thought there were not enough areas for people to legally enjoy target shooting and offered his assistance to make the trails safer.

Marilee Wintz read a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She expressed concerns about unsafe shooting and described several incidents which were reported to her by people who utilize Peavine Mountain trails. She asked the Board to work toward making Peavine Mountain safer.

Kent Ervin provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He expressed concerns about shooting in the Peavine Mountain area and on BLM land. He said regulations only addressed shooting over highways and official roads and did not prohibit shooting at glass or exploding targets. He thought there was a need for better education, more signage and better enforcement. He suggested Washoe County adopt BLM's target shooting restrictions as a uniform rule for all County lands before someone got hurt.

Levi Hooper described an incident in which he helped protect a woman from an abusive man.

Garth Elliott talked about illegal dumping. He thought dumps were too expensive and said the County should find out why. He also commented about the graffiti problem.

Sam Dehne commended Mr. Hooper for his actions. He talked about the *Reno Gazette Journal*, open meeting law, bowlers and casinos.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

15-0080 AGENDA ITEM 4 – ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Agenda Subject: "Commissioners'/Manager's announcements, reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to. Requests for information, topics for future agendas and any ideas and suggestions for greater efficiency, cost effectiveness and innovation in County government. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)"

Commissioner Herman asked staff to provide an explanation as to why Mr. Newell did not receive his refund. She said a lot of people told her they missed having Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) Meetings and she thought it might be time those people had a voice in their County. She talked about a two-mile stretch of Jungle Road

which had not been maintained and she thought the needed repair work should be addressed. She said the people in Rancho Haven were asking to have the polling place at the fire station reinstated and the people of Gerlach were asking for the County's help with vector spraying. In regards to Mr. Elliott's comments, she asked staff to find out how much California was paying to transport garbage into the County.

Commissioner Hartung said he wanted to review the original agreement for the Warm Springs Specific Area Plan to determine the County's responsibility. In regards to the shooting issue on Peavine Mountain, he said he wanted to reach out to the Sheriff's Office to see if more robust signage could be installed in the area. He also requested a review of Waste Management's fees and asked Mr. Slaughter, County Manager, to update the Board regarding revisions to Chapter 95 of the Washoe County Code.

Commissioner Jung said she and representatives from Community Services, the Sheriff's Office and the *Reno Gazette Journal* would be attending a meeting on Peavine Mountain and asked staff to provide an update regarding the legality of exploding targets. She talked about the Galaxy Memorial Plaque Dedication and said it was very emotional. She asked staff to invite the survivors, surviving heirs and first responders to come to a "meet-and-greet" event and to honor them with a Proclamation. She reported the District Board of Health reappointed Jim Begbie as their representative to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Board of Directors and appointed a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) as Treasurer. She said both individuals were asked to periodically provide updates regarding REMSA's business operations and finances. She talked about the School District's State of Education Address and said she was impressed with the new Superintendent. She asked for an update from the Technology Services Department because she said she was having trouble synching the Outlook calendar to her android phone. She also asked for a staff report regarding the Graffiti Task Force because she wanted to hear about graffiti removal efforts. She requested a staff report concerning best practices in regards to sending staff and elected officials to meetings and she asked for a report from the District Board of Health regarding vector spraying.

Chair Berkbigler said she was very concerned about the shooting issue on Peavine Mountain and thought the problem should be addressed. She said the Galaxy Memorial Plaque Dedication was fabulous and she was glad to see a lot of citizens in attendance. She reported all members of the Board attended a summit meeting in Las Vegas and said discussions primarily focused on issues related to legislation, medical marijuana and Home Rule. She thought the fact that all the Commissioners attended the meeting was an indication of how important they felt the upcoming legislative session was to their constituents.

CONSENT AGENDA 5A through 5H3

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about Agenda Item 5C.

15-0081 AGENDA ITEM 5A

Agenda Subject: “Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioner December 30, 2014 and January 5, 2015 meetings.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5A be approved.

15-0082 AGENDA ITEM 5B - ASSESSOR

Agenda Subject: “Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.768 and NRS 361.765, for errors discovered for the 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015 secured tax roll and authorize Chairman to execute the changes described in Exhibit A and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of increase \$47,032.78]. (Parcels are in various Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5B be approved, authorized and directed.

15-0083 AGENDA ITEM 5C - DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Agenda Subject: “Approve payments totaling [\$9,938] to vendors for assistance of 60 victims of sexual assault and authorize Comptroller to process same. NRS 217.310 requires payment by the County of total initial medical care of victims, regardless of cost, and of follow-up treatment costs of up to \$1,000 for victims, victim’s spouses and other eligible persons. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5C be approved and authorized.

15-0084 AGENDA ITEM 5D - HEALTH

Agenda Subject: “Approve budget adjustments [net increase/decrease of \$0 in both revenue and expense] to the Fiscal Year 2015 Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Grant budget (IO 11177); and if approved, direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5D be approved and directed.

15-0085 AGENDA ITEM 5E - SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Approve the Intergovernmental Contract between the United States Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs and Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to house Federal Adult Prisoners at the Washoe County Detention Facility at the current rate of \$109 per inmate per day retroactively for the period of 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015, with an option to extend the contract for an additional four years, expiring 12/31/2019. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5E be approved.

15-0086 AGENDA ITEM 5F1 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve the Statement of Intent to Participate Swan Lake Nature Study and Resource Management Area and authorize the Director of the Community Services Department to sign the Statement of Intent on behalf of the County and to sign any subsequent and related documents. (Commission District 5.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5F1 be approved and authorized.

15-0087 AGENDA ITEM 5F2 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve an Agreement between Washoe County and Reno Tennis Club for maintenance and use of Washoe Tennis Center for a three year term with the option for two one year renewals; and authorize the Director of Community Services to execute the Agreement and subsequent renewals. (Commission District 1.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5F2 be approved and authorized.

15-0088 AGENDA ITEM 5G1 – DISTRICT COURT

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge retroactively the grant award in the amount of [\$35,000, no County match required], effective September 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, from the Lee F. Del Grande Foundation to the Second Judicial District Court for “Expansion of Dependency Mediation in Child Welfare Cases” and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5G1 be acknowledged and directed.

15-0089 AGENDA ITEM 5G2 – DISTRICT COURT

Agenda Subject: “Appoint one attorney member and reappoint one non-attorney member to the Law Library Board of Trustees. It is recommended that Michael V. Kattelman serve as an attorney member for a two-year term expiring on January 31, 2017, and Pamela Gullihur serve as a non-attorney member for a two-year term expiring January 31, 2017. Candidates will satisfy the attorney position and non-attorney position required for the Law Library Board of Trustees. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered to appoint Michael V. Kattelman to serve as an attorney member of the Law Library Board of Trustees for a two-year term expiring on January 31, 2017, and Pamela Gullihur to serve as a non-attorney member for a two-year term expiring on January 31, 2017.

15-0090 AGENDA ITEM 5H1 – SENIOR SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$4,055.60] for the period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 for the second quarter of FY 14/15 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

Commissioner Jung acknowledged the receipt of the donations.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5H1 be accepted and directed.

15-0091 AGENDA ITEM 5H2 - SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Accept a donation [\$1,000] from private citizen Shirley Dale to County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to purchase equipment for the K-9 Unit and authorize Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

Commissioner Jung thanked Shirley Dale for donating to one of the Sheriff’s most popular programs.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5H2 be accepted and authorized.

15-0092 AGENDA ITEM 5H3 - SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Accept donation from the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Commissary Board to Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sign Shop/Community Services, of sign making equipment and supply surplus, previously used for inmate programs and industries [estimated dollar value \$22,610]. (All Commission Districts.)”

Commissioner Jung acknowledged the internal donation. Commissioner Hartung said the equipment would be put to good use and he commended the Sheriff’s Office for their donation.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5H3 be accepted.

BLOCK VOTE

The following Agenda Items were consolidated and voted on in a block vote: 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14.

15-0093 AGENDA ITEM 9 – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve amendment to Intrastate Interlocal Contract between the State of Nevada Acting through the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County District Attorney, Child Support Division, effective July 2, 2012, extending the termination date to June 30, 2017 [\$4,860,036 for FY2016 and \$5,005,837 for FY2017] for the purpose of providing child support establishment and enforcement services in Washoe County on cases that do not involve state administered public assistance to one of the parents. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved. The Intrastate Interlocal Contract for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0094 AGENDA ITEM 10 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve a Consulting Agreement between Washoe County and Design Workshop [\$112,510] for Mount Rose and Washoe Valley Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plans (funded by Federal Highways Administration National Scenic Byways Program and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency On Our Way Grants). (Commission Districts 1 & 2.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

15-0095 AGENDA ITEM 11 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept Amendment #1 to a Grant Award from the Nevada Division of State Lands for the East Incline Village Phase I Water Quality Improvement Project [in the amount of \$750,000] (for a total of \$1,500,000 from NDSL) with the matching funds of \$1,500,000 funded through a U.S. Forest Service Grant) retroactively for the period of November 19, 2013 through March 31, 2017; and if accepted, authorize the Director of Community Services Department to execute the Funding Agreement; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (Commission District 1.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be accepted, authorized and directed.

15-0096 AGENDA ITEM 12 - RESOLUTION

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to adopt a Resolution Amending the Regional Road Impact Fee System General Administrative Manual 5th Edition dated September 19, 2014 and First Amendment to Regional Road Impact Fee System General Administrative Manual as authorized within Washoe County Development Code, Article 706 Impact Fees; and delegate the Director of the Community Services Department the authority to execute amendments to any Capital Contribution Front End Agreement that extends time periods. (All Commission Districts.) To be heard before Agenda Items #15 and #16.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be adopted and delegated. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0097 AGENDA ITEM 14

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible action with regard to amendment, additions to and/or repeal of the 2012 Washoe County Board of Commissioners Rules and Procedures, and such other action as the Board of Commissioners may desire to take in regard to these administrative matters. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered to approve the amendments to the Rules and Procedures for the Washoe county Board of Commissioners.

11:04 a.m. The Board convened as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board of Fire Commissioners.

1:08 p.m. The Board adjourned as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) and the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board of Fire Commissioners, with Commissioner Lucey absent.

15-0098 AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Scott Walquist, KPS3, Presentation of REMSA’s information regarding results of its Community Health Programs.”

Brenda Staffan, Director of Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority’s (REMSA’s) Community Health Programs, conducted a Power Point presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She explained how community

health programs were funded and said the goal was to achieve the “Triple Aim”, which was the foundational principle of the Affordable Care Act. She said Triple Aim principles included improving the quality and experience of care, improving the health of populations and reducing costs. She said REMSA, as a recipient of a Healthcare Innovation Award (HCIA) by the Centers for Medical and Medicaid Services (CMS), was able to expand their community emergency medical services system.

Ms. Staffan talked about the three components of REMSA’s program, which included community paramedicine, the nurse health line and ambulance transportation services. She said community paramedics were specially trained and helped patients follow their care plans to avoid complications and explained the nurse health line allowed callers to talk to registered nurses who could refer them to the right type of care. She said medics in the field provided advanced assessments and offered alternative pathways to care.

Ms. Staffan said, as an HCIA grantee, REMSA was required to report to the CMS. She reported, through an independent evaluation and with assistance from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), it had been determined REMSA was making significant progress in achieving grant goals. She said REMSA focused on patient satisfaction and quality of life while also accomplishing program savings. She noted the program was in its third year and said extensive efforts were being made to continue the investment by working with clinical partners and commercial health care providers. She said REMSA recognized that, in an era of national health care reform, it was a strategic advantage to lead the way. In conclusion, she spoke about the success story of a patient, “Adam”, who was reconnected to his primary care physician through REMSA’s Community Health Program. She said “Adam” was an example of what the community partners were trying to accomplish.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the 2,024 home visits listed on page 12 of the presentation were performed by paramedics with ambulances. Ms. Staffan replied REMSA’s clinical partners referred patients to the program and said home visits were performed by a single paramedic in a non-ambulance vehicle. Commissioner Hartung inquired about the savings and Ms. Staffan explained the savings were due to lower out-of-pocket costs for patients as well as reduced costs for health care providers and insurers. She said the recovery rate for transportation services was in the 30 percent range and the goal was to get patients reconnected to their primary care physicians to make the system more efficient.

Commissioner Hartung asked what would happen if a person calling the nurse health line was having a priority-one emergency. Ms. Staffan replied health line nurses had additional certifications and followed protocols approved by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. She said when a nurse identified an emergency medical condition during a phone call, the call was transferred to an emergency medical dispatcher and an ambulance was sent. She explained the REMSA nurse health line was co-located with the medical communications center, which meant dispatch happened quickly. Commissioner Hartung talked about a specific incident in which a patient did not

receive immediate care. Ms. Staffan recommended he follow up with the Health Department regarding the matter. Commissioner Hartung suggested REMSA deliberately withheld information about the incident.

No action or public comment was taken on this item.

15-0099 AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Colleen Sievers, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District. Presentation of Carson City District Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.”

Bill Whitney, Director of Planning and Development, introduced Colleen Sievers, Resource Management Plan Project Manager for the Carson City District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He explained Ms. Sievers was heading up the large task of updating the Carson City District Resource Management Plan and said she was doing a great job. He reminded the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the BLM was signed in August of 2012, which stated the County and the BLM would be cooperating agencies on the project. He explained there were four BLM districts in Washoe County and said the Carson City District covered the southern part of the County from Carson City to the Pyramid Lake Reservation.

Ms. Sievers presented a summary of the Carson City District Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). She said the Carson City District covered almost nine million acres within its planning area and 4.8 million of those were BLM managed lands. She stated there were almost 400,000 acres of BLM managed land within southern Washoe County. She described the planning process and said it began in 2012 with public scoping and included many meetings with the public and cooperating agencies over the past three years. She explained the current consolidated RMP consisted of approximately eight documents that were combined in 2001 and said some of the decisions dated back to the early 1980s. She stated the proposed RMP offered five alternatives (A, B, C, D, and E) and she briefly described the substance of each of them. Details about each alternative can be found on page three of the presentation. She stated Alternative E was the agency preferred plan.

Ms. Sievers spoke about Sage Grouse habitats in the southern BLM District. She said the RMP included actions and land use allocations for Sage Grouse habitats in order to provide a more complete picture of the effects of other resource concerns. She said decisions related to Sage Grouse were being made in separate land use planning processes, but would be incorporated into the final RMP and EIS.

Ms. Sievers said the BLM was required to consider lands with wilderness characteristics in its planning process and management of those areas varied by proposed alternative. She said Petersen Mountain and Tule Peak had some wilderness values that had to be considered.

Ms. Sievers spoke about recreation and travel management in areas designated as Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs), Extensive Recreation Management Areas (ERMAs) and Recreation Management Areas (RMAs). She talked about the difference between the land use designations and said the BLM only had two SRMAs in the current plan. She explained, under the proposed Alternative E plan, an additional SRMA would be added to Washoe County in Hungry Valley due to heavy recreation in that area. She said the proposal also included the addition of four ERMAs in Petersen Mountain, Dry Valley, the Reno Urban Interface area and Pah Rah. She said other considerations involved areas that would be open, limited, or closed to off-highway vehicle traffic. She explained under the current plan 3.8 million acres were open to off-highway vehicles, and said in the preferred Alternative the BLM was proposing to limit off-highway vehicle traffic to existing roads and trails on the majority of the District's 4.7 million acres. She said after the RMP was decided it would move into the travel management planning process, which would result in another environmental document. She explained that process would look at specific roads and trails to determine what kinds of challenges were being faced.

Ms. Sievers said the BLM worked with County staff to identify lands available for disposal. She stated the Carson City District had nine land bills in Washington, but she thought the RMP process might be completed before any legislation was enacted, which might afford some communities the opportunity to acquire BLM land. She talked about the map on page 13 of the presentation, which showed some of the disposal areas identified under Alternative E of the proposal. She said the BLM was not planning to designate any new right-of-way corridors because they felt the corridors they had were adequate.

Ms. Sievers said the BLM was proposing to add two new Areas of Critical Concern (ACECs) and disposing of two others. She explained the ACEC designation was a way for the BLM to target management actions to protect specific resources.

Ms. Sievers spoke about the proposal process and explained the RMP was out for a 120-day public review and comment period, which would end on March 27th. She said there continued to be conversations with staff in regards to special designations, wild horses and burros, as well as recreation opportunities, but it was hoped the proposed RMP and final EIS would be completed in the fall of next year, with a record of decision in the summer of 2016.

Commissioner Hartung said he did not think creating more habitats would solve the Sage Grouse problem until the issue regarding predators, like the common raven, were dealt with. Ms. Sievers replied the Greater Sage Grouse planning interdisciplinary team was working closely with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to address those concerns. Commissioner Hartung wondered about the methodology behind Clark County's ability to respond quickly to growth through the acquisition of BLM land. Ms. Sievers said she did not know what process Clark County used, but speculated they might already have a lot of land identified for disposal and readily available to facilitate that process. Commissioner

Hartung expressed frustration about the length of time it took to get BLM lands identified so they could be utilized for economic development. Ms. Sievers responded that BLM rules were strict and said the process required a land use plan amendment. She said the Carson City District was working with cooperating agencies to determine what lands they would like to see made available for disposal or set aside for State and local purposes.

Commissioner Herman asked about the proposed land use changes in the Hungry Valley and Pah Rah areas. Ms. Sievers explained there were some challenges with trash dumping, fires, and shooting in the open play area of Hungry Valley and the proposal was to move the open designation north about three miles to help alleviate those concerns. She said the plan also proposed better management of the Moon Rocks area. She stated there was a lot of mechanized recreation happening in the Pah Rah area and due to concerns about the petroglyphs, there was a proposal to expand the ACEC designation to better manage that resource.

Chair Berkbigler commented about the Recreation and Travel Management slide on page 12. She pointed out the preferred alternative proposed to decrease the number of open areas from 3,840,300 acres to 55,700 acres and she wondered if that meant the BLM was proposing to close that much land to public use. Ms. Sievers replied moving land to a limited designation did not close the land to the public, but restricted off-highway vehicles to existing roads and trails. She said the public would still be able to recreate on the land and the purpose of the designation change was to balance use and resources. She said the BLM recognized it was a big shift.

Chair Berkbigler asked Ms. Sievers to explain wind exclusion and avoidance designation areas. Ms. Sievers replied those areas were identified as not being compatible with utility-scale wind development.

There was no action or public comment on this item.

15-0100 AGENDA ITEM 13 - MANAGER

Agenda Subject: "Review and approve the 2015 Washoe County Legislative Principles including an update and discussion regarding the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada State Legislature with possible direction to staff. (All Commission Districts.)"

Liane Lee, Government Affairs Manager, conducted a presentation about the upcoming 2015 legislative session. She said the session would start on February 2nd and last for 120 days. The presentation reviewed much of the same information which was provided to the Board during the Concurrent Meeting of January 12th and identified the 2015 legislative team, members of the Assembly and Senate, and some Committee Chairmen. The presentation also included information about the County's internal efforts and proposed legislative principles, which were covered in detail on pages 10 through 16. She informed the Board there were, to date, 952 Bill Draft Requests (BDRs) of which 186 had become bills. She explained that bills impacting the County were sent to the

Departments for review and areas of concern included abatements, economic incentives, business license reforms, Home Rule and fire services.

Ms. Lee reported the legislative team met with County Managers and Department Directors to discuss the process of tracking Bills, legislative principles, goals, and platforms. She said the team also responded to 100 percent of the fiscal notes requested by the Legislative Counsel Bureau and was working on the implementation of a new web site to help citizens find information.

Ms. Lee explained that legislative principles were approved by the Board prior to every legislative session and would be used by staff, lobbyists and elected officials to guide their actions while representing the County. She explained the principles were defined by four specific areas including respect for governmental roles, recovering economic strength, regional solutions to service provisions, and County commitments. She said she brought the legislative principles to the Board for approval to be consistent with past practices.

Next, Ms. Lee talked about the Communication Policy and said staff would provide updates to the Board at every Commission meeting. She stated Board direction would be sought regarding the objectives and the intent of proposed legislation and official positions would be based on a majority vote. She said lobby staff would have the ability to make decisions on a moment's notice, if needed, and she thought the Board should know staff had the County's best interest at heart. She asked the Commissioners to let staff know if they had any discussions with Legislators. She explained authorization to represent the County at the State Legislature could only be granted by the Board or the County Manager and said legislative staff reserved the right to hold special meetings in the event the Board needed to discuss legislative issues or provide direction to staff.

Ms. Lee talked about the Board's participation in the Local Government Summit in Henderson. She said she was happy to report the Washoe County Commission was one of very few Boards with a quorum at that meeting.

In conclusion, Ms. Lee informed the Board the County had been asked to provide a presentation to the Assembly Government Affairs Committee on February 9th. She also talked about an upcoming joint reception that would be held with the cities of Reno and Sparks as well as the Washoe County School District (WCSD) to introduce the respective legislative teams to northern Nevada Legislators.

Chair Berkbigler asked if Ms. Lee was able to glean any information regarding issues that might impact Washoe County from the other County representatives at the Summit Meeting in Henderson. Ms. Lee said not much discussion took place, but she thought most of the elected officials that were in attendance supported the joint policy positions that were presented by the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the League of Cities.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15-0101 AGENDA ITEM 15 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance to adopt regional road impact fees for unincorporated Washoe County, as described in the Regional Road Capital Improvement Plan and Impact Fee Methodology dated September 19, 2014, and as provided for in NRS 278B.160 and Washoe County Code Section 110.706.05; and, providing for matters properly related thereto. (Bill No. 1730). (All Commission Districts.) To be heard after Agenda Item #12 and before Agenda Item #16.”

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Jaime Deller, Deputy County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1549, Bill No. 1730.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, Chair Berkbigler ordered that Ordinance No. 1549, Bill No. 1730, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGIONAL ROAD IMPACT FEES FOR UNINCORPORATED WASHOE COUNTY, AS DESCRIBED IN THE REGIONAL ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND IMPACT FEE METHODOLOGY DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2014, AND AS PROVIDED FOR IN NRS 278B.160 AND WASHOE COUNTY CODE SECTION 110.706.05; AND, PROVIDING FOR MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO," be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

15-0102 AGENDA ITEM 16 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance to amend Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, Development Code, at Article 706 (Impact Fees) at Section 110.706.05, Regional Road Impact Fee, to correct NRS citations, to reference the latest General Administrative Manual (GAM) for applicability, to adopt the latest approved GAM, to adopt the latest version of the Regional Road Impact Fee System Capital Improvement Plan (RRIF CIP), to define service area boundaries as within the GAM and fees as within the RRIF CIP, and to set the impact fees in accordance with the GAM and the fee schedule within the Regional CIP; and, providing for matters properly related thereto. (Bill No. 1731). (All Commission Districts.) To be heard after Agenda Items #12 and #15.”

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Jaime Deller, Deputy County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1550, Bill No. 1731.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, Chair Berkbigler ordered that Ordinance No. 1550, Bill No. 1731, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE AT CHAPTER 110, DEVELOPMENT CODE, AT ARTICLE 706 (IMPACT FEES) AT SECTION 110-706.05, REGIONAL ROAD IMPACT FEE, TO CORRECT NRS CITATIONS, TO REFERENCE THE LATEST GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (GAM) FOR APPLICABILITY, TO ADOPT THE LATEST APPROVED GAM, TO ADOPT THE LATEST VERSION OF THE REGIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT FEE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RRIF CIP), TO DEFINE SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES AS WITHIN THE GAM AND FEES AS WITHIN THE REGIONAL CIP, AND TO SET THE IMPACT FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GAM AND THE FEE SCHEDULE WITHIN THE RRIF CIP; AND, PROVIDING FOR MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO," be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

15-0103 AGENDA ITEM 17 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Public Hearing: Master Plan Amendment Case Number MPA14-003 (Nevada Pacific Development Corporation) – Affirm the finding of the Planning Commission and adopt MPA14-003 to amend the master plan map within the Tahoe Area Plan, being part of the Washoe County Master Plan, changing the master plan designation of APN 122-100-23 and APN 122-100-24 (593 and 601 Lakeshore Boulevard, respectively) from Suburban Residential (SR) to Rural Residential (RR); and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution after a determination of conformance with the Tahoe Regional Plan has been made by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. (Commission District 1.) To be heard before Agenda Item #18."

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of the Master Plan Amendment Case.

Cathy Brandhorst expressed concerns about the clearing of land and animal habitats. She said she would like more information.

Nick Exline, from Midkiff and Associates, stated he was appearing on behalf of the applicant and would be available to answer any questions the Board might have.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that the findings of the Planning Commission be affirmed and that Master Plan Amendment Case Number MPA14-003 be adopted. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0104 AGENDA ITEM 18 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Public Hearing: Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA14-006 (Nevada Pacific Development Corporation) – Affirm the finding of the Planning Commission and adopt Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA14-006 – To amend the Regulatory Zone map within the Tahoe Area Plan, being part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, changing the zoning designation of APN 122-100-23 and APN 122-100-24 (593 and 601 Lakeshore Boulevard) from High Density Suburban (HDS) to High Density Rural (HDR); and to reflect requested changes and to maintain currency of planning area data, administrative changes are proposed. These administrative changes include a revised map with updated parcel base and other matters properly relating thereto without prejudice to the final dispensation of the proposed amendments, and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution to be effective after MPA14-003 has been adopted. (Commission District 1.) To be heard after Agenda Item #17.”

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of the Regulatory Zone Amendment Case.

Cathy Brandhorst stated her concerns about zoning changes.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that the findings of the Planning Commission be affirmed and that Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA14-006 be adopted. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0105 AGENDA ITEM 19 – CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.”

There was no closed session.

15-0106 AGENDA ITEM 21 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

COMMUNICATIONS

15-0107 Execution letter and contract bonds for Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) Contract No. 3578, Project No. SP-000M(2008).

15-0108 Nevada State Library & Archives, Notification of State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award for the State Collection Development Project for the project dates of October 15, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15-0109 County Clerk’s Quarterly Financial Statement for the 2nd Quarter of fiscal year 2014/2015.

15-0110 Sheriff’s Office First Quarter Report of Civil Fees and Commissions for fiscal year 2014/2015.

15-0111 Office of the Constable, Quarterly Reports of Revenues Received for the quarterly period ending September, 2014.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORTS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15-0112 Washoe County Water Conservation District Financial Statements and Supplementary Information June 30, 2014 and 2013.

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Pending Board Approval

6:17 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, the meeting was adjourned.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Cathy Smith, Deputy County Clerk*

Pending Board Approval

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. 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:

15-0126 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Mike Merlino said he had concerns about the County’s adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Code that required fire sprinklers be installed in newly built homes. He stated construction of his modular home at the backend of the Antelope Valley had been delayed due to the requirement of having to place sprinklers in the home’s ceiling. He said the home’s design met all of the IR2 requirements with the exception of having a conforming water supply and being within five miles of a paid fire station. He stated the cost of installing the sprinklers and a 300 gallon water tank would be \$7,000 to \$10,000, not including the engineering fees. He said a more costly alternative was a 30,000 gallon water tank. He said he opposed installing the sprinklers because of the maintenance required due to hard-water buildup and the potential of the pipes freezing due to power outages. He stated the cost to inspect the system would not be a minor yearly expense. He said if a sprinkler or waterline leaked, the insulation and sheetrock in the ceiling would be soaked. He stated the sheetrock was glued to the rafters in a modular home, which limited access, and fixing a leak would require tearing down the ceiling. He said per the fire department, a sprinkler system was designed to allow people to get out of the house, but smoke alarms and fire extinguishers also helped people

do that without the potential of causing severe water damage. He said Storey, Lyon, Lander, Douglas, and Churchill Counties waived the sprinkler requirement for single-family homes under 5,000 square feet, and he respectfully requested Washoe County consider doing the same.

George Newell said he was present to discuss refunding the money, in excess of \$800,000, owed to the developers of the Warm Springs Specific Planning Area. He stated that money was due to them by virtue of a valid contract signed by the County Commissioners in 1996. He said the contract specifically stated the money would be returned if the County, developer, or owner did not begin construction of the capital improvements for which the fees were collected within five years after the date the fees or any portion thereof were collected or if the fees collected were not spent for the purpose for which they were collected within 10 years. He stated the County had not spent five cents of those funds and, by virtue of the contract, the developers were entitled to have the money returned, but they had been stonewalled time-and-time again by staff. He stated because his phone calls were not returned, he hired an attorney to help enforce the contract. He said the County had violated the contract due to the County not providing an accounting every year for the last 16 years of the funds deposited under each developer's name. He said they had only received a statement regarding how much money each of the 12 developers was entitled to get. He said after his attorney got together with Paul Lipparelli, Assistant District Attorney, they finally got a letter from Mr. Lipparelli that stated, "I informed Commissioner Hartung that I think it would be necessary as part of the ultimate resolution of these development agreements for the County to open the Warm Springs Specific Area to change the agreement." He said Mr. Lipparelli did not have the authority whatsoever to impose conditions that did not already exist on the contract. He said if Mr. Lipparelli wanted to do that after their funds were returned, fine; but first he should return their funds.

Garth Elliot said the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB) were an integral part of how the County interfaced with its citizens, but the County stopped holding CAB meetings in his community a few years ago. He stated he located the people who participated on the old Sun Valley CAB, and they wanted to start that process again; meeting either monthly in the CAB format or quarterly as a community forum. He said the CABs were a valuable asset used by the citizens to interface with the Board, the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office. He stated the Sun Valley CAB had been very active, and Sun Valley's citizens wanted their CAB back.

Levi Hooper said he was the voice of the downtrodden. He stated he loved having the ability to come to the Board meetings to speak. He advised the rain caused the homeless' clothes to get soaking wet, and he asked if the Board could find a way for them to get their clothes dried after it rained.

Cathy Foote said regarding the Warm Springs Specific Planning Area, the County seemed to be in breach of the contract, which Mr. Newell spoke very eloquently about. She advised the rest of the developers had not joined Mr. Newell in his lawsuit. She said what they were asking for was that the contracts signed in good faith

with the County be enforced, because they were due monies back. She said unless that situation changed with the return of their monies, they were finding it hard to remain in a non-adversarial position with the County.

Jeff Church said he was concerned the County was subsidizing the City of Reno's use of the County's crime lab without having even a hold harmless agreement with the City. He understood there might be some things going on behind the scenes, but he felt that activity should be stepped up. He noted the City of Reno just gave a 1.3 percent pay raise to its police officers when they had debts they could not pay. He said regarding NRS 288 reform, collective bargaining needed to be more transparent and the unfunded liability for future generations needed to be eliminated. He provided comments about several pieces of pending legislation. A copy of Mr. Church's handouts was placed on file with the Clerk.

Sam Dehne discussed items he was thankful for.

15-0127 AGENDA ITEM 4 – ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Agenda Subject: "Commissioners'/Manager's announcements, reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to. Requests for information, topics for future agendas and any ideas and suggestions for greater efficiency, cost effectiveness and innovation in County government. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)"

Commissioner Jung requested a written policy regarding having a cooling off period for a person who retired and then wanted to come back to work at the County as a contractor. She stated a couple of sessions ago, the Legislature changed State law to prevent what she considered to be double dipping. She said she would like to see a list of the County's retirees who were now contracting and for how much.

Commissioner Jung stated she would like staff to come up with some congested area proposals for the Peavine area, along with identifying some canyons where it would be safe for shooters to go. She understood the proposals would have to go to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, which should happen soon, because she did not want to be still talking about this problem in two years.

Commissioner Jung said she wanted a discussion regarding changing the way budget requests were done. She stated currently, each department presented what they were proposing and, at the end, the Manger provided his overall recommendations. She said she would like to have the Manager sit with each Commissioner to identify what their priorities were and could include them possibly having a small pot of money to use. She felt the Commissioners never had the opportunity to provide true input on some of the areas that were important to them.

Commissioner Hartung stated he and Commissioner Lucey attended the Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy (NNLEA) graduation ceremony. He said he wanted to thank the 31 graduates publicly. He stated it was humbling to see how many young men and women were willing to strap on a bullet-resistant vest and put themselves between the citizens and harm's way.

Commissioner Herman said the speakers during public comment regarding the Warm Springs Specific Planning Area funds needed to get an answer. She stated regarding Mike Merlino's issue with the fire sprinklers, if other counties could waive the requirement, possibly the Commission should reconsider waiving it. She said she had a long term issue in the Monte Cristo subdivision in Palomino Valley/Warm Springs. She stated back during the early development of the area, it was divided into parcels larger than the normal 40-acre parcels. She said 99 percent of the people who owned property there, some of whom had owned the property since the early 1970's, could not build on it due to the lack of access. She requested a response from Legal Counsel at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lucey said he attended the Chamber's Directions event at the Silver Legacy with Commissioner Hartung, and they were able to see some wonderful things coming to the County.

Commissioner Lucey noted the Governor was working with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to improve road safety and the pedestrian crossings throughout the Truckee Meadows. He requested information on the status of that work and how the County would be involved with the Cities of Reno and Sparks to make sure those crossings throughout the community would be safe.

Commissioner Lucey stated he toured the Jan Evans Juvenile Detention Facility, which he did not have a positive impression prior to the tour. He said he felt just the opposite after the tour and he had to give the highest praise to Frank Cervantes, Director of the Center, for changing the attitude at the Center and for trying to find a way for the children to get on their feet and find a better path for themselves. He felt that was following the path the Commissioners decided the Strategic Plan for the community should be, which was to rebrand and head in a positive direction into the future. He said during the Strategic Planning meeting, it was brought up that the Commissioners were disappointed in the look of some of the County's employees, but since then he had seen a dramatic improvement, and he thanked every staff member for doing that.

Chair Berkbigler complimented all of the staff who worked to put together the presentation made yesterday morning to the Assembly Government Affairs Committee. She stated the presentation was very clear and concise and the feedback had been extremely positive.

Chair Berkbigler said it had come to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) attention that there were a number of groups at the federal and state levels (California and Nevada) that were concerned with the changing weather patterns'

effect on Lake Tahoe. She stated during the TRPAs Strategic Planning Meeting in April 2015, the TRPA would solicit comments from the surrounding governments and citizens regarding what needed to be done to protect the Lake. She asked our citizens, staff, and Commissioners to provide any comments and suggestions they had so she could take them to the meeting.

Chair Berkbigler said she needed a letter from the County nominating Commissioner Lucey to be her backup at the TRPA. She said the Fanny Bridge in Placer County, California had an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) available on the proposed changes to SR28 and to Fanny Bridge. She said if anyone had any comments on the EIS, they were due on February 17, 2015. She said the TRPA would review the EIS and all of the public comments at its next meeting. She regarding the Summers Loop Lake Access issue, she proposed having an open hearing in March that would allow both sides to come forward and talk about the latest proposal.

Chair Berkbigler complimented County staff, the Commissioners, and the staff and City Council members for the City of Reno for getting NDOT to put in a light where there had been three pedestrian accidents in less than six months.

Chair Berkbigler said she supported Commissioner Herman regarding her concerns about returning the money to Warm Springs Specific Planning Area people. She agreed there should be a presentation from staff on what was going on and what could be done to resolve the issue on the Board's next agenda if possible. She stated she also supported Commissioner Jung's request regarding the list of retiree contractors. She proposed using the two-year layoff rule the State had, and she requested the issue be brought before the Board as soon as the necessary information could be gathered.

Chair Berkbigler said the Commissioners received a letter from Tina Pope, Silver Knolls Mutual Water Co. President, indicating they received an alleged violation and fine regarding arsenic in the water. She stated she had never heard of it before, but whether they were not taking care of the arsenic as the violation alleged was something that needed to be looked into.

Commissioner Jung requested a presentation by NDOT regarding what their responsibility and the cycle of cleaning was for the roadway easements at interchanges and off ramps. She said not picking up the trash made the area look bad.

Commissioner Hartung said he met with Renown's CEO and President, who indicated Renown wanted to be proactive with respect to having a healthy community. He stated in an effort to try and keep people out of the health care system, they were interested in the mental health and wellbeing of the community. He said he was looking forward to meeting with the rest of the Commissioners and then partnering with Renown on a number of things they would like to do to make this community a better place.

15-0128 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: "Introduction of new Washoe County Employees."

John Slaughter, County Manager, had the following employees come forward to the podium to introduce themselves to the Commissioners:

Victoria Nicolson-Hornblower, Community and Clinical Health Services
Hector Vasquez, District Attorney – Family Support
Nate Vohland, District Attorney – Family Support
CJ Rocha, District Attorney – Family Support
Chantelle Batton, Environmental Health Services
Charlie Gray, Environmental Health Services
David Hughes, Community Services
Sharilee White, Sheriff's Office - Civilian
Chelsey Hazuka, Sheriff's Office - Civilian
Joy Gregory-Hart, Treasurer's Office
Jonah Hadeen, Regional Animal Services
Amanda Schultz, Regional Animal Services
Amber Rodriguez, Regional Animal Services
Anje Earl, Sheriff's Office - Civilian
Nancy Mason, Sheriff's Office - Civilian
Gladys Crespín, District Attorney - Administration
Keith Munro, District Attorney - Civil

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne said the hiring of the new employees showed the economy was turning around, and he noted the employees made things work.

15-0129 AGENDA ITEM 6 – HUMAN RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: "Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses--Human Resources."

John Slaughter, County Manager, recognized the following employees for successful completion of the Excellence in Public Service Certificate Programs administered by the Human Resources Department:

Essentials of Personal Effectiveness
Asta Dominguez, Comptroller

Promote Yourself! Mini-Certificate Program
Pama Gillam, Social Services
Nicole Klitzke, Public Administrator

CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 7A THROUGH 7G(4)

See Minute Item Number 15-0145 for the discussion regarding Agenda Item 7E, Adoption of Resolution modifying guidelines for County Commission District Special Funding Accounts.

15-0130 AGENDA ITEM 7A

Agenda Subject: “Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioner Special meeting of January 12, 2015 and the Regular meeting of January 13, 2015.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7A be approved.

15-0131 AGENDA ITEM 7B

Agenda Subject: “Cancel February 17, 2015 County Commission meeting.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7B be approved.

15-0132 AGENDA ITEM 7C – COMPTROLLER

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge Receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the six months Ended December 31, 2014 - Unaudited--Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7C be acknowledged.

15-0133 AGENDA ITEM 7D – LIBRARY

Agenda Subject: “Approve conversion of a 21-hour, benefitted Library Assistant position (Control # 70002033) to a 15-hour non-benefitted Library Assistant positions, plus creation of one new 15-hour non-benefitted Library Assistant as evaluated by JEC; and direct Human Resources to make the necessary adjustments--Library. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7D be approved and directed.

15-0134 AGENDA ITEM 7F(1) – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Authorize the Director of Social Services to accept Amendment #2 for year three funding for [\$27,273 for the Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant, \$6,818 match required] from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support overtime and employee travel costs to allow staff to comply with policy regarding caseworker visits retroactive to October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7F(1) be authorized and directed.

15-0135 AGENDA ITEM 7F(2) – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve an increase in the Adult Group Care (AGC) rate from \$1,112 to \$1,124 per month, which maintains consistency with State of Nevada rates, retroactive to January 1, 2015. (All Commission Districts.)”

Chair Berkgigler asked how many adults were in the program and did the program need to be expanded. Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, said the purpose of this item was to increase the rates so they would be in line with the State’s current rate structure. He stated a bit of a transition had been seen in the program with the advent of the Crossroads program, which had 100 to 120 clients. He said the Adult Group Care (AGC) program focused on the medically fragile clients, which averaged 25 to 30 clients, because the cost of putting them in a nursing home was significantly higher. Chair Berkgigler suggested to start looking at this when we get into the budget. She stated she was concerned as the baby boomers aged, there would be an increase in medically fragile adults; and she wanted to be prepared ahead of time as much as possible.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7F(2) be approved.

DONATIONS

15-0136 AGENDA ITEM 7G(1) – ANIMAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept monetary donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of \$5,185.00 for the period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and previous donations in the amount of \$5,462.19, for a [total amount of \$10,647.19] to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray or abandoned animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung accepted with gratitude the monetary donations made to Washoe County Regional Animal Services.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(1) be accepted, expressed, and directed.

15-0137 AGENDA ITEM 7G(2) – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept a donation [\$1,000] from private citizen Janet Perry to the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to purchase equipment for the K-9 Unit and authorize Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung accepted with gratitude the donation made by Janet Perry to the Sheriff’s Office to purchase equipment for the K-9 Unit.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(2) be accepted and authorized.

15-0138 AGENDA ITEM 7G(3) – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Agenda Subject: “Accept [\$5,400] in donation for the District Attorney’s Office Child Advocacy Center equipment and operational needs from the National Coalition Against Sexual Violence (\$5,000) and Eaglesnest Community (\$400) and authorize Comptroller to make appropriate budget adjustments--District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung accepted with gratitude the donation made by the National Coalition Against Sexual Violence (\$5,000) and by the Eaglesnest Community (\$400) for the Child Advocacy Center.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(3) be accepted and authorized.

15-0139 AGENDA ITEM 7G(4) – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$1,532,90] for the period of November 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments—Social Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung accepted with gratitude the cash donations made to Social Services.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(4) be accepted and directed.

BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 11 AND 12

15-0140 AGENDA ITEM 11 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept cash donations [\$142,197.08] from the Wilbur May Foundation restricted for Wilbur D. May Center facility improvement projects, and underwriting specific operating costs for staff, travel, training and marketing—Community Services. (Commission District 3.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be accepted.

15-0141 AGENDA ITEM 12 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement Form to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for Lemmon Valley ACP Sewer

Pipe Rehabilitation Project recommended [Insituform Technologies, LCC, [\$527,996.50]--Community Services. (Commission District 5.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be awarded and approved.

15-0142 AGENDA ITEM 10 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Mike Kazmierski, President and CEO, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada. Presentation of EDAWN’s Three-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan.”

Mike Kazmierski, Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) President and CEO, said the purpose of today’s presentation was to update the Board on EDAWN’s Greater Reno-Sparks Economic Development Strategic Plan. He stated the County was involved in the creation of the first Strategic Plan three years ago, but it was time to change the Strategic Plan due to things being different.

Mr. Kazmierski conducted a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the three legs of economic development, jobs progress report, the unemployment rate was improving, attraction process – average wage, new corporate headquarters, Tesla, explosive growth was coming, EDAWN’s attraction efforts Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-17, Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) report, components to BR&E program, EDAWN’s BR&E efforts FY 2015-17, entrepreneurship progress report, entrepreneurial development success and strategy, entrepreneuriaial efforts FY 2015-17, updated economic development stool, workforce efforts FY 2015-17 (new), Community Development Progress report, community development FY 2015-17, EDAWN’s focus FY 2012-14 and FY 2015-17, EDAWN resource focus, input or recommendations, and the next steps.

Commissioner Lucey thanked Mr. Kazmierski for his presentation. He asked about EDAWN’s effect on the secondary primary businesses, such as grocery retailers and healthcare providers. He asked what did EDAWN do to attract some of those businesses, in addition to attracting the upper technology businesses. Mr. Kazmierski felt by improving the region’s image, it would be easier to attract healthcare providers and other secondary businesses. He stated the revitalization of downtown, the development of the creative class, and providing a brand for the region showing the region was cool and was the next startup community would help attract that kind of talent. He said EDAWN was involved in that aspect, but ultimately EDAWN’s focus was on the primary jobs. He said attracting primary employers generated the demand, and the secondary industries would come here to help meet that demand. Commissioner Lucey asked if EDAWN helped those businesses with their planning, finding locations, and obtaining business licenses. Mr. Kazmierski replied not unless the secondary industry was coming to support a major business. He stated the secondary industries, such as a

grocery store or restaurant, worked with the Chamber. He said only 4 percent of the industries were primary and EDAWN helped those primary industries connect with the community and all of the suppliers and providers.

Commissioner Hartung applauded Mr. Kazmierski's efforts to change the employment outlook in Northern Nevada. He agreed there was a need to train the troops.

Commissioner Jung said she heard some claims that Tesla laid off its local workers building the pad and was bringing in out-of-state workers. She requested a report by County staff on whether or not that was true and if there was anything Tesla was required to do regarding local workers due to the incentives used to get Tesla here. Mr. Kazmierski stated there was a work stoppage on the site as Tesla brought in engineers to look at changes to accommodate more growth. He said the stoppage might have been perceived as a layoff, which was not the case. He stated due to 10 other buildings going up right now, the local workforce would not have a problem finding work elsewhere, because there would not be enough construction workers to go around for quite some time.

Commissioner Jung said the Commissioners had been aware that the industrial land was diminishing quite quickly and there was not enough industrial land available to sustain the type of growth they would like to see. She asked if land in the unincorporated County owned by the federal government would supply that need. She asked if EDAWN was involved in looking at that, or would that be done by a different entity. She advised she did not want all of the federal lands, but swapping out specific lands should be discussed with our congressional delegation. Mr. Kazmierski agreed more industrial land was needed and he talked with the County Manager about potential sites that would need to be exchanged at some point. He stated that discussion should start now because it took years to get in the infrastructure. He said there were some parcels being looked at and we needed to start that process within the next year or even sooner. Commissioner Jung suggested the conversation with the federal government could suggest exchanging those lands for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.

Commissioner Jung thanked Mr. Kazmierski for coordinating Tesla's summer-intern job fair for engineering students at the University of Nevada, Reno. She stated that was exactly what economic development should be doing. She noted many of the candidates would be hired on the spot. Mr. Kazmierski advised a lot of people made things like that job fair happen. He said internships were pushed by EDAWN from day one and were an important part of EDAWN's Strategic Plan. He said if a company brought in an intern, the likelihood they would be hired upon graduation was more than 50 percent. He stated one way to retain our talent was to plug them into a company while they were still in the education mode.

Commissioner Hartung said he hoped Mr. Kazmierski could help the County with the Nevada Bureau of Land Management (BLM). He said the Board requested the BLM put in place a process whereby lands could be rolled into the disposition process so they could be gotten rid of easily, because the fast track currently

meant 10 to 15 years. He stated Clark County had a great working relationship with the BLM, so when they needed lands they were rolled into a disposal list. He said Washoe County could really use that type of process. Mr. Kazmierski stated EDAWN would be directly involved in moving that forward.

Chair Berkbigler said she appreciated EDAWN's efforts and for working closely with local governments. Mr. Kazmierski thanked Chair Berkbigler for her time on EDAWN's Board, and noted EDAWN could not do anything without the support of the local governments.

In response to the call for public comment, Garth Elliott thanked Mr. Kazmierski for presenting a lot of good information. He spoke about building a fire, and how the County was at the ember-building stage with Tesla's coming. He said the ember needed to be nurtured into a roaring fire.

11:29 a.m. The Board recessed as the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC).

15-0143 **AGENDA ITEM 9 – MANAGER/TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible action for approval to submit a request to de-annex from the City of Reno APN 554-010-07, known as Truckee Meadows Fire Station #13 and include the area into the boundary of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District--Manager/TMFPP (Commission District 1.)”

Fire Chief Charles Moore discussed the de-annexation of the Sierra Sage Golf Course from the City of Reno. He stated the Golf Course was next door to Station 13, but the Golf Course was within the limits of the City of Reno. He said the manager of the Golf Course was concerned Station 13 would not be dispatched if there was a medical emergency at the Golf Course, even though it was only a few hundred feet away and, instead, Reno Engine 9 would come from many miles away.

Chief Moore said staff also found Station 35 was within the limits of the City of Reno. He stated for Station 13, the County owned the land and the District owned the station.

Chief Moore said a gentleman having chest pains pulled into Station 13 when the crew was out but was only a few blocks away. He stated the gentleman called 9-1-1 and gave Station 13's address and, instead of Station 13's crew being dispatched, Reno Engine 9 was dispatched from six miles away.

Chief Moore said if this item was approved, the Sierra Sage Golf Course, Station 13 and Station 35 would be taken to the City of Reno to request de-annexation.

12:47 p.m. Commissioner Jung left the meeting.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

12:48 p.m. The Board recessed as the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and remained convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC).

1:05 p.m. The Board recessed as the Board of Fire Commissioners (BOFC) and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) with Commissioner Jung present.

15-0144 AGENDA ITEM 13 – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve the award of Washoe County RFP #2915-15, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, to AlliedBarton Security Services for Courthouse Security Officer (CSO) Services to support the Washoe County court security system. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Courthouse Security Officer Services Agreement between AlliedBarton Security Services and Washoe County for the term of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017, retaining an option to renew for one additional year. Estimated annual contract value for CSO services is [\$751,404.02]--Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)”

Chair Berkbigler stated a concern Richard Gammick had when he was District Attorney was about the security in the courthouse, because there were several incidents where the Deputies did not step in when women were being abused. She noted the Deputies did not carry firearms, but she believed they should be assisting in protecting the citizens. Lt. Adam Hopkins said the Deputy Sheriffs were Bailiffs in the courts and were fully trained category-one peace officers. He said the court security officers were private citizens, which he believed was who Chair Berkbigler was talking about. He said if there was an incident, they were to notify dispatch and a Deputy Sheriff would respond. He stated the court security personnel had security training through the security company, but had no arrest powers. Commissioner Hartung asked if they were usually retired police officers. Lt. Hopkins said there was a requirement that they have prior law enforcement, military experience, or a year of private security experience.

Chair Berkbigler said private security was provided for this building, for the court house, and would be for the Coroner’s Office when built, and she asked if the same security firm was used for all of those areas. Lt. Hopkins replied not to his knowledge. Chair Berkbigler felt there might be some economies of scale in using one firm. Lt. Hopkins said that was not the way it was being handled, but he did not disagree

with her. Chair Berkbigler requested the County Manager have that looked at by whoever would be appropriate to do so.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved and authorized.

15-0145 AGENDA ITEM 7E – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Adoption of Resolution modifying guidelines for County Commission District Special Funding Accounts, with an allocated amount of [\$65,610] for fiscal year 2014-15; and direct Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Manager. (All Commission Districts.)”

Chair Berkbigler said the staff report addressed what could and could not be done with the funds. She said this was approved before the new Commissioners took office, and she wanted to make sure they understood there was special funding set aside for each Commission District to be used for specific purposes.

Commissioner Hartung believed the Commissioners did not have to spend the money in the unincorporated area of the County. Gabriel Enfield, Grants Administrator, confirmed there was no limitation on the location of where the funds could be spent. Chair Berkbigler said the money could be used to add something to a park, but the expenditure had to be approved by the Board.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7E be adopted and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0146 AGENDA ITEM 14 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Washoe County or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Washoe County--Management Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

John Slaughter, County Manager, said the legislative team met with several Legislators over the last two weeks. He stated in the first week of the Legislative Session, 49 bills were heard in committee. He said 144 Assembly and 136 Senate Bills were introduced. He said Washoe County received 35 fiscal notes, which was where the

Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) requested a specific analysis of the fiscal impact of a bill. A copy of Mr. Slaughter's handout was placed on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Slaughter stated SB 11, Home Rule, was heard yesterday, which staff indicated the County supported. He advised SB 11 was a limited home-rule bill that did not change the taxing authority for local governments.

Mr. Slaughter stated SB 19 authorized the School Board to put a question on the ballot, which the existing statute authorized a city or county to do. He said that was because the cities or counties conducted the elections. He discussed staff's concerns, which were due to the Washoe County School District's (WCSD) lack of experience with the process. He said County staff met with the WCSD's Government Affairs staff, and he felt it was unfortunate this was not mentioned at the concurrent meeting held a month ago so all four jurisdictions could have discussed this. He said this might come up for a hearing before we would meet again on February 24, 2015.

Chair Berkbigler said she had some concerns with SB 19 because, if one elected Board did not have the ability to run their own elections, was allowed to put an advisory question on the ballot, why not allow other elected boards, such as the General Improvement Districts (GIDs), to do it also. She stated her concern was sooner or later the ballot would look like California's with all kinds of questions on it, and she did not agree with that type of government.

Mr. Slaughter stated the Clark County Commission opposed SB 19. He said perhaps something could be worked out, but staff was looking for direction from the Board. He said staff had concerns about conducting the elections, because there were significant implications to that process if printing a ballot was missed.

Commissioner Jung asked if a ballot was printed every election. Mr. Slaughter said they were, but the issue was there was a very specific deadline for when the ballot had to be available. Commissioner Jung said she understood that, but we had worked with many groups who had collected signatures, and she frankly did not have a problem with this. She stated the previous Board told the WCSD to do this and, if a deadline was missed, it would not be on the ballot, which was the way it was done with any other group. She said Sparks Mayor Geno Martini said in some ways we juvenilized the School Board, which was not right because they needed to be empowered to make good K-12 decisions. She believed as partners in this community, this should be worked out with them. She stated she did not believe it would be as big of a management problem as staff was making it out to be and we would help them through the process, which we did with all kinds of different groups.

Chair Berkbigler said she appreciated Commissioner Jung's comments, but the WCSD already had the ability to put a question on the ballot by working with the County. She said this bill would basically allow them to bypass working with the County.

Mr. Slaughter said for example, in the current process the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Board would pass a resolution requesting the County Commission put a question on the ballot when the need for an advisory question was identified. He felt that process worked very well because it gave us the opportunity to work with them on the wording. He said the concern was if this was put into the statute, we would have to put it on the ballot even if the background materials were not ready by the deadline. He stated absolutely we could work with them on some ideas of how to make this work better. He said for the last 10 years every ballot question came through his office, and it was a very detailed and deadline laden process. He believed there were ways the mandate could be taken off of the County if something went wrong. He said if the County missed getting that ballot out, there would be major consequences with the process.

Commissioner Hartung agreed with Commissioner Jung. He said the question would not be on the ballot if the WCSD missed the deadline. He stated he did not have a problem with the way this was worded with respect to the GIDs, because it authorized the Board of Trustees of a school district to submit an advisory question. He said the Commission was very clear about them going to the public, and he did not have a problem with this. He stated he understood staff's angst, but if specific deadlines were laid out and were missed, they were missed. Mr. Slaughter said those were the details that were not in the bill. Commissioner Jung said she understood staff wanted more teeth in the bill that said the WCSD must do things by a certain deadline, but she did not want the Commission to go on the record they were against this. Mr. Slaughter stated staff was seeking direction and they absolutely could work through this, but they wanted it to be black and white in the legislation so they knew specifically what their requirements and those of the WCSD were, so everything would move smoothly towards the next election.

Chair Berkgigler reiterated she did not want to have 10 questions on the ballot at one time, and she did not feel that was an appropriate form of government. Mr. Slaughter said he understood the direction was to clarify who had what responsibility related to this type of issue.

Mr. Slaughter said SB 37, Longevity Pay for Elected County Officials, had a hearing and some amendments were offered. He stated it appeared SB 37 would be moving forward with an option for an Elected County Official to opt out of the longevity pay if they wanted to do so.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, said a County Commissioner from Southern Nevada put in an amendment that would make it mandatory that County Commissioners forego longevity pay at a certain time in the future. She stated it got really confusing, and the Chairman of the committee suggested the LCB work on some amendments with that Commissioner and the Nevada Association of Counties (NACo). She said there was a possibility that County Commissioners might be treated a little differently than the rest of the Elected Officials.

Commissioner Hartung said regarding AB 94, he asked for a phased process for paperless sample ballots, which initially would be the option for a voter to opt out of receiving paper and instead just receive a .pdf. He stated it was not in any way intended to disenfranchise any voter, but was intended to hopefully bring in younger voters because it was all electronic.

There was no public comment on this item or action taken on this item.

15-0147 AGENDA ITEM 15

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to initiate a review of code regulations related to cargo containers and review other compliance and processes related to Chapter 125--Request by Commissioner Lucey.”

John Slaughter said the reference to Chapter 125 should actually be Chapter 110.

Commissioner Lucey said this item came about due to a constituent in his district who was building a residential project and ran into problems because he had a cargo container on the property. He stated the Code was fuzzy on what could and could not be located on a residential construction site and what constituted a commercial versus a noncommercial vehicle. He felt staff needed to look at Chapter 110 and rewrite it to have clear and concise verbiage as it related to cargo containers and other things of that nature. He felt there was too much discretion regarding enforcement.

Commissioner Jung stated tiny homes had become very popular and cargo containers were being converted into living spaces. She stated there could be the potential to house the homeless in cargo containers, because they were very cheap to outfit. She said one of the area's businesses just constructed their offices using cargo containers. She stated she had no problem with staff looking into this, but she wanted them to look at everything, including the best practices regarding cargo containers. She said she also wanted them to look at what the innovative jurisdictions across the country were doing to address another housing market boom, which could possibly price people out of the market for buying a traditional home.

Mr. Slaughter said this was the first test of the two-hour rule. He noted staff was looking at doing an overall Code review and the cargo containers would be included in that review. Commissioner Hartung said when a cargo container was in the front of a job site, it was referred to as a job van. He stated it was understood the container held building materials and was a transitional issue. He said he agreed with Commissioner Jung that cargo containers were an amazing way to deal with a myriad of problems, because they were a water-tight and rodent-tight way to store all manner of things. He stated if something caught fire inside the container, the fire would burn itself out. He said he had no issue with opening up Chapter 110 and expanding what staff looked at.

Chair Berkgigler discussed her concern about how the permitting was handled. She stated in this case the person had a building permit, but was then required by the planning department to get a development permit. She said if both of those permits were required, why were they not issued at the same time rather than having citizens jump through lengthy hoops. She felt this was a service issue. She stated she would like to see that issue looked at also.

Commissioner Lucey said he discussed with Dave Solaro, Community Services Director, that there were a myriad of issues, which included not having a definition of the difference between a residential or commercial project. He stated that was a problem because it limited the commercial and residential contractors from doing things. He said we needed to be prepared for the potential of new development in the community. He stated the County should be helping the community move forward rather than imposing our ordinances on them when they were not very clear. He felt we had not done a good enough job in making things nondiscretionary and clear cut.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that staff be directed to look at cargo containers in Chapter 110 of the Washoe County Code.

15-0148 AGENDA ITEM 16 – CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.”

There was no closed session.

15-0149 AGENDA ITEM 18 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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1:45 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commissioner

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Prepared by:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk

Pending Board Approval