

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

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

MAY 1, 2017

CONCURRENT MEETING

PRESENT:

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

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

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:32 a.m. with the Reno City Council, the Sparks City Council, the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, and two members of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Board in concurrent 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:

Commissioner Lucey mentioned the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) did not have a quorum but in his capacity as County Commissioner he invited Directors Bill Wood and Mike Hicks to participate in the meeting.

17-0333 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Public Comment.

Mr. Jeff Church provided handouts which were distributed and placed on file with the Clerk. He asked if any Nevada city, county, or state government entity could belong to an organization that advocated for political issues. He read from the Nevada constitution about state involvement with organizations and inquired whether those laws applied to groups like the Reno Transportation Commission (RTC) or any school boards. He alleged the Chamber of Commerce (CoC) lobbied for a gas tax and that CoC member Tray Abney was a paid Nevada lobbyist.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about Renown Hospital, County Manager John Slaughter, the Reno Gazette Journal, and the Washoe County jail system.

Mr. John Hesse spoke against the proposal to build Wildcreek High School. He felt the golf course should stay with Washoe County, who should learn to manage it properly. He suggested placing a high school at the corner of Oddie Boulevard

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and El Rancho Drive, which he claimed would allow for better ingress and egress. He indicated there would be resistance to the plan from the community.

17-0334 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Approval of the Agenda.

The Reno City Council approved Agenda Item 5.

The Sparks City Council approved Agenda Item 5.

The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees approved Agenda Item 5.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

For the Board of County Commissioners, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

17-0335 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation and update on Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1) and the Washoe County School District Infrastructure Plan. Pete Etchart, Chief Operating Officer, Washoe County School District.

Chief Operating Officer for the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Pete Etchart said the community wanted to know what the next steps were since Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1) had passed. He conducted a Powerpoint Presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Purpose of Presentation; Current Conditions; Current School Capacities; Ultimately Eliminate Oldest Portables; and Growth and New Development. He noted the WCSD did not predict growth but they worked closely with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) to project regional growth. They extrapolated from this data to predict enrollment growth. He stated they would work with County staff and planning commissions to create impact letters for proposed developments. He noted the developments listed on the Growth and New Development slide were all potential units but they might not all get approved. Some developments, like the Mortensen development and the Stonegate site, were further along than Evans Ranch and Silver Star Ranch. For instance, the Stonegate developer offered to donate two elementary schools and was negotiating with the County on a high school site.

Mr. Etchart mentioned because of budget restrictions the WCSD had been spending only \$10 million annually of the \$20 million necessary for critical school repairs. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Data Gallery; Individual School Repairs; Individual School Repair Needs and photo; Individual School Project Expenditures; wcsdbuilding.com; and Capital Funding Accountability. He stated the items in black on the last slide were measures of accountability the WCSD always utilized, but the district was adding the ones in red. He noted all Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) recommendations would first go to the Capital Funding Protection Committee (CFPC) before going to the Board of Trustees. He stated the CFPC was made up of six

elected officials, two each from Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, and five citizen members. He alleged this provided the highest level of accountability and transparency.

Mr. Etchart stated the .54 percent sales tax given to the WCSD as part of WC-1, along with the portion of property tax they already received, was a long-term solution for the next generation of students. He said they started collecting the tax in April 2017 and the WCSD would receive their first bond issuance in June 2017. He stressed the money from WC-1 could be spent only on capital needs and it could not be used for teachers, administrators, aides, or bus drivers. He reviewed slides with the following titles: What WC-1 Means to WCSD and two slides of WCSD Capital Improvement Program (2017-2025). He noted every allocation made for a project was in accordance with a pre-developed list except for relocating the WCSD grounds building due to flooding. He insisted all schools on the list would be built, though their build dates would depend on demand triggered by growth.

Mr. Etchart reviewed slides with the following titles: School Repairs; Building Plan – High Schools; Damonte Ranch HS Addition; and Building Plan – Middle Schools. He explained by moving sixth grade to the middle schools, it relieved overcrowding in middle schools. He stated the proposed Sun Valley school would be on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land while the one in Spanish Springs would be in a subdivision north of Calle De La Plata. He said the August 2019 deadline to open two middle schools was aggressive, especially given that the land had not yet been purchased, but he felt optimistic they could be built in time. He emphasized one of the goals of the WCSD was keeping communities together, which he hoped to accomplish by renovating middle schools.

Mr. Etchart said unlike high schools, which had not been built in Washoe County for over twenty years, middle schools could follow a template. He indicated they would be using Depoali Middle School as a model given that it was one of the least expensive schools to build, one of the cheapest to operate, and the middle school with the smallest footprint. He alleged children wanted to attend the school and it was where the community wanted to host after-school programs. He said due to overcrowding at Double Diamond and Brown elementary schools, another elementary school was planned in the South Meadows area.

Mr. Etchart said part of the building plan was to expand nutrition and transportation services. He said the Public Schools Overcrowding and Repair Needs Committee allocated \$50 million to upgrade the older schools within the McCarran ring to give urban students the same classroom experience as those in newer, suburban schools. He summarized the slide entitled WCSD Infrastructure Plan. He thanked the WCSD team, which was comprised of the capital projects team and communications, purchasing, and legal departments, for their work.

Reno City Councilwoman Naomi Duerr asked for clarity about the color coding on the final slide which Mr. Etchart provided. Commissioner Hartung inquired about the difference in footprints between older and current schools. Mr. Etchart replied

that with land being harder to acquire, buildings were moving in a more vertical direction, reducing the footprint. When asked about land requirements for schools, Mr. Etchart answered elementary schools typically used eight to ten acres depending on how many streets abutted the school and the topography of the site. High schools usually required 60 acres. In placing schools, he noted they worked with the County and developers to position schools in such a way that more students could walk to school and fewer busses would be needed. He said they identified preliminary sites for all fifteen schools and they were working toward acquiring the properties. He added a middle school would typically require 15 to 20 acres of land. Commissioner Hartung asked about the thought process behind placing schools, to which Mr. Etchart said schools were not built until applications for development were filed and the need arose. Responding to Commissioner Hartung's examples about Robert McQueen High School and Galena High School, Mr. Etchart stated they knew development was happening. He admitted they learned from McQueen High School about areas where they would not build in the future due to having a limited ability to expand.

Commissioner Hartung asked about the approval of a final map and Mr. Etchart responded they worked with the TMRPA, which provided the WCSD with lists indicating which projects were underway and the status of all projects. Schools were not built based on tentative maps that had not been approved but he conceded it was a fine line to build schools to prevent overcrowding without building them unnecessarily. He shared the prior year saw a 1.5 percent population growth but only a .5 percent enrollment growth while other years saw enrollment growth far exceed population growth. He stated affordable housing was an issue and alleged the slowdown of growth in the South Meadows and the increase in growth in the North Valleys could have been due to housing costs. Commissioner Hartung asked if the WCSD was considering renovating existing structures as a temporary measure. Mr. Etchart said it was researched but renovating a building would cost as much as building a new school. Additionally, those buildings were often located in areas of town where schools were not needed or where road access was undesirable. He added schools needed to be built to last since they were rarely torn down due to age.

Reno City Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus asked if the WCSD considered dual-track planning. She explained the Stonegate development proposal was not a complete application and had not had a planning hearing. Meanwhile 18 percent of new Reno units were surrounding the downtown area. She contended it was regionally said that 25 percent of new development was within the McCarran ring and she projected that could be as high as 35 percent. She wondered if they could plan multiple scenarios, one where the development within the McCarran ring was at 35 percent and another that would be flexible to account for variables. Mr. Etchart responded they considered that and were a major contributor to the housing study completed by the TMRPA to project if growth would be more urban or suburban. He stated they continued to examine many options and scout plots of land. He stressed the WCSD had no power to deny or accept development; they relied on the council members and commissioners for that. They could only ask for land to be set aside once development was approved. He noted expanding

urban schools was difficult due to limited availability of land, though multi-story schools in Portland, Oregon could be models in the future.

Sparks City Councilman Kristopher Dahir asked if the WCSD anticipated any additional weather-related problems and if there was any growth expected in the maintenance program. Mr. Etchart replied the main exposure was in the Sparks industrial park where the transportation facility was located. He noted changes in building code required buildings be constructed with waterproof construction one foot higher than the prior flood level. The cost of rebuilding and retrofitting on that site would have cost more than relocating. He added the transportation staff was excellent at preparing for flooding on short notice and the building would likely not move until they acquired more land. He said other areas such as the Nutrition Services central kitchen and some elementary schools were at some risk but none had ever had any water damage. Councilman Dahir mentioned a potential mosquito issue for schools by water and encouraged the WCSD to look into mitigation options.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about an \$800 million tax bond, Economic Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) CEO Mike Kazmierski, and Storey County.

Mr. Jeff Church revealed there was ongoing litigation over the WC-1 measure and he anticipated more to come. He claimed the WCSD might have misappropriated funds and requested independent oversight for the spending of WC-1 funds. He stated WCSD Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Tom Ciesynski, Mr. Eckhart, and WCSD Superintendent Traci Davis received raises despite a budgetary shortfall. He submitted a document which was placed on file with the Clerk.

17-0336 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Presentation and discussion of the proposed Wildcreek Project to be located at the current Wildcreek Golf Course location. Pete Etchart – Chief Operating Officer, Washoe County School District; Al Rogers, Director of Management Services, Washoe County.

Chair Lucey explained during the presentation, Chief Operating Officer of the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Pete Etchart would outline who the stakeholders were, provide an overview of the project and its financing, and go over the anticipated timeline. He pointed out all five entities present at the meeting were collaborating on the project.

Mr. Etchart stated the site was located in Sparks, owned by Washoe County, the golf course was run by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA), and the majority of students who would attend the proposed school would be from Reno. He indicated other partners, such as the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority, and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), would become involved. He thanked the Wood Rogers team for creating a master plan quickly. He noted the project was not just about the new high school at Wildcreek, but it included

repurposing Proctor R. Hug High School (Hug) to be a career and technical academy. The new high school would relieve overcrowding at the northern high schools through changes in the attendance zones and the addition of 1,000 seats. He clarified the names “Wildcreek” and “Hug” were indicative of location and they would likely be changed by a school naming committee.

Mr. Etchart stated the design team was comprised of The Cunningham Group, who specialized in designing schools, and HNK Architects. In addition the WCSD asked the community for volunteers to be part of the design process. He admitted the layout and exact location of the school in the presentation was not accurate or final but it was there to give an idea of what to expect. He indicated one special feature of the high school was the addition of an expanded auditorium that could double as board room, which would benefit the community and the school district.

He stated the renovation of Hug was one of the most exciting parts of the project. He said the Public Schools Overcrowding Repair Needs Committee allocated funds specifically to repurpose Hug. He noted the school already had a health and services academy, as well as programs in sports medicine, commercial baking, and human development. The renovation would provide more opportunities for students in the WCSD. He mentioned Dr. Dana Ryan, head of WCSD’s Career and Technical Education department, was examining local career opportunities and considering how the new academy could facilitate workforce development for the companies coming to the Truckee Meadows. He imagined it would work in concert with the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology (AACT) in both programming and transportation. Whereas the AACT did not offer sports, the plan for the repurposed Hug was to keep the existing fields and offer sports to tech students.

County Manager John Slaughter acknowledged the RSCVA was interested in transitioning out of golf operations at Wildcreek. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Wildcreek Golf Course: Short Term and Wildcreek Golf Course: Long Term. Some of the options for the long-term planning were a nine-hole course, youth golf programs, and a course where high school golf teams could practice, though the County sought community input.

Mr. Etchart reviewed slides with the following titles: Overview: Possible Projects; Potential Community Use Projects (6 slides); and Financing Framework. He noted the County did not own the property and he did not know the acreage or cost. He mentioned it would cost money to repurpose the golf course to a nine hole course. While he stressed it was a perfect location, he discussed challenges like the effluent agreement with the City of Sparks, unsuitable soil, traffic, air space issues, and sewer concerns. He reviewed the anticipated project timeline and opened the floor for questions.

Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee asked why the building at Wildcreek would not begin until December 2018 if the County would own the land as early as August 2017. Mr. Etchart replied the design team was only just selected, and the

project still needed to go through the educational specification process, followed by schematic design, final design, and ultimately construction.

Responding to Commissioner Hartung's question about restrictions, Mr. Slaughter said he knew of no restrictions that would require the property to go back to the original owner. He admitted the land that belonged to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land on the northern end of the property had restrictions, but nothing where the school would be located. Commissioner Hartung asked how the County would reinvest the proceeds and Mr. Slaughter said that would depend on which amenities were in the final plan. He confirmed the reinvestment could be on recreational facilities.

Commissioner Hartung asked if they planned to repurpose the fields and land of the existing Hug and Mr. Etchart responded he envisioned utilizing the sports fields. In addition to the possibility of indoor and outdoor sports, he contended the football field could be valuable for public safety programs used by police departments, fire departments, or the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Commissioner Hartung expressed concern about traffic and asked who would be responsible for funding traffic abatement projects. Mr. Etchart replied they scheduled the meeting quickly to be proactive instead of reactionary about potential projects. Part of the process was to have an open conversation about traffic. He explained having a high school on an arterial road was preferred to reduce traffic traveling through a residential neighborhood. Commissioner Hartung expressed interest in the result of a geo-technical survey regarding soil samples.

Sparks City Councilman Ed Lawson said several board members of the RSCVA approached him the prior week and said they did not know anything about the project. He alleged the property was titled to the County and inquired what would prevent the County from demanding a school be built on the current site of the convention center after it was fully paid off. He asserted when the golf course was given to the RSCVA to run, it was assumed it would always be a golf course. He stated there was a man interested in acquiring the water which, at \$500,000 for each hole, would be worth \$4.5 million. If the high school project was to happen, the County would keep the profit and get the land. He said the land was appraised for \$3 million as a golf course and \$10 million as a development, though he noted the appraisal needed to be updated. He asked who would take the loss in revenue from the golf course while the County waited to assume ownership, and if the RSCVA would see the profit generated from improvements made to the land.

Following a brief discussion clarifying the building to which Mr. Lawson referred was the convention center on Virginia Avenue, Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli shared there was a time when Convention and Visitors Authorities (CVAs) were not permitted to own property. In those days the underlying land was owned by the County while facility maintenance and land improvements were performed by the CVA. He admitted the concerns about profit and losses were valid and needed to be researched, but they could not begin addressing them until the boards signed the letter of intent. Mr. Lipparelli agreed with Councilman Lawson's assertion that Sparks was involved given

their financial interest in the project. Councilman Lawson expressed trepidation about agreeing to the project with so many unanswered questions and without the RSCVA having taken an official position on it.

Reno Vice-Mayor Neoma Jardon inquired if each type of school – elementary, middle and high – was only designed and engineered once. Mr. Etchart said that was correct, though he stipulated that, when building high schools, they would be adapting the school to the land and not the other way around. Certain elements of the schools would be moved around to fit different properties, which would reduce development costs.

Reno City Councilwoman Naomi Duerr asked if the result of the presentation would be the signing of a letter of intent with further public meetings to discuss the concept. Mr. Etchart agreed and said the letter of intent simply declared the idea was worth pursuing but it did not commit the boards to any tangible action. The meeting was put together hastily to make possible the ambitious timeline. Councilwoman Duerr inquired about alternative sites or projects, to which Mr. Etchart said there were no alternatives since the proposed site was identified before the passing of Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1). Councilwoman Duerr commended the plan and its potential inclusion of a large auditorium and a public pool. She asked about the ownership of a pool if it were to be included in the final project. Mr. Etchart replied there was no framework yet in place about oversight, though exploratory conversations were held with the City of Reno and the University of Nevada (UNR). Councilwoman Duerr noted there was a big disparity in the cost of owning a pool and a full aquatic center. She noted the inclusion of other outdoor features could obviate the need to build those community amenities at another park. She felt keeping a partial golf course was wise since another course had been lost when the Route 580 connector was built.

Reno City Councilman Paul McKenzie asked if the WCSD looked at the availability of other sites. Mr. Etchart said numerous sites were considered. One such site was owned by UNR but was on steep topography which would impact cost. He alleged finding 40 to 60 acres was difficult especially since the WCSD did not want to exercise eminent domain to obtain land. He stressed the Wildcreek site was clearly more appropriate than any others. Councilman McKenzie asked how many students in the Wildcreek vicinity attended Hug. Mr. Etchart responded he did not have those figures but he anticipated all students currently enrolled at Hug would attend the high school at Wildcreek. Additionally, Sun Valley students who currently attended Spanish Springs High School would go to Wildcreek in an effort to keep the Sun Valley community together. Students could also come from places as far as Spanish Springs, Reed High School, and Robert McQueen High School. In response to Councilman McKenzie's query about bussing, Mr. Etchart said while the attendance boundaries were not yet known, the walk zone for high schools was typically a three mile radius from the school. Councilman McKenzie mentioned the closing of three other public golf courses and stated the middle class and seniors were unable to find places to play golf. He alleged the plan attempted to convince the community that the additional amenities were better than

golf. He supported building new schools for students but not at the expense of the rest of the community.

Reno City Councilwoman Brekhuis echoed Councilman Lawson's comments about the role of the RSCVA and hoped the discussion would clarify what their role was in recreation. She remarked when the Brookside golf course was shut down, a golf expert examined the golf facilities in the area; she requested a copy of a study performed in 2013 be sent to Mr. Slaughter. She asserted more open space for passive enjoyment had been lost than golf space and she claimed the proposed site could fit that need. She stated airport regulations were the most complex forms of land use regulation and asked if there was anything in the preliminary discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to indicate there could be an issue with flight paths. Mr. Etchart responded there were no known issues that would prohibit development on the site, but two concerns of note were sound and lighting. The sound would be addressed in the design of the school and the lighting currently in use at Wooster High School would likely be fine. He said the proposed site was far enough from the airport to not cause flight path concerns, though the specific location of the high school could move based on recommendations from the FAA.

Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee thanked the WCSD and commented the project was truly a regional endeavor. She speculated about the value of some of the proposals such as a pool, pre-kindergarten education facilities, and the nine-hole golf course. She supported the general concept but cautioned details needed to be specified and information needed to be disseminated.

Chair Lucey agreed the project lent itself to a multitude of areas not limited to just golfing. He mentioned the media often reported a lack of sustainability for quality of life, jobs, and economic development in the area. He stated schools were the backbone of economic development. He assured the public golf would not be eliminated though it may be reduced. He surmised the training facilities could bring in people from outside the area like the Golden Eagle Sports Complex had. He supported the project and looked forward to seeing regional cooperation from all committees.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Daryl Capurro said the Wildcreek property was once owned by his family going back to the 1850s. The golf course designers spoke with his father, a farmer, about soil issues and water runoff. He preferred that it be left as a golf course, but suggested if the project were to move forward, they should consider switching the locations of the baseball fields and the community center. He hoped there would be much introspection regarding the project before proceeding.

Ms. Carly Lott, a graduate of Hug and current staff member, supported the project and stated she hoped it would keep its current name. She stated when McQueen High School was built 35 years ago, many affluent families moved their students from Hug, changing the demographics. That happened again when North Valleys and Spanish Springs high schools opened. She claimed the population of Hug dropped from 2,200 students to as low as 1,100. Given that many other high schools were overcrowded yet

Hug was underpopulated, she alleged the message sent was families preferred overcrowding to sending their students to Hug. She stated the project was a chance for the community Hug served to be given the same opportunity to thrive.

Ms. Janna Moyer, graduate of and teacher at Hug, supported the project and expressed pride at the community. She extolled the virtues of having a technical school at Hug's current location and asked the committees to remember the loudest voices of opposition were usually the ones who had little concern for those in need. She cautioned many stakeholders could complicate the vision. She expressed concern that the students of color and low income students were concentrated in only a few sub-standard facilities while more affluent schools were overcrowded. She believed commitment to the project would demonstrate a commitment to equity.

Ms. Kirstie Terrobias, graduate of and employee of Hug, stated a building with a broken window left unrepaired gave the appearance nobody cared. She spoke about the reputation among other high schools that Hug was 'ghetto' and she alleged there were many needed repairs and much of the equipment was older than in other schools. She claimed students who saw less valuable equipment in their schools felt their education was less valuable, something that could be fixed with a new facility.

Ms. Kelly Van Horne, who taught the four Hug graduates who spoke at the meeting, said anyone afraid of having Hug in their neighborhood had nothing to fear. She stated Hug students exhibited better manners than most and she expressed support of the project.

Ms. Renee Martin, another Hug graduate, spoke in support of the new school. She said they were originally nervous about moving Hug because they loved the community but the new school and possible amenities were exciting. She said losing half the community to a newer school was difficult and it created a divide.

Mr. Fred Barrie stated his neighborhood was being greatly impacted by the construction at Pyramid Highway and McCarran Boulevard, which he claimed was caused by increased growth. He remarked potential traffic concerns needed to be studied and he suggested McCarran Boulevard be converted to three lanes in each direction immediately.

Mr. Jeff Church asked if the County considered leasing the land to the WCSD as a way to circumvent legal issues. He asked where the money would come from if the land was purchased, given that there was litigation over WC-1. He cited the Cunningham report estimated the cost of a high school at \$135 million, while the Powerpoint presentation indicated it was \$110 million. He claimed Damonte Ranch High School was built for \$35 million. He requested oversight to ensure capital funds were properly spent and not being spent on administrators, private cars, or computers in the school.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about WC-1, government spending, and traffic.

17-0337 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Discussion and possible approval of a Letter of Intent between the Washoe County School District, Washoe County, City of Sparks, City of Reno, and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority to cooperate in the development of a new high school in Sparks, Nevada and repurpose Proctor R. Hug High School in Reno Nevada.

Washoe County School District (WCSD) President Dr. Angela Taylor praised the project and urged support of the item from each governing body. She clarified the vote was to support the idea to cooperate and reminded them they would not be breaking ground on the new school immediately. She indicated the plan would address needs across the region, though she agreed many questions that were raised needed to be addressed.

Reno Vice-Mayor Jardon praised the WCSD for the innovative project and stated new schools had to be built immediately to meet the needs of the children. Commissioner Hartung asked if the letter of intent could be ratified since not all bodies present had a quorum. Deputy District Attorney Paul Lipparelli responded the letter of intent contemplated the approval of all agencies and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, who did not have a quorum, could approve the letter at one of their meetings. He indicated the main purpose of the item was to give the various staffs authority under the boards' direction to gather data and research the questions that were raised; the letter of intent was only the start of the process.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Andrew Diss with the Grand Sierra Resort supported the project, saying many employees had students attending both Hug and Spanish Springs high schools because of a quirk in zoning. He claimed that was a hardship for many employees. He said financial documents projected Wildcreek golf course would lose \$281,000 in 2017 and he implied those public tax dollars could be better spent elsewhere.

Mr. Sam Dehne suggested the school should be built in Storey County where there were many workers with children. He felt the boards should ask citizens in that neighborhood if they wanted extra facilities when they voted for schools for children.

Commissioner Hartung indicated he would support the motion but said there were many infrastructure and traffic questions that needed to be addressed.

For the Board of County Commissioners, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Berkbigler absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

The Reno City Council made and approved a motion to adopt the letter of intent. Reno City Councilman Paul McKenzie said he would support the motion if it was only about finding an adequate location to replace Proctor R. Hug High School (Hug), but he opposed it because it tied the proposal to Wildcreek Golf Course specifically.

Reno City Councilwoman Jenny Brekhus supported the motion but stressed the need to protect flight paths since any changes by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) could have long-term cumulative effects. Reno City Councilman David Bobzien echoed the concern about flight paths but he said the letter of intent was the first step in addressing the many complexities raised by the proposal. He alleged complexity was not a reason to not move forward. The motion was passed on a 4-1 vote with Councilman McKenzie voting no.

The Sparks City Council made and approved a motion to adopt/approve. Sparks City Councilman Ed Lawson echoed the concern that traffic would be difficult. He expressed doubt about the timeline of the project, citing it took four years to get the McCarran Boulevard and Pyramid Highway construction project approved. He noted he would support the letter of intent but reiterated all issues needed to be addressed. Sparks City Councilman Kristopher Dahir pointed out the questions could not be answered if the letter of intent was not signed. He encouraged the idea of developing a backup plan. Sparks City Councilwoman Charlene Bybee reminded the boards the letter of intent was only the beginning of a process with many moving parts and expressed her support.

The Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees made and approved a motion to approve. Trustee John Mayer praised the district for improving the northern half of Sparks with a regional program. Trustee Veronica Frenkel emphasized it was a community-oriented process that involved community input. She said the community would make wonderful suggestions, particularly with the repurposing of Hug.

Chair Lucey announced the RSCVA would vote on the letter of intent at their May 25, 2017 meeting.

County Clerk Nancy Parent stated she needed each entity's chair, attorney with signing power, and clerk to meet after the meeting to sign the documents.

17-0338 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Comments from the Councils, Commissions, Boards of Managers.

Reno City Councilwoman Duerr said it was not only important to include the public, but to hold regular meetings and be extraordinarily transparent. She urged the Washoe County School District (WCSD) to hold either monthly or bi-monthly public forums to determine what the public wanted most.

Chair Lucey thanked all colleagues on the boards and looked forward to receiving input from the public and from students.

17-0339 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Public Comment.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about Renown Hospital, the media, and the Washoe County jail system.

Ms. Carol Burns spoke against the proposed school as a fan of the Wildcreek Golf Course. She stated the holes that would be removed were on flatter ground and were more appropriate for seniors and newer players. She hoped the school could be placed in a different location and requested they continue searching for new potential locales.

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11:03 a.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.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Derek Sonderfan, Deputy County Clerk*

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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:

17-0342 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She said a gravel barrier was placed behind Compton Street but not behind Shane Street and she stated it needed a barrier also. She noted she had asked for a full accounting of the expenditures for the declared emergency in Lemmon Valley many times. She noted the Lemmon Valley residents were paying more money for reduced services from Waste Management and still had not heard about the additional services they requested. She was unhappy with the processes the County took to resolve the issues in Lemmon Valley.

Mr. Danny Cleous spoke regarding people speeding on his street and wanted the County to take measures to resolve the issue. He indicated the offenders lived in the neighborhood and the Sheriff's Office did not want to deal with the issue. He was concerned about mosquitos and hoped there would be resolutions during Agenda Item 13. He spoke regarding the land in Lemmon Valley, which was saturated and he was concerned that rain would cause more flooding.

Ms. Elise Weatherly said police were waiting to catch people speeding and she thought law enforcement's time could be utilized better helping with crime. She thought the state should utilize one language and not give preference to people who had not learned the English language.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke regarding the media, law enforcement, Sheriff Chuck Allen, the school bond tax, firefighters using C-130's, and the Open Meeting Law at the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Ms. Nikki Berry requested the County supply dumpsters in the residential areas of Lemmon Valley so residents could start the cleanup effort.

17-0343 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Berkbigler spoke regarding a letter that was received about the Steamboat Canal. She wanted a staff report related to the canals and the County's responsibilities to maintain them.

Commissioner Hartung wanted the alarm ordinance response to be a priority. He did not understand why the issue was being put off until June 23rd. He requested staff to report to the Board regarding the possibility of a storm water utility plan for the North Valleys such as the one in Spanish Springs. He said water flows came from outside of Lemmon Valley and flowed into Swan Lake. He stated in Spanish Springs, the water flowed into an ore ditch and into Sparks but because of development, it was necessary to meter the water flows. He noted flooding was a countywide issue and all residents should assist in the maintenance of storm water utilities. He stated Spanish Springs had paid millions of dollars over the years for a storm water utility and it was a great model for the rest of the County. He said he had the honor of attending the James D. Hoff Peace Officer memorial and he noted that sadly another name, Detective Chad Parque from the North Las Vegas Police Department, was added to the memorial.

Commissioner Jung stated she attended the volunteer remembrance that the Senior Outreach Services organized to honor seniors lost in the past year. She said the County was honored for the printing and discretionary funds that were provided to the Senior Outreach Services. She asked for more than two hours of staff time to explore detention center issues with Sheriff Chuck Allen. She spoke about Agenda Item 5F1 regarding the County and the Polygrarian Institute partnership. She said the institute provided education, research and public awareness along with outreach campaigns related to a food and prescription program through Renown Health; taught citizens to build irrigation systems, hoop houses, goat and sheep shelters, compost bins, and prune fruits and vegetables. She noted the Regional Parks and Open Space endorsed this program and she wanted to give \$500 of her discretionary funds to them to cover the loss in revenue under their existing grazing lease. She requested an item be placed on an upcoming agenda to provide them with the funds.

Commissioner Hartung said he wanted to see several places within the detention facility but he thought an audit should be performed to review operational processes first.

Commissioner Berkbigler said she received many complaints about a bear being shot by a Washoe County Deputy Sheriff. She was concerned that safety was an issue and she noted the Caughlin Ranch citizens were concerned about their neighborhood bears. She asked, in regards to Agenda Item 5F1, whether the neighbors should be notified of the hoop houses and programs taking place on the property.

Commissioner Jung clarified her request for time with the Sheriff and the detention facility was to help them with their issues. She said Commissioner Berkbigler's concern regarding the neighbors to the Polygrarian Institute would not be an issue as the neighbors had goats and sheep on their property.

Chair Lucey requested staff time to research speeding issues on Andrews Lane and Rhodes Road and he wanted the process started for speed bumps to be installed. He and Commissioner Hartung had discussed funding between departments for legal defense and he noted each department paid into the fund through their annual budget. He was concerned that departments could exceed their budgets. He spoke regarding the Sheriff's Department, which fell under the County umbrella. He noted Sheriff Allen announced he would not seek reelection and he was concerned about the department and the transition. The County needed to ensure the ability to transition was in place for the Sheriff whether it was training, funding or relocating Deputies. He said if a Deputy was not trained to deal with wild animals, they should not be placed in an area where they could encounter them. He then stated the American Public Transit Conference was in town and it brought people from all over the Country to experience the County's transit processes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 5A THROUGH 5I2

- 17-0344** **5A** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
- 17-0345** **5B** Acknowledge the grant award from the Office of Traffic Safety to the Second Judicial District Court, [in the amount of \$20,000 (\$20,000 in-kind match required),] retroactively for one year beginning October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0346** **5C** Approve the revised Pro Tem Justice of the Peace panel for the Justice Courts pursuant to NRS 4.032; and, approve same to serve as a list of potential Administrative Enforcement Code hearing officers pursuant to Washoe County Code 125.225. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0347** **5D** Approve the Continuum of Care – Permanent Supportive Housing Program Grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of [\$82,368; \$31,513 County match] to provide housing and supportive services for homeless families for the

period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018; authorize the Chair to execute the grant agreement and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Social Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 17-0348** **5E** Approve Fiscal Year 2017-2018 renewal of reimbursement to the City of Reno, for the salaries and benefits of (1.5) Geographic Information Systems (GIS) positions with Emergency 911 funds to support region-wide E911 GIS mapping services to the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS) in an amount not to exceed [\$164,021]. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0349** **5F1** Approve a Lease Agreement between Washoe County and Polygrarian Institute, a Nevada 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, for use of a five-acre parcel at Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park for a 36 month term, commencing on May 15, 2017, as authorized under NRS 244.284. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 17-0350** **5F2** Approve a Location Access Agreement between Washoe County and Gypsy Moth Productions commencing on May 10, 2017 and through June 30, 2017, to access the Regional Emergency Operations Center to record and produce a documentary currently entitled "Broken Propeller;" and, if approved, authorize the Community Services Department Director to execute the Location Access Agreement on behalf of Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)
- 17-0351** **5F3** Approve a Quitclaim Deed to convey real property, a portion of APN 038-100-31 (totaling .37 acres) for use as a public right-of-way to the State of Nevada Department of Transportation; and if approved, direct the Clerk's Office to record the Quitclaim Deed. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)
- 17-0352** **5G1** Acknowledge Receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2017 - Unaudited. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0353** **5G2** Approve the settlement of the claim of Flying ME Ranch v. Washoe County, et al in which Washoe County stipulates Plaintiff's Ranch Roads are not public roads and agrees to permanently remove Plaintiff's Ranch Roads from its Maps, GIS or otherwise and will manufacture and install two signs, designating private property, in locations designated by Plaintiff on Plaintiff's property for all claims against all defendants. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

- 17-0354** **5H1** Acknowledge Receipt of the Washoe County 2017 Cash Controls Audit Report from the Internal Audit Division. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0355** **5H2** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$17,700] for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; District 1 Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler recommends [\$1,000] grant to University of Nevada, Reno for the Griffin/Santini Endowment Fund, [\$8,500] grant to Duncan Traner Library for the addition of an Audio Station and Makerspace, [\$2,500] grant to Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation for the Senior Walking Program, [\$700] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to sponsor seven children for the Kids Fire Camp, and [\$5,000] grant to Friends of Washoe County Library for the Summer Reading Program 2017; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 1.)
- 17-0356** **5H3** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends [\$2,000] grant to South Valleys Library, [\$5,000] grant to Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space for improvements at the South Valleys Park, [\$5,000] grant to The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, [\$2,500] grant to Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation for the Senior Walking Program, and [\$5,500] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to sponsor the Kids Fire Camp; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 2.)
- 17-0357** **5H4** Approve a grant award [in the amount of \$27,871.50 [Match of \$9,290.50], from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool Public Agency Compensation Trust for the Risk Management Grant Program, retroactive from March 21, 2017 through date of delivery, for the purpose of purchasing a Stryker Power-Pro XT Self-Loading Gurney, and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (Commission District 5.)
- 17-0358** **5H5** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$6,000] for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends [\$5,500] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to sponsor the Kids Fire Camp, and [\$500] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to sponsor five children from District 4 to attend the Kids Fire Camp; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 4.)

- 17-0359** **5H6** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$2,500] for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends, in support of Adylenn Trimble projects, [\$300] grant to the Children’s Cabinet, [\$300] grant to the Kids Kottage, [\$500] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, [\$300] grant to the American Cancer Society, [\$300] grant to the Renown Health Foundation, [\$300] grant to the Friends of the Washoe County Library, [\$500] grant to the Washoe County School District – Spanish Springs Elementary; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 4.)
- 17-0360** **5I1** Acknowledge Receipt of Status Report of Commissary Fund submitted by the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Commissary Committee for Third Quarter for Fiscal Year 16/17. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 17-0361** **5I2** Approve the attached resolution to augment the Regional Public Safety Training (RPSTC) Fund in the amount of [\$36,000, net impact to General Fund is zero] using RPSTC Fund Carryover to cover previously approved unbudgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2016-2017; and if approved, direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read the grant and donation items and thanked the Commissioners for the money provided from their budgets to help the community.

Commissioner Hartung asked for Agenda Item 5H5 to reflect the sponsorships were available to all children from Sparks, not just from District 4.

County Manager John Slaughter stated the sponsorships would be assigned accordingly.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Norman Azevedo stated Agenda Item 5G2 was a proposed settlement related to his ranch and the County. He said the dispute was regarding a road that crossed a public easement. He indicated that after eight years he received a copy of the original map proving the road was a private road, not a public road. He stated the issue could have been resolved without a lawsuit or the many threats he received if the information was brought forward earlier.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke regarding Agenda Item 5B and said donating money to groups was important but she said she had donated to many groups in the past and found the funds were not being used as intended.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke regarding consent Agenda Item 5D, signing in to speak and the Volunteers of America.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5I2 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5I2 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

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17-0362 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Recommendation to appoint one of Washoe County's members to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee [staff recommends Brian Bonnenfant]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Brian Bonnenfant be appointed to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee.

17-0363 **AGENDA ITEM 7** For possible action to approve, on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Michael W. Lawson to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 2 (generally includes the Southeast Truckee Meadows area, the Southwest Truckee Meadows area, and Washoe Valley), to fill an unexpired term beginning on June 6, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as Mr. Lawson no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Michael W. Lawson be appointed to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing District 2.

17-0364 **AGENDA ITEM 8** For possible action to approve, on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Ken Krater to the Washoe County Planning Commission when the Commission convenes as the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) to fill a partial term beginning on May 9, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2017, and to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2021, or until such time as Mr. Krater no longer serves on the Planning Commission as a member of the CIAC or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Ken Krater be appointed to the Washoe County Planning Commission when the Commission convenes as the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee.

17-0365 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Discussion and possible action to approve and direct the Washoe County Manager to sign the Nevada Shared Radio System Contract by and between the State of Nevada acting through its Department of Transportation, NV Energy and Washoe County, Nevada, as recommended by the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) of the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS). Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved and directed.

17-0366 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the North Valleys Phase V Sports Complex Addition Project, [staff recommends Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,333,007.00]; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

There was no public comment on this item.

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

17-0367 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Authorize the creation 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, pending Job Evaluation Committee (JEC) approval, to provide daily oversight of program and operations of the Family Engagement Center (Visitation Center), funded 100% by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) sub-grant accepted by the Board on July 26, 2016. Direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments and initiate the recruitment process. Social Services (All Commission Districts.)
There was no public comment on this item.

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

17-0368 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Hold the first reading of an ordinance: (1) amending Ordinance No. 1000 in order to change the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation); (2) providing for a notice of a public hearing and other matters relating thereto; and (3) setting the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption on June 13, 2017; AND Hold the first reading of an ordinance: (1) imposing a fee on the parcels of land in Washoe County, Nevada District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation; (2) providing for a notice of a public hearing and other matters relating thereto; and (3) setting the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption on June 13, 2017. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance.

Jan Galassini, Chief Deputy County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1778.

Jan Galassini, Chief Deputy County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1779.

Commissioner Hartung asked whether dry cleaning companies in the community were being held responsible for the ground water contamination.

Legal Counsel Paul Lipparelli stated it was difficult to determine the sources of the contamination. He noted there were many different types of businesses that used contaminants and he said it was easier to collect revenue from the people who benefited from the treatment of the pollutants.

Commissioner Hartung stated he would support the item and he noted the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) was working on issues in Spanish Springs by testing new technology for cases related to high levels of nitrates, which could also work well for the Perchloroethylene (PCE) contamination. He noted PCEs had been

improperly disposed of for many years and continued to contaminate the groundwater. He thought the businesses such as dry cleaners that used PCEs should be held responsible for the contamination.

Director of Engineering Dwayne Smith stated some industries continued to use PCEs but dry cleaners in Sparks, except for one, discontinued the use of the solvents.

Commissioner Hartung said when PCEs were disposed of in the sewer system he thought they could leach out due to fractures in the waste system.

Mr. Smith stated it was difficult issue to determine but the dry cleaners were prohibited from disposing of chemicals in the drain. He indicated there were collection systems, processes and procedures in place at each dry cleaner to eliminate contamination.

There was no public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1778 was introduced by Commissioner Hartung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

Bill No. 1779 was introduced by Commissioner Hartung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

17-0369 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Update on North Valleys flood incident operations. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

Director of Community Services Dave Solaro conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the North Valleys Incident. He indicated there were three lakes in the North Valleys: Swan Lake, Silver Lake and White Lake. He said maintenance of the barrier system, pumping operations around Swan Lake, and recovery efforts for residents, were occurring. He said homes not protected by the barrier system were vulnerable to increasing lake elevation levels as the seasons transitioned. He referred to slide one of the presentation regarding the progress in Lemmon Valley. He reviewed the maps on slide two explaining the progresses that the County and the City of Reno had made to protect the businesses from Silver Lake and the residents from Swan Lake. He spoke regarding slides three and four, which related to the elevation levels of the lakes. He addressed the status of the homes affected and explained the plan, which was intended to go to mid-summer and beyond. He reviewed slide eight that explained the mosquito situation and what the County was doing to mitigate the issue. He noted the mosquito issue was not specific to the North Valleys but was countywide. He said the concerns with mosquitos was related to the West Nile Virus and the Health District indicated reports of the West Nile Virus increased after previous flood years. He provided the PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Hartung stated Spanish Springs had an issue with mosquitos for years due to the open water and the area anticipated more issues this year. He thanked Mr. Solaro for the update. He asked about placing barriers in roads to act as speed bumps and he wondered who would be responsible if an emergency vehicle hit them and sustained damage.

Legal Counsel Paul Lipparelli stated obstructing a public road could be a criminal offense prosecutable as a misdemeanor.

Commissioner Hartung was concerned about residents placing sandbags in the roads in an attempt to control speeding and he thought contacting the Sheriff's Office for assistance was the proper way to resolve the issue. He asked about increased traffic when the National Championship Air Races occurred in September.

Mr. Solaro stated the issue was getting residents in and out of their neighborhood by utilizing Military Road.

Commissioner Hartung stated he was glad the County was planning for increased traffic ahead of time.

Commissioner Berkbigler thanked Mr. Solaro for the presentation. She said she reminded the residents of Incline Village that staff were spread thin due to many other affected areas. She was concerned about Lemmon Valley Drive because her family lived there and continued to ask about the re-opening of the road. She said if she understood it correctly, Lemmon Valley Drive belonged to the City of Reno.

Mr. Solaro stated staff was working with the City of Reno regarding Lemmon Valley Drive and there was a possibility that sections of the road would need to be replaced. He stated the road had been identified for public assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declaration. He said staff was working through the process but until the water receded, it was difficult to assess the amount of damage.

Commissioner Berkbigler said she walked her dogs along Alum Creek, near the Truckee River, and she noted the water was moving so quickly that it lifted the asphalt. She stated it was fascinating to see the damage to an area after the City of Reno repaired the walking path, which was washed out from previous flooding. She said the repairs would be significant and would not be completed overnight.

County Manager John Slaughter spoke regarding the mosquito issues and he stated during a normal year the Health District, who was responsible for vector control, budgeted for mosquito abatement. He indicated in a typical year the Health District treated 250 acres for mosquitos. Due to storms and flooding this was an abnormal year so staff had been working with the Health District to identify funding to mitigate the additional vector control. He confirmed this was a countywide issue and noted in the

most recent budget meeting the impacts that the natural disasters had on the budget were discussed. He said staff was working to mitigate the mosquito issue in a timely manner.

Commissioner Jung indicated a significant amount of tax dollars had been spent in one area of the County and if and when the full accounting became public, there would be many upset citizens. She noted the budget was limited and immense amounts of time and taxpayer dollars had been expended in Lemmon Valley. She talked about the Lemmon Valley residents who attended the Board meetings to complain and thought the majority of their homes were not directly affected by the floods. She stated the County had provided housing, food, as well as fund drives for the affected residents and she thought it was time to focus on other issues within the County. She mentioned the residents who spoke at the Board meetings were dissatisfied with staff and stated they were not handling the situation well, but she noted this was a natural disaster and the work staff had done was in addition to their regular duties. She noted other issues in the County were important and staff was spread thin due to the natural disasters. Staff was unable to provide assistance in needed areas including a meeting she had to cancel because there were not any staff members available to facilitate it. She thanked Mr. Solaro and his staff for their hard work. As the Chair of the District Board of Health, she thanked Mr. Slaughter for taking time to speak to the District Health Officer. She indicated there were no extra funds in the budget to provide additional mosquito abatement and noted the coverage area could be up to five times larger than what was budgeted.

There was discussion about grants or funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assist with the additional vector control. It was determined no grants or funds were available currently but staff would exhaust all avenues to seek funding. There was concern regarding the Zika and West Nile viruses but it was noted the area was not the proper climate for the Zika virus and the Health District tested for the West Nile virus continually.

There was discussion about a tentative date for Lemmon Valley Drive to re-open and it was determined it could be late fall before that occurred. It was noted once the water receded, there would be safety inspections of the road and portions of it could require replacement.

Mr. Solaro stated Swan Lake could rise faster as it became smaller. He said no one knew how the lake would react to the next wet season.

Chair Lucey stated he received an email from a resident in Lemmon Valley requesting reimbursement for the extra mileage traveled around the closed road. He indicated there would be no reimbursements. He said there could be some property tax adjustments in certain instances due to the flooding but not for residents who lived near the flooding; there would have to be flood damage to the structures.

There was discussion about placing dumpsters in Lemmon Valley for residents to start the cleanup efforts. It was determined an insurance claim of an affected home would cover the cost of a dumpster. Waste Management had reached out to residents to inform them of the procedures. There was concern about the disposal of sandbags and it was suggested residents retain them in case of additional flooding from snowmelt. It was indicated the County did not supply dumpsters in the Little Valley Fire cleanup.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Tammy Holt-Still indicated her home was not flooded in Lemmon Valley but she came to speak for people who were flooded. She displayed photos of flooded streets where no barriers were placed. The photos displayed were placed on file with the Clerk during Agenda Item 3.

Mr. Danny Cleous invited the Commissioners to come to his house to witness the struggles of his neighbors who attempted to rebuild. He stated the neighbors were doing the least expensive processes to get back into their homes due to the lack of money to repair their homes properly. He read from the Swan Lake master plan about the amount of effluent water that ran into the lake and noted there were more than 490-acre feet going into the lake every day. He said the Sheriff's Department and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District stated that sandbag speed bumps were the best way to slow down speeders. He mentioned Marshall Realty donated a dumpster for the community. He stated he was not seeing the help from the County that he was told was there.

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

17-0370 **AGENDA ITEM 14** 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. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter asked for Agenda Items 14 and 15 be heard together.

Management Services Director Al Rogers reported for week 13 of the legislative session and detailed the report from the previous week. He reviewed his report, which displayed the bills the Board supported, were neutral about, opposed and bills being watched. He asked the Board for direction on Assembly Bill (AB) 271, AB 384, Senate Bill (SB) 356 and SB 462. He provided documents, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Berkbigler indicated she testified in support of SB 462 and she clearly stated the Board had not approved the bill. She said the bill was Senator

James Settelmeyer's bill and some amendments had been made to create a better bill; however, they also made it a weaker bill. She thought it was a step in the right direction because it allowed the Board to review General Improvement Districts (GIDs). She stated in Douglas County there were 22 GIDs. She stated due to a dispute between neighbors, the GID approved to have one side of the street plowed when it snowed and the plow pushed the snow onto the other side of the road. Residents who were on the GID lived on the side of the road that was plowed, but residents who were not on the GID lived on the side of the road that was not plowed and they could not enter or exit their properties due to the piled snow. She said this was done with taxpayer dollars and it was not acceptable behavior. She noted most of the GIDs operated without audits. She stated there was no jurisdiction to take over the operations of the GIDs and she thought this would allow the County to review GIDs to ensure they were operating properly. She said any potential changes would have to be approved by the Legislature in 2019. She thought the bill could be stronger but she said it had potential to benefit the County.

Chair Lucey stated he would support Commissioner Berkgigler. He said the work she had put into SB 462 and the amendments to the bill deserved the Board's support. He stated he would support the opposition of AB 384 and SB 356.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Chair Lucey which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Board support SB 462 and oppose AB 384 and SB 356.

Assistant County Manager Kevin Schiller spoke regarding recreational marijuana. He stated he was on the Governor's Task Force, which met twice a month in Carson City and he noted the task force were nearing completion. He stated the primary focus was coordination between Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and the League of Cities for local government funding and the structure should be concluded by June. He said the bill draft requests were moving through the Legislature for the funding proposals and for recommendations to the Department of Taxation. He indicated marijuana oversight and regulations were going to shift responsibility from Public and Behavioral Health to the Department of Taxation. There were two current funding proposals but nothing was confirmed. He said one of the proposals was for a percentage of Excise tax and the other was for licensing fees and fees associated with annual gross revenue. He noted related to the licensing proposal, discussion regarding the proposal contemplated a three to eight percent fee, which could bring in millions of dollars of revenue. He said they had to be cautious of the percentage fee because if recreational marijuana was overtaxed it could push support to the black market. He stated there would be a formal update once a recommendation was made. He indicated there was an early start date of July 1st and noted the regulations that were released were temporary regulations from the state. He said the difference in the regulatory structure was pursuant to what the voters passed related to medical marijuana dispensaries and existing certificate holder's connection to recreational marijuana. He stated he was working with the City of Reno and staff to establish a concurrent start date for recreational marijuana implementation. He said once the legislative session concluded the discussions could continue regarding legislative, regulatory and financial impacts related to recreational

marijuana. He noted this was not an action item, but information would be brought back in the near future.

Commissioner Berkbigler noted she had not reviewed the temporary regulations, but as she understood it, the regulations allowed the current medical marijuana dispensaries to sell recreational marijuana without any approval from the local governments. Mr. Schiller stated that was correct.

Commissioner Berkbigler asked whether the County required dispensaries to be licensed and if there was there a cap regarding the charges for recreational marijuana licenses.

Mr. Schiller stated dispensaries would be required to be licensed for recreational marijuana and the fee structure would be brought back to the Board.

Chair Lucey thanked Mr. Schiller for the report and stated he received nothing but praise about the job he was doing in Carson City.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Chair Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be accepted.

17-0371 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District 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 of Fire Commissioners to be of critical significance to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Chair Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted.

17-0372 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Discussion and update pursuant to Commissioners' previous requests and/or topics for future agendas.

Management Services Director Al Rogers spoke regarding the BCC Monthly Report. He reviewed the metric of requests and the 311 communications that were captured and reported. He said staff did a great job with the 311 calls by referring callers to the proper departments. He stated 311 was still in the infancy stage and noted the branding would be revealed to the community soon. He provided documents, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Hartung mentioned the alarm ordinance request and stated he was in support of sending the County alarm service out to bid to obtain a different provider. He indicated Alarm Tracking and Billing (ATB) had not responded back to the County Commission with information regarding the late fees charged. He said he brought the issue to staff's attention at the end of 2016 and it needed to be resolved. He noticed Waste Management (WM) was not on the list of his items to be addressed and said his disposal bill went up again.

Chair Lucey stated the WM issue needed to be moved to the primary request list until the issue was completely resolved and the amendments were made. He said he agreed with Commissioner Hartung about the alarm company and the disregard of the Board's requests. He said County Manager John Slaughter assured him a report would be coming about the alarm fees in general, but the issue needed a resolution within the month of May.

Commissioner Hartung said a request for proposal (RFP) would need to be processed by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Rogers stated staff would work in partnership with the Sheriff's Office to bring back County Code 54 to address the potential changes needed.

Commissioner Hartung thought it was not an issue with the County Code but an issue with the alarm company. He stated they seemed to be acting independently, but it reflected on Washoe County because the letters appeared to come from the County. He wanted an accounting from the alarm company presented to the Board.

Chair Lucey stated the County lost control of the content of communications when a third party vendor used the Washoe County logo. He thought it was reasonable to ask the alarm company to supply an accounting of fees. He addressed his request to return as a flood board member and thought that was resolved internally and Commissioner Herman would continue to maintain her position.

Mr. Rogers stated that item would be on the May 23rd agenda for reaffirmation.

Chair Lucey asked for an explanation of the term "memo" being the next step on the active requests report. He wanted more in-depth information and dates for the items that were not yet resolved. He wanted an update regarding the Thomas Creek speeding issue. He and Commissioner Jung dealt with wild horse issues in the Washoe Valley and he noted the residents requested the County construct a solar slashing sign warning drivers about wild horse crossing on Eastlake Boulevard.

Commissioner Jung suggested Mr. Rogers' report be reviewed one-on-one with Commissioners. She thought that process would be a better use of time than during a business meeting. She liked how the 311 data was presented.

Mr. Rogers indicated staff would continue to perform one-on-ones as they were able. He stated the updates were intended to be on the agenda for the first meeting of the month so they could continue dialog throughout the month. He defined the term "memo" meant the intent was to communicate in memo format to notify the entire Board of the steps taken. He stated the memos would be defined as best as they could.

Chair Lucey stated if 311 calls came in with concerns in all districts, they needed to be elevated immediately.

Commissioner Hartung stated item 14 on the request log regarding Waste Management contract variations between Washoe County and Incline Village should be changed to include all issues with Waste Management.

County Manager John Slaughter stated staff would continue to refine the report. He said there was a note of caution about too much detail related to the individual items because if items were not agendized, the topics could not be discussed in detail. He wanted the Board to promote information about 311 to the community as a form of communication with citizens. He said he checked frequently to determine the most discussed issues. He stated it was a great source of information in the County.

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

17-0373 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Comment.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cathy Brandhorst signed in, but was not present to speak.

17-0374 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Hartung said he received communication from a constituent stating the irrigation ditches in the County were bone dry. He thought citizens should be made aware that Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) controlled the water supply.

Commissioner Jung stated Lemmon Valley updates no longer needed to be agendized and she wanted staff to explore a special tax for that area so in the future the County could ensure the residents were paying towards flooding issues. She thought they should be assessed like the rest of the county for special circumstances.

Commissioner Herman stated Lemmon Valley flooding was real and had been happening since January. She appreciated what was done to help but she said there were still people under water. She said this issue could not be minimized and the County needed to deal with the impacts.

There was no public comment on this item.

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12:25 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commissioner

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Doni Gassaway, Deputy County Clerk*

Pending Board Approval

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 16, 2017

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Marsha Berkbigler, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
David Watts-Vial, Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:26 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:

17-0377 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. George McNally stated he was the directing attorney for the Senior Law Project, which was a federally funded non-profit legal aid clinic that served seniors with various legal issues. He said he wanted to bring awareness of the free Senior Law Project to the community. He noted he was an attorney for 40 years and had spent the past three years working with seniors. He complimented the Social Services staff who worked with the seniors on a daily basis and helped them obtain assistance. He said on Monday morning four seniors came in with emergencies due to being evicted from their homes; they needed a place to live and feared they would be homeless. He asked the Board to address the housing crisis and homeless issues.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke regarding proclamations, the Robert and Peter Lissner's contributions, and the media not being allowed to write the truth.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still provided handouts, which were placed on file with the Clerk. She stated the approval of permit fees to be waived for residents in Lemmon Valley had not been addressed. She was concerned about discussions she heard related to the possibility of the Hesco Barrier System failing and wondered why the County was not utilizing the recommendations she presented to the Board. She noted after waiting 54 days, she finally received the accounting for the expenses related to the Lemmon Valley

flooding. She spoke regarding federal grants that were available for the flood victims and wondered why the County was not applying for them. She talked about her First Amendment rights and said her rights were violated in the previous meeting.

Ms. Elise Weatherly thanked the Commissioners for the work they did for the County. She spoke regarding limited financial resources within the County, a woman from the El Dorado Casino, and why God was dismissed from the Jan Evans Juvenile Detention Center.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Mr. Danny Cleous spoke regarding people being hit by speeding cars. He said he was thankful for people like Tammy Holt-Still who spoke for the people in her community. He talked about past hydrology reports and stated if issues had been addressed previously, the catastrophic event would not have occurred in Lemmon Valley.

Ms. Donna Robinson stated she bought her house 25 years ago and it was currently red tagged. She stated it was not her fault her house was built on a dry lakebed. She was thankful the County was paying for an apartment for her; otherwise, she would have no choice but to live in her condemned home. She was upset about the comments made during the previous meeting and she noted there was a lack of communication between the County and the Lemmon Valley residents.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - 8A

- 17-0378** **8A** Acknowledge receipt of the 35th consecutive annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

Comptroller Cathy Hill thanked the Board for allowing her to publicly acknowledge the receipt of the 35th annual consecutive award for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She stated the award was significant because in September the department received the 34th annual award and now 8 months later, during a period of being short staffed, they received the 35th annual award. She said it was proof the staff in the Comptroller's Office did not allow quality to diminish and they worked hard to continue the tradition of excellence. She was proud of staff and she thought the County should be as well. She invited staff to introduce themselves.

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

17-0379 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

- Irene Dominguez, Sheriff's Office
- Steven Grosz, Community Services Department
- Shawn Keating, Community Services Department
- Rebecca L. Nelson, Sheriff's Office
- Lindarae Ohlson, Comptroller
- Dana Searcy, Manager's Office
- Darby Stienmetz, Sheriff's Office
- Amy Ventetuolo, Manager's Office
- Helena Williams, Social Services

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

17-0380 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

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:

Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program

Zulma Reyes, Public Defenders

Essentials of SAP for Financial Staff

Kimberly Pahlke, Truckee Meadow Fire Protection District

Essentials of Management Development

Kristen Ryan, Library

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PROCLAMATIONS

17-0381 **6A** Proclamation – Proclaim May 2017 as Older Americans Month.

Commissioner Berkbigler read and presented the Proclamation to Ken Retterath and Donna Clontz.

Social Services Division Director Ken Retterath stated seniors were a growing population in the County. He noted there were more than 80,000 seniors in Washoe County and by the year 2020 he expected there would be more than 100,000

seniors. He said this was the kick-off of Older Americans Month and the theme for the year was Aging Out Loud. He said their goal was for seniors to strive for wellness by staying active and improving their health. He said it was important for seniors to know their rights and encouraged them to utilize the free Senior Law Project for legal issues. He hoped seniors would explore new things in life such as getting a college degree and following their dreams.

Senior Advisory Committee Member Ms. Donna Clontz stated many volunteer hours were put into this year's program. She said Aging Out Loud was the theme and more than 70 events were created. She indicated each Commissioner was provided a booklet about the events and additional information about the program. She noted 35 or 40 of the events had already occurred but an event coming up was about the law, which she thought was great considering the recent landlord-tenant issues that many seniors were facing. She talked about the Stuff a Bus event that would be held on May 30th at the Greater Nevada Field. She noted there were donation barrels at the senior center and throughout the County and items needed were sweatpants, slippers, socks and hygiene items. She stated on the day of the event, donors could purchase a ticket to a Reno Ace's Baseball game or a Reno 1868 FC Soccer game and receive a voucher for a free ticket. She thanked the people who had assisted with the program and said the volunteers were the people who made this happen. She thanked Social Services Director Amber Howell, Community Outreach Coordinator Chris Ciarlo, Communications Director Nancy Leuenhagen, Program Assistant Len Reidenbaugh, Office Assistant II Sandra Vasquez, Office Assistant II Crissy Lessard and Mr. Retterath. Ms. Clontz provided documents, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

17-0382 **6B** Proclamation – Proclaim May 15, 2017 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 11-May 17, 2017 as National Police Week.

County Manager John Slaughter corrected the date by stating May 15th to May 17th was National Police Week.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Sheriff's Office representatives.

17-0383 **6C** Proclamation - Proclaim May 2017 as Wildfire Awareness Month.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Fire Chief Charles Moore, Ed Smith, Jamie Roice-Gomes and Chief Ryan Sommers.

Cooperative Extension Area Natural Resources Specialist Mr. Ed Smith said Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month was an interagency effort coordinated by Cooperative Extension. He stated it was a statewide event and last year there were more than 150 activities and events statewide. He noted the events were to promote awareness and action by Nevada residents who lived in wildfire prone areas. He said the theme for this year's event was Wildfire: prepare, anticipate, evacuate. He thanked the County for

the proclamation and said the program helped keep wildfire awareness in the forefront for residents.

Cooperative Extension Outreach Coordinator Ms. Jamie Roice-Gomes said the Junk the Juniper event would be held on May 20th at the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Silver Lake Station and residents could bring woody vegetation to be placed in a chipping machine. She stated attendees could receive a discount coupon from Moana Nursery. She presented the Commissioners with a wildfire bandana printed with an evacuation checklist. She said it would make people aware of what was needed in an evacuation and could be used for face protection if smoke was present.

TMFPD Chief Moore thanked the Board for the proclamation.

17-0384 **6D** Proclamation - Proclaim May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Christina Conti and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) representatives.

Health District EMS Program Manager Ms. Christina Conti said on behalf of the EMS Oversight Program and partners she thanked the Board for the proclamation. She said there were four agencies represented: the Reno Fire Department; the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. She stated the County was proud to work with these agencies.

17-0385 **6E** Proclamation - Proclaim May 16, 2017 as Robert and Peter Lissner Day.

Commissioner Berkbigler read and presented the Proclamation to Robert Lissner and Peter Lissner.

Commissioner Berkbigler stated the Lissners donated so much to the community and thanked them for their contributions.

Mr. Peter Lissner thanked the Board for the recognition.

Mr. Robert Lissner thanked the Board for the recognition and thanked the Commissioners for the many hours they worked.

Commissioner Hartung said the Lissners had no idea of the impact they had on the community and thanked them for their contributions.

Social Services Division Director Ken Retterath thanked the Lissners for the donation on behalf of Social Services.

17-0386 **6F** Proclamation – Proclaim May 21-27, 2017 is National Public Works Week.

Chair Lucey read and presented the Proclamation to the Community Services Department staff.

Community Services Department Division Director Eric Crump spoke about the teamwork behind the efforts to mitigate the flooding in the community.

Community Services Department Division Director of Engineering Dwayne Smith thanked the Board for the proclamation. He stated a successful municipality was required to employ great workers and he was proud of staff.

Commissioner Berkgigler was appreciative for the work staff did in Lemmon Valley, Caughlin Ranch, South Valleys, Hidden Valley and Lake Tahoe. She thanked the entire Public Works Department for their hard work.

Chair Lucey said he was amazed to learn there were 225 employees in the Community Service Department and thanked them for keeping the County intact.

17-0387 **6G** Proclamation - Proclaim June 2017 as Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Month.

Commissioner Berkgigler read and presented the Proclamation to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore, Ed Smith from Cooperative Extension, Jamie Roice from Living with Fire and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Chief Ryan Sommers.

North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Chief Ryan Sommers thanked the Board for the proclamation. He said the Tahoe Basin was unique and indicated it was a challenging area for wild fires.

17-0388 **6H** Proclamation - Proclamation of Recognition for 80 years of National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Achievements.

Chair Lucey read and presented the Proclamation to Chrissy Menicucci, Cheryl Dalle, Cheryl Davidek, Amy Saathof, Sarah Grabowska and Victoria Lebya.

Chair Lucey stated the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) was a local organization and they were celebrating their 80th year of providing education for juvenile and family court justices. He noted his wife was a family court attorney and saw the struggles of families and children in a courtroom. He stated the NCJFCJ made education for justices, attorneys and individuals within the community easier.

NCJFCJ Director of Development Chrissy Menicucci stated Chief Executive Officer Joey Orduna-Hastings regretted she could not be present to accept this proclamation. She introduced the NCJFCJ staff members and presented the Commissioners with a token of appreciation.

There was no public comment on the Proclamations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried with Commissioner's Jung and Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 6A to 6H be adopted.

DONATIONS

17-0389 **7A** Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$34,069.08], retroactively for the period July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Social Services. (All Commission Districts.)

17-0390 **7B1** Accept a donation of a vehicle [estimated value of \$3,500] from a private citizen for use by the Sheriff's Office in undercover and investigative operations. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

17-0391 **7B2** Accept a donation [\$25.00] from Robert and Diana Wellems 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 amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

17-0392 **7B3** Accept a donation of a vehicle [estimated value is \$32,595] from the United States Marshals Service for use by the Sheriff's Office in undercover fugitive operations. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner's Jung and Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A to 7B3 be adopted.

17-0393 **AGENDA ITEM 9** 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. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter requested Agenda Items 9 and 10 be heard together.

Management Services Director Al Rogers reported for week 14 of the legislative session and detailed the report from the previous week. He reviewed his report and displayed the bills that the Board supported, were neutral about, were opposed to and bills they were watching. He stated Senate Bill (SB)469, was related to budgeted ending fund balances and he noted that bill proposed the ending fund balance would be reduced from 25 percent to 16.67 percent. He said Friday at midnight, the bills that were not exempt were required to move out of the second committee, which would narrow the bills list. He noted staff had been working diligently to monitor the bills. He reviewed the bills of interest and he indicated there were two bills that the Board needed to take a position on. He said AB271 related to collective bargaining and he suggested the Board take the position to oppose this bill. He stated SB169 was related to sexual offenses and sexual offense kits and he suggested the Board take a neutral position with concerns regarding fiscal impact. He reviewed the additional bills that staff continued to watch. Mr. Rogers provided documents, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Hartung spoke regarding SB469 and thought this bill encouraged the County to spend money instead of saving for catastrophic issues. He did not agree with forcing the reduction of the budgeted ending fund balance because it could put the County in a difficult financial position.

Commissioner Berkgigler thought staff could research what other local governments were doing related to SB469 and requested information to be brought back to the Board. She asked about SB487, which would impose an excise tax on the sale of marijuana and marijuana related products. She stated it allowed local governments to add a three percent tax on cultivation, production and retail marijuana. She asked if that was in addition to the 15 percent tax from the ballot question and the Governors 10 percent tax dedicated to education.

Mr. Rogers stated he could not be certain that was correct but he would clarify the information and bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Berkgigler thought the County should receive benefits from the sale of recreational marijuana, but she was concerned that a 28 percent tax would defeat the purpose of the bill. She stated the goal was an attempt to eliminate illegal marijuana sales but she thought a high tax would push people to the black market. She said AB379, the Parks bill, would not affect the existing recreational facilities and she thought General Improvement Districts would be excluded. She wanted information about AB379 brought back to the Board for clarity. She said AB120 proposed to create a residential school construction tax that would be approved by the Washoe County School District Board and she noted if it was presented to the County, the Board of County Commissioners would be required to enact the tax. She wanted more information about the bill and details about the disbursement of the funds.

Mr. Rogers stated discussions about AB120 took place but there was more to learn about the bill. He said when new development came in an impact fee would be included with building fees required. He stated more information would be brought back to the Board as it was acquired.

Commissioner Berkgigler said AB163 proposed to revise governing short-term loans. She did not see information related to the impact it would have on the County and its entities who utilized the short-term loans. She wanted information brought back to the Board at the next meeting.

Commissioner Hartung said AB120 proposed a developer would be required to pay an impact fee per dwelling unit. He wanted to ensure the impact fees were utilized in the neighborhood being developed, not for a different area.

Chair Lucey mentioned that SB315 came back with amendments to the language but the amendments were not significant enough to change the Board's position to oppose.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner's Jung and Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be accepted.

17-0394 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District 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 of Fire Commissioners to be of critical significance to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner's Jung and Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be accepted.

17-0395 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Public Comment.

Ms. Donna Robinson said she had a conversation with Director of Community Services Dave Solaro about her frustrations with her flooded home in Lemmon Valley. She said she lived in Lemmon Valley for 25 years and her frustrations included costs incurred to move out of her home and to have her horses boarded. She

knew funding could not cover all the expenses and understood the Commissioners frustrations.

Mr. Danny Cleous said the state was known for ranching, farming, mining and gaming and he wondered why the industries resources were not being utilized. He noted in other areas of the state, miners and farmers were able to clear ditches and remove excess water. He said he continued to fight with his insurance company and was tired of coming to the County meetings to voice his frustrations.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still said she heard from the last meeting that the Lemmon Valley residents were complaining about the lack of progress. She noted she was trying to help by providing recovery ideas to staff and residents. She stated she found available grants online that could help Lemmon Valley residents.

17-0396 AGENDA ITEM 12 Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Hartung was concerned about copper wire theft and wanted staff to research the laws for selling or recycling copper. He asked if a staff member could help the Lemmon Valley residents with their insurance issues by directing them toward available grants.

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12:30 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Doni Gassaway, Deputy County Clerk*

**BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission**