

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 15, 2018

PRESENT:

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

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**John Slaughter, County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney**

ABSENT:

**Bob Lucey, Commissioner**

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:

Chair Berkgigler noted Commissioner Lucey was absent because he was in Washington D.C. on County business.

**18-0372      AGENDA ITEM 3 Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.**

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

Christine Chavez, District Attorney's Office  
Matt Ellis, Human Resources  
Scott Geib, Community Services Department  
Na Huang, Treasurer's Office  
Iryna Mendez, District Attorney's Office  
Dylan Menes, Community Services Department  
Sharon Ruff, Technology Services  
Evonne Strickland, Recorder's Office  
Nicole Sykes, Sheriff's Office

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

**18-0373**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** 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:

**Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program**

Richard Dalton, Assessor's Office  
Anita Eaton, Assessor's Office  
Thanh Nguyen, Library

**Essentials of Personal Effectiveness**

Julie Paholke, Human Resources

**Essentials of SAP for Financial Staff**

Barbara Stacy, Community Services Department

Mr. Slaughter acknowledged the recipients' supervisors, managers, and department directors for their support.

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

**18-0374**      **AGENDA ITEM 5** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration-2018 Lifesavers Public service Award- Washoe County's Sober 24 Program, for its commitment to eliminating drunk and drug-impaired driving in Nevada. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter indicated Chief Alternative Sentencing Officer Joseph Ingraham was not in attendance, but he and Mr. Ingraham were present in San Antonio to receive the award. He said the County was one of ten jurisdictions in the nation to receive the award, noting the County did not apply for the award. It was given to the County based on merit.

Mr. Slaughter stated Sober 24 was the County's drug and alcohol testing program and it was responsible for a 77 percent reduction in deaths due to driving under the influence in Washoe County in 2017. He commented the Highway Traffic Safety Administration pointed out the program could be transferable to other communities.

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

**18-0375**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Public Comment.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still spoke about the Lemmon Valley home buyout program and expressed concern about the value determination on one of the homes. She expressed frustration about more development planned in the area and that residents of Golden Valley were pumping water from under their homes.

Mr. Danny Cleous expressed concern about developing around a closed basin. He wanted to know which County Code precluded people who lived more than 500 feet from the planned development from making an appeal. He expressed frustration that he saw a Commissioner who had just spoken about speeding on Mt. Rose Highway speed away from a meeting.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar expressed concern about commercial restrictions she alleged the County wanted to impose on Warm Springs. She felt the area was an agricultural area and not a residential area.

Mr. Robert Greenhalgh presented a newspaper article, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He proposed raising money for schools by fining employers who employed foreign nationals who had overstayed their visas. He claimed the proposal would raise money for schools without tax increases and it would encourage employers to hire legally.

Mr. Sam Dehne supported Mr. Greenhalgh's proposal and expressed concern about putting other items before the initial public comment on the agenda. He spoke about the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center and Reno elections.

**18-0376      AGENDA ITEM 7 Announcements/Reports.**

Commissioner Herman mentioned the County set up alternates to attend certain functions when Commissioners could not attend. She requested the paperwork be completed to designate Diane Hagelthorn as the alternate for the Vya Conservation District.

Commissioner Jung announced May was Older Americans Month and mentioned she took part in two events: a meet-and-greet at the Senior Center and the Volunteer Remembrance Luncheon. She praised the success of the Stuff-A-Bus donation drive and remarked the Summit Church hosted a festival where 350 volunteers cleaned a park in Sun Valley. She added the church wanted to work with the Sun Valley General Improvement District, who had identified needs in the area, to assist Sun Valley on a monthly basis. Finally, she noted she would attend the Library Board of Trustees meeting on May 16.

Commissioner Hartung stated he received a request from a constituent concerning senior discounts at Washoe County camping facilities. He stated the Parks Commission established the fees and the Board of County Commissioners only ratified them. As Parks liaison, Commissioner Jung said she would bring it up.

Chair Berkbigler said she and Commissioner Lucey attended Reno's 150th birthday celebration at Greater Nevada Field. She noted the City of Reno and Flirtey received one of twenty certificates from the federal government to participate in a drone pilot program. She added LimeBikes were now available in the downtown area.

## **DONATIONS**

- 18-0377**     **8A1**    Accept cash donations to Senior Services in the amount of [\$2,424.70] for the period December 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Human Services Agency (All Commission Districts)
- 18-0378**     **8A2**    Accept cash donations to Senior Services in the amount of [\$1,227.80] for the period March 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0379**     **8B**    Accept military surplus equipment [overall estimated value \$12,000, no charge to the County] donated to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be utilized to support Honor Guard of Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0380**     **8C**    Accept monetary donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services [\$10,991.30] received from January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0381**     **8D**    Accept a donation from the City of Sparks of [\$5,000.00] for a regional Flood Response Action Plan (FRAP) and authorize Comptroller to make appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts)

There was no public comment on the donations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A1 to 8D be accepted.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 18-0382**     **9A**    Proclaim May 2018 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month.

Commissioner Hartung noted wildfire was a constant threat regardless of the time of year and said citizens had a fiduciary responsibility to protect themselves. He warned fires could start from embers. He read and presented the Proclamation to North Lake Tahoe Fire District Chief Ryan Sommers. Chief Sommers said he would speak after the next Proclamation.

**18-0383**      **9B** Proclaim June 2018 as Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Month.

Commissioner Herman read and presented the Proclamation to North Lake Tahoe Fire District (NLTFD) Chief Ryan Sommers.

Chief Sommers noted the representative from the Living with Fire organization who was supposed to accept the Proclamation for Agenda Item 9A was not in attendance due to a family emergency.

Chief Sommers indicated the NLTFD took the same approach as the Board regarding fuels and educating the public about wildfires. He thanked the Board for crossing jurisdictional boundaries with these Proclamations.

**18-0384**      **9C** Proclaim May 20-26, 2018 as National Public Works Week.

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Division Director of Operations with the Community Services Department Eric Crump.

Mr. Crump thanked the Board and emphasized the importance of public works for the community. He thanked his team and listed some of the responsibilities they performed, mentioning many of these tasks were completed during harsh conditions or late at night.

There was no public comment on the Proclamations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 9A to 9C be adopted.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 5A THROUGH 5X**

**18-0385**      **10A1** Acknowledge receipt of the 36th 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, 2017. Comptroller (All Commission Districts.)

**18-0386**      **10A2** Acknowledge Receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

**18-0387**      **10B** Accept the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation grant [in the amount of \$52,394.76, no county match] grant period of May 15, 2018 through completion of the sound system upgrades for the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater; and if accepted, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

County Manager John Slaughter felt it was worth acknowledging each item separately, though he mentioned the Board could still vote on the Consent Agenda as one item. He read Agenda Item 10A1.

Washoe County Comptroller Cathy Hill praised the staff of the County as a whole but especially her staff. She thanked the Board for recognizing their work.

Regarding Agenda Item 10A2, the County Manager noted it was the 16th time the County Budget Staff had received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Budget Manager Lori Cooke thanked her staff and introduced those who were present.

Commissioner Jung noted the County had partnered with the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation for years and the Foundation always fulfilled any requests the County made. After a brief discussion, it was noted the Foundation was in Commissioner Lucey's district.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 10A1 through 10B be approved.

**18-0388**      **AGENDA ITEM 11**    Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

County Manager John Slaughter stated there was no need for a closed session.

**18-0389**      **AGENDA ITEM 12**    Public Comment.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar stated code enforcement should be managed via hearings before the Board and not by the issuance of misdemeanor citations. She claimed the Board did not have the authority to issue citations and the County could not make laws.

**18-0390**      **AGENDA ITEM 13**    Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

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**11:04 a.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**MARSHA BERKBIGLER**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

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