

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

PRESENT:

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

Jan Galassini, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Eric Brown, County Manager
Nathan Edwards, Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:01 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:

Vice Chair Berkgigler assumed the gavel in Chair Lucey's absence.

20-0087 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

County Manager Eric Brown asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Elmer Acob, Community Services Department
Sara Garcia, Public Defender's Office
Jordan Grow, Human Resources
Molly Hodges, Human Resources
Chelsey Moeller, Library

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

20-0088 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

County Manager Eric Brown stated the County encouraged the professional development of all employees. The completion of the Certificate courses demonstrated employees' commitment to personal and professional improvement.

County Manager Eric Brown recognized the following employees:

Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program

Kathryn Aubuchon, Sheriff's Office
Lindarae Ohlson, Comptroller's Office

Essentials of Management Development

Drina Bennett, District Attorney's Office
Mary Morris, District Court

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

20-0089 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Washoe Leadership Program, Recognition Committee
- Shining Star Recognition Award

County Manager Eric Brown presented certificates and recognized the following individuals:

June 2019

Steven Clement* – Assessor's Office
Kevin Costa* – Community Services Department
Josh Cruz* – Human Services Agency
Wendy Jackins* – Assessor's Office
Linda Jacobs – Treasurer's Office
Claire McNamara* – Human Services Agency
Sierra Novello* – Human Services Agency
Nathan Reyes* – Animal Services
Koelyn Rollison – Assessor's Office
Casandra Scannell* – Animal Services

July 2019

Randy Amestoy* – Clerk's Office
Jessica Cabrales – Health District
Robin Douglas – Recorder's Office
Jessica Gutierrez – Human Resources
Rick Martinez* – Human Services Agency
Mayra Nolasco* – Community Services Department
Kelly Parsons – Health District
Kelly Rials* – Community Services Department
Laura Rose – Community Services Department
Shelby Sato* – Human Services Agency
Amanda Schultz – Animal Services
Vickie Scott – Human Resources
Timothy Simpson – Community Services Department
Karen Stark – Animal Services

August 2019

Amber Ballam* – Community Services Department
Kathleen Emerson* – Community Services Department
Wayne Handrock* – Community Services Department
Jennifer Howell – Health District
Morgan Lafinier* – Animal Services
David Moser – Human Services Agency
Apryl Ramage – Community Services Department
Colleen Wallace Barnum – Community Services Department

September / October 2019

Cindy Doak* – Animal Services
Jacqueline Gonzalez* – Health District
Carol Hobbs* – Assessor's Office (called but no present)
Alasdair Holwill* – Assessor's Office
Angela Mezger* – Animal Services
Kara Roseburrough* – Health District
Catherine Schultze* – Animal Services
Anne Stoll-Thompson* – Comptroller
Jennifer Sweezey* – Technology Services
Marcia Tejada* – Animal Services

* was not present to receive the award.

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

20-0090 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Public Comment.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Jan Galassini indicated that correspondence from Ms. Annemarie Grant would be placed on the record.

Upon seeing the first public commenter bringing a record album to the podium, there was a brief discussion about what needed to be turned in to the Clerk. Assistant District Attorney Nate Edwards stated documents that were easy to copy would go into the record, but the County would not confiscate a public commenter's property.

Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke about being in a rock band but not being listened to by her bandmates. She made suggestions about changing the display screens in Chambers, installing a crosswalk by the complex roundabout, and ensuring there was equal representation in the Reno and Sparks Small Claims Courts. She told a story about a legal dispute with the Community Bible Church.

20-0091 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Sheriff Darin Balaam and requested an agenda item to discuss the possible donation by the Sheriff's Office of a 20,000 square foot structure to be used as an overflow shelter. He thought it would help get people off the river and into a safe, warm place.

Commissioner Herman mentioned there had been two major fires recently, but she felt it was unfair that the media focused on the one started by shooters and not the one caused by someone misusing an ash can. She thought it was unconstitutional to single out shooters, especially since the County had not found a place for them to shoot safely. Secondly, she mentioned she had an engineer create maps four years prior to address the area's RS 2477 roads. She thought they needed to be recorded and remarked she had requested staff take two hours to get this on an agenda, but it had not yet appeared.

DONATIONS

20-0092 **8A1** Recommendation to accept donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services [\$10,621.84] retroactive for the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 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 necessary budget amendments. Animal Services (All Commission Districts)

20-0093 **8B1** Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$34,654.77]; (2) accept donations to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support child welfare activities in the amount of [\$8,071.22] retroactive for the period December 13, 2019 through January 20, 2020; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts)

20-0094 **8B2** Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$2,160.00]; and (2) accept donations to the Human Services Agency – Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the amount of [\$832.06] retroactive for the period December 20, 2019 through January 20, 2020; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts)

20-0095 **8C** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$300.00] from Fire Shows West to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), including funds to be used for food purchases & operating supplies, and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read the donations, adding she was helpful in the 2001 property tax override vote for animals. She remarked the President of the Chamber of Commerce at the time was certain Washoe County would not vote for animals. She pointed out the County treated people from cradle to grave and she expressed appreciation for people who donated their jury duty money to the Human Services Agency. She lastly explained that the CPP assisted with evacuations, search and rescue, and stated the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority was doing a pilot program with the Sheriff's Office to teach people to use an automated external defibrillator. She thanked the citizens who donated and said the County could not get anything done without the generosity of its citizens.

There was a brief discussion where Deputy District Attorney Nate Edwards affirmed the Board could combine the vote for Agenda Items 8 and 9, though the Chair would need to call public comment for both items.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly praised the Nevada Humane Society and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for taking care of animals. She spoke about child services help she had received, an artist friend of hers, the Reno Philharmonic, and a present she received.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A through 8C be accepted and acknowledged.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 9A THROUGH 9A3

20-0096 **9A1** Recommendation to approve a Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$8,800] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 1 Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler recommends a [\$8,800] grant to the to the Washoe County Office of the County Manager to support various arts and cultural programming throughout Washoe County; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1)

20-0097 **9A2** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$17,500] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$12,500] grant to the Community Foundation of Western Nevada to support the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Fund and a [\$5,000] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to support the Ash Can Program; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4)

20-0098 **9A3** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursements in the amount of [\$3,000] for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$1,500] grant to the Vya Conservation District to support the group’s mission to foster and support natural resource conservation, a [\$1,500] grant to the Washoe Storey Conservation District to support invasive weed eradication and wildfire prevention programming; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager’s Office. (Commission District 5)

Commissioner Jung read the Special Fund disbursements. She mentioned Agenda Item 9A1 was for the ArTrail, and that Commissioner Hartung had donated to the YES fund for several years. She stressed the importance of a person properly taking care of their ashes. Finally, she commented the Vya Conservation District was an important but underfunded group. She thanked the Commissioners for using their discretionary funds in ways that responded to the needs of their constituents.

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 on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9A3 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9A3 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

20-0099 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

20-0100 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown mentioned an attorney-client session would be necessary. Deputy District Attorney Nate Edwards confirmed this would happen at the conclusion of the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

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10:35 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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