

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY 9:00 A.M. MAY 17, 1999

PRESENT:

- Jim Galloway, Chairman
- Ted Short, Vice Chairman
- Joanne Bond, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Amy Harvey, County Clerk
- Katy Simon, County Manager
- Maureen Griswold, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

The Board met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. 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:

AGENDA

Katy Simon, County Manager, advised that it has been requested that the Washoe County budget be heard first this morning. In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the agenda for the May 17, 1999 special meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

99-436 TENTATIVE/FINAL BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1999/2000

9:00 a.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on May 7, 1999, for consideration of the tentative budget, as well as adoption of the final budget for Washoe County for fiscal year 1999/2000. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

John Sherman, Finance Director, provided an overview of the final budget, advising that the tax rate continues to be set at \$1.2495. He stated that he received information from the Department of Taxation this morning that they changed Washoe County's net proceeds of mines tax; that the net difference is \$16,000 less in property tax and affects several different schedules; and that these changes need to be made to the budget if the Board approves.

Chairman Galloway noted that the budget has been prepared for some time and there were no budget appeals. He commended staff and the departments for their willingness to compromise on budget issues. Commissioner Bond commented that the Board has had considerable time to review the budget and obtain answers to any questions.

Chairman Galloway opened the public hearing as called on those wishing to speak concerning the Washoe County budget.

Jim Cattleman, County resident, asked how the new golf proposal concerning the Wildcreek and Northgate Golf Courses fits into the budget. Chairman Galloway advised that the proposal was made by RSCVA relative to their selling those golf courses to which the County holds some deed rights; and that this would not affect the budget. Katy Simon, County Manager, advised that golf course operations within Washoe County are enterprise funded, and anything the County may do in the future regarding golf courses would be separately funded in an Enterprise Fund and would not affect tax rates or the General Fund budget. Chairman Galloway commented that even though it may be conceivable that someone would have wanted to put additional taxpayer money into those golf courses, that is not what the Board proposed, and there is no appetite for that to occur. Mr. Sherman added that if anything were to take place that would affect the budget, an amendment to the budget would be needed, which would require a public hearing and notification process.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Galloway closed the public hearing.

Ms. Simon expressed appreciation to the Budget Division for their many long hours of work on the budget, as well as to all departments for their cooperation to again come in with no operating tax increase. She noted the innovation this budget represents in coming up with new ways to accomplish things within the same resources, and pointed out that this budget represents less than a 2% increase in operating expenditures for the General Fund.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the Final Budget for Washoe County for Fiscal Year 1999/2000 containing the amended figures relative to the mines tax be adopted.

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THE BOARD CONVENED AS THE SIERRA FOREST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

99-437 TENTATIVE/FINAL BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1999/2000

9:00 a.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on May 7, 1999, for consideration of the tentative budget, as well as adoption of the final budget for the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District for fiscal year 1999/2000. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Rich Harvey, Chief, Sierra Forest Fire Protection District, advised that the final budget figures are the same as the tentative budget which was submitted approximately two weeks ago; and that there were a few changes in taxation forms which had no affect on the budget. He then provided documentation in response to Chairman Galloway's earlier request regarding how level of service is determined and responded to questions of the Board.

Chairman Galloway opened the public hearing and called on those wishing to speak concerning the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District budget. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway ordered that the Final Budget for the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District for Fiscal Year 1999/2000 be adopted.

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THE BOARD RECONVENED AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS' /MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Katy Simon, County Manager, advised that Senator Raggio has requested a unanimous vote of the Board in support of the County's funding of the Juvenile Justice Facility project, and asked Legal Counsel how to address that issue. Legal Counsel Griswold advised that the Board could look at that issue during this afternoon's caucus meeting and determine whether to address it under Legislative Update or as an emergency item.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

JIM GALLOWAY, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

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