

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 21, 2001

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Ted Short, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk
John Sherman, Finance Director
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

The Board met 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. Chairman Shaw noted that Commissioner Galloway and Katy Singlaub, County Manager, are attending a meeting at Lake Tahoe today and may be present later this afternoon.

01-882 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the August 21, 2001, meeting be approved with the following amendment: Item 19 concerning Thomas Creek/Whites Creek Trail closures will be rescheduled for September 11, 2001.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, referred to an article written about him in the Reno News and Review. He discussed his concerns about the County's purchase of the Pioneer Building and plans for future courthouses, as well as discussions again by the RTC about putting a freeway through Hidden Valley. He stated his objection that, according to the Reno Gazette Journal, the Chamber of Commerce is officially backing Mr. Griffin for Mayor.

Bill Freitas, Operating Engineers Local No. 3, representing the Washoe Medical Center nurses, advised their understanding is that the County submits approximately \$1.4-million annually to a Federal program that then reimburses approximately \$4-million to Washoe Medical Center for health care. He said they also

understand that, by law, the ultimate responsibility for health care lies with the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Freitas advised that there is consistent and continued short staffing by Washoe Medical Center, and if the Board is going to be responsible to the taxpayers and the amount of money the County gives, this issue should be looked into. He advised that they recently reviewed a 62-day period in a small area of the hospital nursery and found that 63% of the time, Washoe Medical Center was understaffed by their own criteria; and that a couple of days ago they had 32 patients but are only licensed for 30 patients. He provided a packet of information concerning this issue and referred to the General Accounting Office (GAO) report that shows Nevada as having the worst nurse to population ratio in the country. He said the community is in a crisis, and some hard questions need to be asked about what is going on at Washoe Medical Center. Mr. Freitas then read a letter from the Northern Nevada Central Labor Council advising that they and their 24 affiliated local unions support the Washoe Medical Center nurses, and urge the Commissioners to hold the hospital accountable for providing quality health care for the citizens of Washoe County.

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2:10 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Bond advised that a mobile home park in Lemmon Valley has had a long history of problems, such as leachline and water line failures, etc., and she would like to know if there is any way to make mobile home park owners responsible for providing a livable facility and area. She then stated that several water studies were started for the various valleys to determine supply and limitations, but there has never been a conclusion to those studies. She said she would like to have the studies completed so people would know what the situation is in their hydrographic basins.

Commissioner Short advised he would like to have a discussion with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and requested they be invited to visit with the County Commission in the near future. He said he would also request that Jeff Beckelman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, provide an update on their activities.

Commissioner Bond advised she has received calls that wells in the back end of Lemmon Valley and in the Silver Knolls area are running dry. She said this could become a crisis for those residents and she wanted to bring this matter to staff's attention.

Chairman Shaw requested that staff look into the concerns brought forward by Mr. Freitas regarding Washoe Medical Center.

MINUTES

Commissioner Sferrazza commented that at the July 24 meeting he voted against the Manager's salary and employment contract because he understood that no one in the County received both a bonus and a merit increase. He said he later learned that that type of compensation has occurred elsewhere in the County and, if he had been aware of that information, he would have voted in favor of the motion.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2001, be approved.

01-883 CANCEL COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the regularly scheduled County Commission meeting for September 18, 2001 be cancelled pursuant to Washoe County Code 5.017(4), and the County Clerk be directed to post the notice of cancellation.

01-884 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – WESTERN NEVADA SUPPLY COMPANY – D.A.R.E. PROGRAM – SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of \$500 from Western Nevada Supply Company to be used for the D.A.R.E. Program be accepted with gratitude.

01-885 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – MOYA OLSEN LEAR FOUNDATION – D.A.R.E. PROGRAM - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of \$2,500 from the Moya Olsen Lear Foundation to be used for the D.A.R.E. Program be accepted with gratitude.

01-886 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – UNITED PARCEL SERVICE – K-9 PROGRAM – SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of \$500 from United Parcel Service to support the Sheriff's K-9 Program be accepted with gratitude, and the following budget adjustments be authorized:

Increase Revenues:		
15226D-5802	Donation	\$500.00
Increase Expenditures:		
15226D-7208	Animal Supplies	\$500.00

**01-887 PLANNING AREA BOUNDARIES ADJUSTMENT –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Upon recommendation of Catherine McCarthy, Planner, Community Development Department, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff be directed to adjust certain Planning Area Boundaries [placed on file with the Clerk] to align with the new parcel base made available through the efforts of the Geographic Information System (GIS) Division of Information Technology (IT) and the Base Map Committee.

**01-888 APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – NEW DATABASE
APPLICATION SERVER – RENO JUSTICE COURT/
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Upon recommendation of Dona Jeppson, Court Administrator, and Matt Beckstedt, IT Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the budget appropriation transfer of \$12,200 from Information Technology Account 1082-7177 and the interfund transfer of \$1,500 from Administrative Assessment Fund account 0715-7105 to the Information Technology Capital Account 1082-7820 for the purchase of a new database application server with upgraded version of Microsoft SQLServer for Reno Justice Court be approved. It was further ordered that the Comptroller be directed to make the appropriate cash and transfer adjustments needed for the interfund transfer.

**01-889 RESCIND AWARD OF BID - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO.
2038-98 – HOPKINS TECHNICAL PRODUCTS, INC. - SALT
SYSTEM CHLORINE GENERATORS – UTILITY DIVISION**

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the award of Request For Proposal (RFP) No. 2038-98 for Salt System Chlorine Generators to Hopkins Technical Products, Inc. on behalf of the Utility Division of the Water Resources Department be rescinded.

01-890 **TRAFFIC SIGNAL EASEMENT – RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION
AND VISITOR'S AUTHORITY – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the traffic signal easement on behalf of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitor's Authority needed by the City of Reno for the expansion of the Convention Center be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-891 **COMMUNITY SUPPORT CONTRACT – NEVADA RURAL
HEALTH CENTERS, INC. – PRIMARY CARE SERVICES –
GERLACH, NEVADA – GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR**

Upon recommendation of Gabrielle Enfield, Grants Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Rural Health Centers, Inc. in the amount of \$98,343 for Fiscal Year 2001/2002 concerning the provision of primary care services in Gerlach, Nevada be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-892 **WATER SALE AGREEMENT – TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER
AUTHORITY – SOUTHWEST VISTAS, UNIT 5 - WATER
RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the following actions be taken concerning Southwest Vistas, Unit 5:

1. The Water Sale Agreement between Washoe County and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) concerning 25.60 acre-feet of surface water rights from a portion of Claim 128, further changed by Application 67223 be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.
2. The Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record the Water Sale Agreement with the Washoe County Recorder.

01-893 **FLOOD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT AWARD – WATER
RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of Jeanne Ruefer, Manager, Water Resources Planning Division, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that a Flood Mitigation

Planning Grant award from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources (DWR) in the amount of \$49,600 with a County match of \$12,400 be approved. It was further ordered that Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute a Funding Agreement between Washoe County and the State of Nevada, Division of Water Resources, concerning acceptance of the grant.

01-894 WAIVER OF CONDITION – AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ABANDONMENT REQUEST CASE NO. AB2-5-88 – DISTRICT
ATTORNEY

Dean Schultz, Manager of Planning and Environmental Services, Reno/Tahoe International Airport, responded to questions of Commissioner Sferrazza concerning their request to waive Condition No. 3 of Abandonment Request Case No. AB2-5-88, which required an avigation easement. The abandonment concerns roadways within the Eastside Subdivision. Mr. Schultz advised that the airport owns the subject property, and this condition requires that they give an easement to themselves; that because the property is not contiguous to the airfield, they will probably not develop it for aviation uses; that there have been discussions about possibly developing it for commercial or industrial use; and that he does not believe they would ever sell the property but, if that did occur, an easement would then be needed.

Legal Counsel Shipman advised that the District Attorney's Office believes this standard condition was imposed in error and should be waived as property owners would not normally give an easement to themselves. She stated that the legal reason for waiving the condition would be that the Airport Authority cannot file the resolution required by law to indicate the completion of the abandonment until all conditions have been met.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked why the airport does not just give notice to themselves. He said he would not want to do something that is unnecessary unless he understands the reason for doing so.

Bob Ulrich, General Counsel, Airport Authority, advised that they could file an easement naming themselves as the eased party, but it seems redundant to do so.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, stated that the wording on the agenda does not indicate what the item is about or that it involved the airport. He said the Nevada Open Meeting Law says agenda items must have a clear and complete statement of the topic scheduled so the public will know what is going to be discussed by a public body. Mr. Dehne stated that the County should reagendaize this item so that citizens know what is taking place concerning this issue.

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no" and Commissioner Galloway absent,

Chairman Shaw ordered that Condition No. 3 of Airport Authority Abandonment Request Case No. AB2-5-88 be waived.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he opposed the motion because he does not understand why the Airport Authority does not want the avigation easement except that there may be some intent to use the property inconsistent with airport uses.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Approximately 23 new employees introduced themselves to the Board, and Chairman Shaw welcomed them on behalf of the Board.

01-895 APPOINTMENT – STEPHEN BRADHURST – DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that Stephen Bradhurst be appointed as Director of Water Resources at an annual salary of \$116,334.40.

01-896 AWARD OF BID – SUN VALLEY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PWP-WA-2001-331 – PUBLIC WORKS

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on July 25 and August 1, 2001, for the Sun Valley Boulevard Improvement Project, PWP-WA-2001-331, Federal Project Identification Number STP-0443(003) for the Public Works Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

The following bids were received:

	Granite Construction	Sierra Nevada Construction
Base Bid	\$166,836.60	\$173,023.70
Alternate No. 1	\$119,730.40	\$128,258.00
Alternate No. 2	\$ 13,425.00	\$ 12,000.00
Total	\$299,992.00	\$313,281.70

Upon recommendation of Janelle Thomas, Engineering Division, through David Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that Bid No. PWP-WA-2001-331 for the Sun Valley Boulevard Improvement Project for the Public Works Department be awarded to the low, responsive and responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company, for the Base Bid and Alternate Nos. 1 and 2 in the total amount of \$299,992. It was further ordered that Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract concerning same.

**NEW CLASSIFICATION – SPECIALIST COURT
COORDINATOR – SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the point factor method or the whole job classification method was used to classify this position.

Joanne Ray, Director of Human Resources, advised that the Hay methodology was not used. She said the Courts use the labor market survey conducted by the consulting firm they engaged and utilized the position comparison whole job ranking to slot the position into their existing salary schedule. Commissioner Sferrazza said he thought the Board's direction was to use the point factor for any new positions. Ms. Ray advised the point factor method is used for everyone else in the County, but District Court uses the position comparison methodology. She noted that the Courts have not agreed to the Hay methodology and are currently satisfied with their existing salary schedule.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he does not have a problem with the existing study but thought it was agreed that a uniform system throughout the County would be used for future classifications. Ms. Ray commented that if the Courts were to switch now to the Hay system, they would need to go back and point factor every Court job; and because they did not follow the same compensation methodology for setting their salary ranges, their structure was built different from the way the rest of the County is covered.

Chairman Shaw asked if this would be the end of these types of requests from the Courts because it seems that their requests are more frequent than the regular County positions. He said it was his understanding that when both studies were completed, this issue would end. Ms. Ray said she would expect that, if the Court has a need for a new position in the future, they would be coming before the Board.

Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, said he cannot say whether they will be before the Board again on future classifications and advised that this position was approved in the budget.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he would like to see a comparison of the point factoring method versus the whole job slotting method for Court positions to determine if the compensation is out of line. He would not want to further skew the Court jobs and other County positions and believes everyone should be treated equally. Ms. Ray advised that she is not sure that exercise would provide beneficial information in terms of salary structure because the Courts and the County use entirely different methodologies. Commissioner Sferrazza stated it would show the compensation a comparable position in the County would receive.

Commissioner Bond stated that she knew the Courts were doing evaluations within the Court structure, and it is no surprise that this position was

structured outside of the Hay study. However, she does not see any reason not to ask for a comparison of the two methodologies in the future.

Upon recommendation of Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the new classification of Specialist Court Coordinator with a salary range of \$47,528.00 - \$73,652.80 be approved. It was further ordered that, in the future, when these types of requests are made, a comparison of the Court classification technique and the County's point factor technique be provided for the Board's review.

01-898 CATERING COSTS – HOST FAMILY DRUG COURT SITE VISITS – SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Upon recommendation of Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the expenditure of funds from the Second Judicial District Court Budget for the purpose of providing catering services (refreshments) at four site visits of the Host Family Drug Court in a not-to-exceed amount of \$500 per event or \$2,000 total, to be held August 15, October 10, and November 7 and 14, 2001, be approved retroactive to August 15, 2001.

01-899 INTERLOCAL CONTRACT AMENDMENT – STATE OF NEVADA – TEMPORARY HOUSING OF JUVENILES AT WITTENBERG HALL – JUVENILE SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Mary Ann Woolley, Division Director, Juvenile Services, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the Amendment to the Interlocal Contract between Washoe County (Juvenile Services) and the State of Nevada Department of Human Resources Division of Child and Family Services concerning narrowing the contract term from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003 to July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2003, for temporary housing of juveniles at Wittenberg Hall be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-900 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT – COLD SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, with Commissioner Galloway absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the resignation of Sharon Wilson as an at-large representative on the Cold Springs Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) be accepted, and Paul Herman be appointed to fill the vacancy with a term expiring June 30, 2002.

01-901 DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW - MICHAEL CAPELLO – SOCIAL SERVICES

Michael Capello, Director, Department of Social Services, conducted a computer presentation and provided an overview of the Social Services Department. He was assisted by Sharon Gibbons, Social Services Department. Mr. Capello discussed the Mission, Philosophy and History of the Department, as well as the Department's milestones, structure, programs, budget, and future challenges.

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3:00 p.m. Commissioner Galloway joined the meeting by audio conference communication.

01-902 FUNDING REQUEST – RESOLUTION - NEVADA HISPANIC SERVICES, INC. – HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY CELEBRATION – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Jesse Gutierrez, Executive Director, Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. discussed the Hispanic Heritage Day event and the possibility of the County selecting a Corporate Membership level to sponsor their major events. He advised they are the only bilingual, bicultural nonprofit organization that services the needs of the Hispanic community throughout Northern Nevada, and the money they collect goes toward several programs. He said their youth programs have won national awards several times, and noted that 90% of the youths that go through their program go on to secondary and higher education. Upon inquiry, Mr. Gutierrez advised that Corporate Membership covers all their major events, including Hispanic Heritage Day, Cinco de Mayo (if held), Adelante Dinner, Salsa y Salsa Festival, etc.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that a \$10,000 Corporate Membership level be provided to Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc., with the understanding that this amount will be Washoe County's total contribution to cover all major events sponsored by Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. It was further ordered that the Comptroller be authorized to make the following account changes and the Resolution concerning same be adopted:

Decrease		
1890-7328	Contingency	\$10,000
Increase		
1016-7291	Community Relations	\$10,000

RESOLUTION - Granting a monetary gift to Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a board of county commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county and that a board may grant money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes to be expended for the selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration has been an annual tradition within the Truckee Meadows since 1988; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. has nonprofit status as a 501 (C) 3 corporation; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. has requested assistance from Washoe County for the 2001 Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration in an amount chosen by the Board of County Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS finds that a substantial benefit is provided to the inhabitants of the county through support of the traditional Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a grant of \$10,000 be provided to Nevada Hispanic Services, Inc. for the Hispanic Heritage Day Celebration.

(Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this resolution does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.)

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3:30 p.m. Commissioner Galloway arrived at the meeting, while the Board was convened as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board.

01-903 BILL NO. 1305 - AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 70 – SNOW REMOVAL

Commissioner Galloway commented that the County had parking restrictions at Incline Village because of snow, but it was felt this was not necessary when there was no snow. He said, with this ordinance change, a system of red and green periods will be implemented, and people will be allowed to park on the street and shoulder during green periods.

Bill No. 1305, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO SNOW REMOVAL BY PROVIDING FOR DESIGNATED WINTER ENFORCEMENT PERIODS, PROHIBITING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES DURING CERTAIN PERIODS, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO" was introduced by Commissioner Galloway, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

01-904 ROAD CLOSURES - PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ROAD DESIGNATIONS

Commissioner Bond stated that the Board previously conducted a lengthy process whereby the County attempted to identify public roads and placed a disclaimer on the maps that said, if an issue came forth about whether or not a road was public, it would be determined by a Court. She said she has been advised that some of the roads the County believed were public have been closed; and that the only road she is aware of that has been closed is by the LaRue Ranch. She stated that she does not want to revisit the entire issue but believes staff should verify what is happening in areas where there is some contention about whether a road is public or not.

Legal Counsel Shipman reviewed the State law definition of a public road. She said her understanding of Commissioner Bond's request would be that a Quiet Title Action might be brought forth to resolve an issue of contention as to whether a road meets the requirement of a public road pursuant to State law. Commissioner Bond stated that would be her request.

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4:15 p.m. Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk, arrived at the meeting and Amy Harvey, County Clerk, left the meeting.

Legal Counsel Shipman responded to questions of the Board and reviewed case law relative to public roads issues. Commissioner Galloway stated that he does not intend to have the previous efforts of the Board and staff concerning the public roads mapping wasted and would support initiating a Quiet Title Action where there is physical evidence that a road determined to be public has been blocked.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Sheriff be requested to visit roads that have been reported to be closed and have been designated public on County maps, and, if there is physical evidence that a road has been blocked, the matter be brought back to the Board for direction.

01-905 ALTERNATIVES CONCERNING THOMAS CREEK/WHITES CREEK TRAIL CLOSURES

Chairman Shaw noted that this item will be continued to the September 11, 2001 Board of County Commissioners meeting. He asked if anyone was present to speak on this matter.

Alan Ramelli, Thomas Creek Canyon resident, reviewed issues concerning the existing contention of whether to move the gate at Thomas Creek further down the road. He advised there are a number of problems with enforcement, patrol of the canyon, campfires, gunfire, etc. He said his main issue is the water quality of the creek, noting that vehicles drive through the creek at two locations; campsites are on the creek and a lot of things are dumped into the water including oil and discarded batteries; and people wash their dishes and bathe in the creek. Mr. Ramelli then responded to questions of the Board.

Commissioner Galloway noted that the Forest Service report will be available by the end of the month, at which time they will be able to answer questions and provide their recommendations concerning these issues.

Legal Counsel Shipman advised that Thomas Creek Road is shown as a public road on the County map, but a question has been raised as to whether or not it meets the requirements of a public road by State statute. Commissioner Galloway requested that staff provide information relative to the findings and reasons why the road was placed on the map as a public road. Chairman Shaw thanked Mr. Ramelli for his input, and Commissioner Short said the Board would like to hear comments from people that live in the Thomas Creek/White's Creek area.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that this item be continued to September 11, 2001.

01-906 DISCUSSION – PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS

John Sherman, Finance Director, reviewed his report dated August 21, 2001 concerning Washoe County's procedures for issuing bonds and responded to questions of Commissioners Sferrazza and Galloway.

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4:35 p.m. Commissioner Bond left the meeting.

Further discussion was held concerning the County's procedures for issuing bonds. Chairman Shaw thanked Mr. Sherman for his report.

01-907 DISCUSSION – REDISTRICTING

John Slaughter, Strategic Planning Manager, was present to discuss redistricting issues. Chairman Shaw suggested that the Board members individually discuss redistricting issues with Mr. Slaughter in order to work collectively on the matter. Mr. Slaughter pointed out that Monday and Tuesday of next week are critical times to make final redistricting determinations in order to have a first reading of the Ordinance on September 11.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk:

01-908 Communications

- A. Copy of letter to Tony Armstrong from the City of Sparks City Council confirming his reappointment (as alternate) to the Regional planning Governing Board.
- B. Copy of letter to Phil Salerno from the City of Sparks City Council confirming his appointment to the Washoe County District Board of Health.
- C. Copy of letter to Ron Schmitt from the City of Sparks City Council confirming his appointment to the Regional Planning Governing Board.
- D. Copy of District Board of Health's regulations governing sewage, wastewater and sanitation, dated July 25, 2001.
- E. Copy of fully executed Interlocal Agreement (Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and U.S. Department of Labor), agreement #385-01-ESD.
- F. Copy of fully executed Interlocal Agreements (Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, NevadaWorks, Southern Nevada, Workforce Investment Board, agreement #64.
- G. Copy of notification letter for Crystal Bay West of Sacramento Valley Limited Partnership (U-3004-C), Reno, NV MSA, dated July 9, 2001.
- H. Copy of Notice of Completion between Washoe County Department of Water Resources, Utility Services Division, and Mike's Trenching, Inc. for construction of the Spring Creek Transmission Main – Phase II. Note: Filed w/Recorder's Office July 18, 2001.

01-909 Reports - Monthly (June 2001)

- A. Animal Control
- B. County Clerk
- C. Court Clerk

01-910 Reports – Quarterly

- A. Court Clerk/County Clerk’s
- B. Gerlach General Improvement District
- C. Justice Court – Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township
- D. Office of the Constable – Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township
- E. Verdi Television District
- F. Sheriff’s Office

01-911 Reports – Annual Report for FY 00-01

- A. Animal Control

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

*Minutes Prepared by
Barbara Trow
Deputy County Clerk*