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:

01-1234  AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the December 11, 2001, meeting be approved with the following amendment: Delete Item 6L3, a professional services agreement with The Pacific Institute concerning organizational development training for Second Judicial District Court employees.

2:10 p.m.  Commissioner Sferrazza arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Dehne, local resident, voiced his opposition to the way local governments change the names of certain projects to keep the citizens from knowing what is going on. He cited the new name, ReTrac, that is being used for the railroad trench project, and Oil-Dri being used for the kitty-litter plant.

Jackie Decker, Reno resident, discussed the Airport Authority and the Part 150 study they recently completed; the manner in which a meeting to present the results of the study was conducted; and the effects that a cargo hub will have on the area.

Mary Lou Walker, Reno resident, distributed copies of articles and a cassette tape concerning the addition of fluoride to the water system and spoke against the
idea citing several reasons why she believes adding fluoride to the water is harmful. She urged the Board not to place the issue on the ballot.

John Dailey, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, stated his organization is a non-profit company providing assistance to rural communities in water and wastewater issues, and he has been working with the community of Gerlach. He stated, due to recent legislative changes, Gerlach is out of compliance with concentrations of uranium in their water, which has turned out to be a huge project, with a huge price tag, for this small community. Mr. Dailey said approximately 80 percent of the necessary funding will be available through AB198, but the community will need help with the other 20 percent; and the Board will soon be receiving CDBG applications, one of which will be from Gerlach for this project. He stated the community really needs the Board's help in this matter.

Dennis Diullo, Incline Village resident, spoke about Ordinance 1129 concerning snow removal in Incline Village and stated the definition, as far as right-of-way is concerned, is in conflict with the Code. He further stated snow removal storage is illegal, but there are no provisions for the County blowing snow onto private land. Mr. Diullo also stated the parking rules on red and green days are selectively enforced.

June Wisniewski, Reno resident, spoke in opposition to putting fluoride in the water stating she is allergic to fluoride and explaining the problems it would cause her. She said, if people want fluoride for their children, they can have it prescribed by their dentist, rather than poisoning the entire water system.

**MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bond requested a workshop be scheduled concerning the progress on land acquisition for the open space program.

Chairman Shaw suggested staff look into the concerns raised by Mr. Diullo. Commissioner Galloway stated he is providing a list of Mr. Diullo's concerns to the County Manager and asking that legal staff address the situation and provide a response to the Board.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he received a packet from Ian McFarland regarding the Washoe County Family Courts and requested that it be put on the next possible agenda. He further stated he would like to go on record as being opposed to the public hearing process followed by the Airport Authority. He stated he did go to those hearings, and the Airport Authority was essentially holding public hearings where the public was only allowed to enter the room one at a time. Commissioner Sferrazza said he would like to have something on the next available agenda for the Board to write a letter to the Airport Authority to object to that process.

Chairman Shaw acknowledged the efforts of the many employees who came in over the weekend and decorated the lobby area, among them Dan and Ashley
Burk, Amy and Cliff Harvey, Mike and Trish Capello, Arlene Hinton, Gabriella Enfield, Cathy and Ryan Carter, Bob Harmon, Greg Hernandez, and Linda Weber. He stated the decorations look beautiful and thanked the people responsible.

MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2001, be approved.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Bond abstaining due to absence, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2001, and the joint meeting of November 13, 2001, be approved.

01-1235 SEXUAL ASSAULT - MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENT

Pursuant to NRS 217.280 to 217.350, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that payments with funds from the District Attorney's account designated Sexual Assault Victims Expenses be authorized for initial emergency medical care and follow-up medical or psychological treatment for 75 sexual assault victims in an amount totaling $26,109.19 as set forth in a memorandum from Lidia Osmetti, Office Manager, District Attorney's Office, November 26, 2001, and placed on file with the Clerk.

01-1236 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION - BULLET RESISTANT VEST FOR POLICE K-9 DOG - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Dennis Balaam, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of a K-9 ballistic vest through the Vest-A-Dog Foundation in Oceanside, California, for the specific purpose of supporting the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program, be accepted with the Board's gratitude.

01-1237 ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY PRIDE GRANT - COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Dennis Balaam, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that a Community Pride grant award of $1,000 from the Community Services Agency be accepted. It was further ordered that the following budget adjustments be authorized:

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Upon recommendation of Jim Johns, Vice Chairman, E911 Advisory Committee, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that three E911 Advisory Committee members be authorized to attend the APCO/NENA Wireless Forum in Dallas, Texas, January 24-25, 2002. It was noted that individuals attending on behalf of the E911 Advisory Committee may not be Washoe County employees, and this travel was approved by the E911 Advisory Committee at their meeting of November 14, 2001.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Terry Reynolds be reappointed to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC), with the term to expire December 31, 2002. It was noted that Mr. Reynolds will be eligible for an additional three-year term beginning January, 2003. Mr. Reynolds was sponsored by Chairman Shaw.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Michael Dermody be reappointed to the OEC, with the term to expire December 31, 2002. It was noted that Mr. Dermody will be eligible for reappointment to one additional three-year term beginning January, 2003.

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 October 31, 2001, for a new transport trailer on behalf of the Equipment Services Division of the General Services Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

- Empire Equipment Company dba Nortrax-West
- Worthen Kenworth
- Sierra Freightliner

Western Truck & Trailer Sales, Inc. submitted a "late" bid and was disqualified. The bids received from Utility Trailer Sales of Arizona and Pitts Trailers did not meet bid specifications, and the exceptions offered were not acceptable to Equipment Services.
Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bid No. 2315-02 for a new transport trailer for the Equipment Services Division be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Empire Equipment Company dba Nortrax-West, in the amount of $41,368.00.

01-1241  CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS ON TAX ROLLS - ASSESSOR

Upon recommendation of Jean Tacchino, Assistant Chief Deputy Assessor, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Roll Change Requests, correcting factual errors on tax bills already mailed, be approved for the reasons stated thereon and mailed to the affected property owners, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Clerk. It was further ordered that the Order on each roll change directing the Treasurer to correct the error be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of the Commission.

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01-1242  AFFIDAVIT OF WAIVER AND CONSENT NO. 10 - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 21 (COLD SPRINGS AREA SEWER) - APPORTIONMENT REPORT - UTILITY SERVICES

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Steve Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Affidavit of Waiver and Consent concerning Peavine View Estates, Unit 7 Subdivision, and the Apportionment Report to redistribute the SAD 21 assessments be accepted; and that the Manager of the Utility Services Division be directed to record the Affidavit with the County Recorder.
Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, through Steve Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Pump Station and Emergency Access and Right-of-Way easement to a sewer lift station between David J. Peters and Dorothy A. Peters, Grantors, and Washoe County, Grantee, be accepted; and that the Manager of the Utility Services Division be directed to record the Affidavit with the County Recorder. It was noted that the sewer lift station was constructed to serve the Montreux subdivision as well as other lots within the Mt. Rose area.

Upon recommendation of Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Record of Survey and Boundary Line Adjustment between Washoe County and Woodland Village Phase 4, LLC, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Engineering, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Deed of Dedication between Woodland Village Phase 4, LLC, as Grantor, and Washoe County, as Grantee, regarding Forest Park, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

Upon recommendation of James Gale, Sr. Property Agent, through Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Grant of Easement between Bighorn Development III, Ltd., a Nevada Limited Liability Company, Grantor, and Washoe County, Grantee, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was noted that the easement is needed to install a new waterline to improve the water system in the Spanish Springs area.
Upon recommendation of Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, through Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Storm Drain Easement between Washoe County, as Grantor, and the City of Reno, as Grantee, concerning the Regional Public Safety Training Center, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

Upon recommendation of Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, through Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that two Grants of Easement between Washoe County, as Grantor, and the Panther Valley Water Users Association, as Grantee, concerning the provision of water to the Regional Public Safety Training Center, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Engineering, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed between Spanish Springs Associates, a Nevada limited partnership, as Grantor, and Washoe County, as Grantee, concerning Eagle Canyon Park Phase II, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

It was noted that Washoe County entered into an agreement with Hawco Investment and Development Company, General Partner of Spanish Springs Associates, on September 28, 1993 to build Eagle Canyon Park in three phases; and Phase I was completed in 1997.

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Second Agreement for Extension of Time, extending
the term of the Water Conservation Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of Washoe County.

01-1251 AGREEMENT - TORCH RELAY SERVICES - SALT LAKE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE - 2002 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Agreement for Torch Relay Services between Washoe County and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the Department of Community Development be designated as the department for contact and coordination purposes.

01-1252 SWAN LAKE NATURE STUDY AREA - ACCESS ROAD AND TRAIL EASEMENTS - PARKS

Upon recommendation of Rosemarie Entsminger, Parks Department, through Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that three Grants of Easements between Washoe County and 1) DP Operating Partnership, L.P., 2) North Valleys Development Company, Ltd., and 3) George F. Peek, as Trustee of ERGS, Inc., Employees Profit Sharing Trust, regarding access road and trail easements for the Swan Lake Nature Study Area, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-1253 CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 25, 2001 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the meeting of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners for December 25, 2001 be cancelled due to findings that there will not be a quorum and there will be insufficient business to conduct a meeting. Therefore, it is hereby declared that, pursuant to Ordinance No. 179, the County Commissioners' meeting scheduled for December 25, 2001, be cancelled and that the County Clerk be directed to post Public Notice of same.

01-1254 ACCEPTANCE OF COUNTYWIDE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF - PUBLIC WORKS

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained staff is asking for acceptance and acknowledgement of the Facilities Master Plan with priorities, not actually adoption of the plan. She stated the plan would be used as a guide for the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.
In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, stated the priorities in the plan try to limit the need to construct new space or purchase new land, although they know they are going to have to build some new office space. Noting the current lack of resources, he stated by shuffling departments around, they can minimize the amount of new space that has to be built and can build on property already owned by the County, especially at the Longley Lane site. Ms. Singlaub stated financing plans and budgets for individual projects would come to the Board for approval separately. She further stated that another goal of the plan is to reduce the costs of leasing space by replacing leased space with County constructed facilities.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked about the District Attorney's office space stating he does not see that in the plan. Ms. Singlaub stated that space was master planned in the Courts Complex and this plan is for all of the other facilities that are not included in any other plans.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he is not comfortable approving this item until he has time to thoroughly review the plans and asked that it be continued. Ms. Singlaub stated staff is only requesting acceptance of the plan and reiterated that, as each of the elements of the plan is implemented, individual projects will come back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Bond moved that the Board accept the County Wide Facilities Master Plan. Commissioner Short seconded the motion.

Commissioner Galloway stated he has some concerns, especially the idea of relocating the Registrar of Voters to Longley Lane, and he does not want acceptance of this plan to mean that it is approved. He stated there is a loss to the public of relocating some of the functions to Longley Lane, and he will have to abstain from the vote.

Ms. Singlaub explained that the Registrar of Voters uses a lot of valuable office space for storage of voting equipment and records, and stated that, during election times, they would set up a satellite office in the complex for the Registrar. Mr. Roundtree noted that Longley Lane is actually more accessible to the people living in the southern part of the County than the complex is, and customer convenience could go both ways.

Chairman Shaw called for the vote on the motion. Commissioners Shaw, Bond and Short voted "yes," Commissioner Sferrazza voted "no," and Commissioner Galloway abstained.

01-1255  **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - FEE SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2002**

Gregg Finkler, Parks Operations Superintendent, distributed additional information in response to questions raised at Caucus. Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation
tion Director, responded to questions advising that the issue of payment for lighted ballfields will be brought back to the Board in January, 2002, because a couple of the leagues had requested more time to work with the Park Commission on that. She also compared some of the new fees with comparable attractions in the area, noting some are still lower than other museums, etc., and noting that some of these fees have not been increased in several years.

Commissioner Galloway asked about the field rental fees for lighted fields and if they are all shown in Section 13 of the fee schedule. He stated that he would like to see the prior fee schedule for Section 13 continued as an interim fee until the Park Commission makes a recommendation.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he is also concerned about the costs of lighting the fields because the utility costs are going up so much. He added that another concern is the discount being given to one group of people; and he feels this is a public park and the County should not discriminate in the fee policies.

Ms. Mullen said the fee structure could be left as it is, and what they were trying to do is give groups who were already paying the fee a break if they needed more use than originally planned. Commissioner Sferrazza stated those groups are already using the fields to the exclusion of other groups, and everyone should be treated fairly and equally.

A discussion then ensued concerning scheduling of the ballfields.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the new Parks and Recreation Department Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2002 be approved effective January 1, 2002, except Section 13, Sports League User Fees. As to Section 13, it was ordered that the old fees be continued on an interim basis with notice being given that those may change after the Park Commission makes its recommendation including the issue of lighting costs and maintenance. It was further ordered that the Park Commission re-examine the discounted field rental fees in 13.D.

01-1256 APPEARANCE - DAVID A. BYERMAN - STATE OF NEVADA - ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

David Byerman, committee member, presented and reviewed a report presented to the 2001 Legislature concerning participatory democracy in Nevada, discussing voter turnout statistics, the number of people who could vote but do not register to vote, citizen involvement in government, etc., stating that the numbers in Nevada could certainly be better. He stated there is a "recommendation" section in the report on ways to improve citizen participation in government, and he urged the Board members to read those and consider how they might help the committee in this effort. Mr. Byerman then responded to several questions from Board members.
Katy Singlaub, County Manager, offered to post the report on the County's website.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, expressed his theory about why people do not participate in government in northern Nevada.

**01-1257 PURCHASE OF ARMORED SWAT TEAM RESPONSE VEHICLE - SHERIFF**

Lt. Geoff Wise, Sheriff's Office SWAT Commander, responded to questions from Commissioner Galloway concerning which funds will be used to purchase this armored vehicle.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he was concerned about the sole-source purchase and asked that the difference between the proposed vehicle and a standard armored car with plate added to it be explained. Lt. Wise stated the Lenco Bear was designed essentially from the ground up to be a SWAT police vehicle, whereas standard, bank armored vehicles are not designed to withstand repeated hits from high-powered weapons; and retrofitting the standard armored vehicles would cost as much, or more, than the proposed vehicle. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if there are any other competing distributors who sell this, or a similar, vehicle. Lt. Wise advised they are proposing to purchase the vehicle direct from the manufacturer, and it is the only vehicle of its kind. Commissioner Sferrazza stated he is opposed to a sole-source purchase.

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Dennis Balaam, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no," Chairman Shaw ordered that the purchase of a specialty vehicle from Lenco Industries for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team at a cost of $183,600 be approved. It was noted that the vehicle is armored against rifle fire, is purpose-built for police SWAT missions, and has a service life of over 20 years.

It was further ordered that the Equipment Services Division be directed to include the depreciation and the operation/maintenance of the vehicle in the monthly equipment services billings for the fleet.

**01-1258 APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR REFRESHMENTS - FY 2001-2002 - MANAGER**

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, expressed his opinion about this matter.

Upon recommendation of Julie Skow, Program Assistant, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that:
1. The expenditure of no more than $8 per person for the provision of lunch for participants during the January 14, 2002, Board retreat be approved.

2. The expenditure of no more than $8 per person for the provision of lunch for participants during the yet to be scheduled Management retreat during FY 2001-2002 be approved.

3. The expenditure of no more than $8 per person for the participants of the Northern Area Managers Roundtable when Washoe County hosts said meetings be approved.

4. The expenditure of no more than $8 per person for food during Board of County Commissioners meetings that extend, or are anticipated to extend, for an afternoon-evening meeting beyond 6:30 p.m. or for a daytime meeting beyond 1:00 p.m. be approved.

**01-1259 AWARD OF PROPOSAL - ORTHO-PHOTOGRAPHY - TWO-FOOT CONTOUR MAPPING PRODUCTS - TRIALTHON MAPPING GROUP, INC. - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - GIS**

Upon recommendation of Thomas Lo, GIS Manager, and Matt Beckstedt, Information Technology Director, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the proposal for Ortho-Photography and 2-foot Contour Mapping Products, on behalf of Washoe County and the joiner agencies, the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Sierra Pacific Power Company, be awarded to the single source/original bidder per NRS 332.115, Trialthon Mapping Group, Inc., in the amount of $446,245.37 over a 2-year period.

It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to purchase additional mapping products from the same vendor through June 30, 2003, provided there is no increase in pricing.

**01-1260 RESOLUTION - REFUND OF TAXES - INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF CHRIST - APN 024-062-07**

Upon recommendation of Blaine Cartlidge, Deputy District Attorney, as stated in D.A. Opinion No. 6402, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of Washoe County:

RESOLUTION - Directing the County Treasurer to Refund Taxes

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County, pursuant to NRS 354.220-354.240, has the authority to direct the County Treasurer to refund money paid into the County Treasury; and
WHEREAS, International Community of Christ ("Taxpayer") made application for a partial refund of real property taxes for the 2000-2001 tax year on APN 024-062-07; and

WHEREAS, International Community of Christ has overpaid taxes for 2000-2001 fiscal year in the amount of $654.19; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that the Taxpayer has just cause for making such application and that the granting of the partial refund would be equitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Treasurer of Washoe County is authorized and directed to refund International Community of Christ a total of $654.19, that amount being the prorated taxes overpaid for the 2000-2001 tax year on APN 024-062-07.

2. The Treasurer of Washoe County is further directed to debit the account of each governmental entity that has shared in the excess of the taxes collected in error for its pro rata share of the refund.

01-1261 POLICY TO PROHIBIT SMOKING - COUNTY BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES AND WITHIN 25 FEET OF ENTRANCES/EXITS - GENERAL SERVICES

Commissioner Galloway asked why the designated smoking room in the Administration Complex is being eliminated. Tom Gadd, General Services Director, explained the space is needed for more offices. Commissioner Galloway asked if the employees were surveyed. Mr. Gadd stated they were not, but this room is the only designated smoking area left, and it is so far out of the way that most employees go outside.

Chairman Shaw asked if any communications were received from the employees who use the room. Mr. Gadd stated there was not, and that he did notify the Washoe County Employees Association. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated staff could do some surveying regarding this. Commissioner Galloway said he felt sure employees would be too intimidated to come to this meeting, and he would like the surveying done in a way that it is anonymous.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked about the 25 feet away from the entrances and asked if areas were going to be designated. Mr. Gadd stated they could do that. He further advised that one of the problems is at the courthouse where people have to go outside to smoke and they stand on the courthouse steps. Mr. Gadd stated he receives a lot of complaints from both the public and other employees being exposed to second-hand smoke there. Commissioner Sferrazza stated areas should be designated where people do not have to walk through the smoke.
Ms. Singlaub stated the proposed policy also refers to County vehicles. Board members stated they do agree that employees should not be allowed to smoke in the County vehicles.

Sam Dehne, area resident, asked how the County was planning to enforce the 25-feet rule and whether this policy might be a violation of civil rights.

Commissioner Sferrazza moved to approve the policy with respect to County vehicles and the designated smoking room in the Complex. He further stated that, as far as the 25 feet away from entrances/exits to all County owned and/or operated facilities, he would like to have a survey as to whether people would prefer a designated area; and he would like staff to reconsider whether it has to be every entrance/exit.

Mr. Gadd stated he would go back and see if he could come up with specific locations that could be designated as smoking areas, noting that the goal was to move smokers away from the main entrances and exits of County facilities. He further stated there are some places, such as the courthouse, where he may not be able to come up with good locations. Commissioner Sferrazza stated designated areas should be included in the policy.

Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. Chairman Shaw called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

01-1262 BILL NO. 1320 -AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 65 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated she is recommending that the proposed ordinance be amended to also add the General Services Director to the line of succession for emergency management. Commissioner Sferrazza stated he would prefer to have an elected official on the list and nearer the top of the list.

Chairman Shaw asked the Clerk to read the ordinance title. County Clerk Amy Harvey read the title. Chairman Shaw asked if anyone wished to amend the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he would move to introduce the ordinance as it is and stated if it was changed to add anyone else, he would rather have them added after the Chairman.

Commissioner Galloway stated he would rather have the Chairman of the Board as the second in command. Ms. Singlaub reminded the Board that the individuals designated do train regularly to be prepared for all types of emergencies.

Commissioner Short stated, whenever there have been emergencies, the County Manager and her staff have kept the Board informed. He further stated he is
comfortable with the ordinance as written, and has no problem adding the General Services Director, because he believes staff is trained and would be more capable of handling an emergency than he would be.

Bill No. 1320, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DUTIES" was introduced, as originally proposed, by Commissioner Bond, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

01-1263 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - CITY OF RENO - JOINT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL COURT/DISTRICT ATTORNEY FACILITY

Dave Roundtree, Public Works Director, presented the latest draft of the interlocal agreement with the City of Reno for the joint Municipal Court/District Attorney facility and stated the last point of contention is whether Reno would be willing to deposit a certain amount of money into a trust account prior to the County initiating abatement and demolition of the building at 195 South Sierra. He said that Section 12 of the agreement requires the City of Reno to deposit $8,000,000 and that Section 14, the termination provisions, require the City to pay damages to the County if they should back out of the agreement. He reviewed the various termination provisions and stated Reno staff is in agreement with all of those protections, but they do not want to post the money up front as the County is asking. In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Roundtree stated $8,000,000 is an arbitrary figure, and staff would be comfortable with a lesser amount, but they are looking for something as a show of good faith from the City that they are actually prepared to go to construction.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, pointed out that the County will be demolishing a standing, functional building; and the replacement cost of that building is just over $4,000,000.

Commissioner Galloway stated the Board has not had this agreement for very long, and he is not comfortable approving it because he would like the time to have other interested parties review the agreement and provide comments and suggestions to him. He also stated Reno has said that they have the money for this project in the bank, so he does not understand why they would be reluctant to make this deposit. Commissioner Galloway also asked what could be done if this version of the agreement is endorsed by the Board for the next meeting with Reno and then he finds a flaw in some other portion of the agreement.

Commissioner Bond suggested negotiating for a $4,000,000 deposit if that would cover the County's expenses if Reno failed to carry through. Ms. Singlaub stated the $4,000,000 would not come to the County, but the termination provisions would take effect.
In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Singlaub advised that staff is seeking direction from the Board regarding the amount of money to be deposited prior to the start of demolition. Commissioner Galloway stated it would be his direction that the amount be $8,000,000, which would be the money needed to build the new facility.

Commissioner Short stated the funds should be deposited to show good faith and asked when Reno is proposing to make the deposit. Mr. Roundtree stated the City does not want to make the deposit until just prior to construction, which would be several months after demolition.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney, stated staff made the changes requested by the Board at the November meeting and sent that draft to the City of Reno. He further advised that Reno accepted everything proposed by the County in that version, except the items shown in red on this draft and the timing of the deposit of money. Commissioner Sferrazza also expressed concern with the provisions regarding Reno obtaining a special use permit and stated he would like to defer approval of this to the joint meeting with Reno.

Commissioner Galloway stated he still needs time to thoroughly review the agreement and suggested that, rather than approving it at this time, the Board should just give direction to staff concerning the amount and timing of the deposit. He said he originally requested that the County not vacate 195 South Sierra until the bids were in and the construction contract funded, but the objection to that proposal was that it would delay the project by six months. He stated that was a huge concession on his part and he thinks the County should stand firm on a deposit of $8,000,000 by Reno to be made prior to demolition.

Chairman Shaw agreed, noting the County has compromised on many points in this agreement.

District Attorney Richard Gammick stated his staff is already scattered in three different locations in downtown Reno, which creates a lot of inefficiencies for his office. He further stated it would be very risky to vacate 195 South Sierra early to accommodate the City of Reno without some security from them that they will build the new building. He stated he would like some assurance from the Board that, no matter what Reno does, the County will still build a building for the District Attorney and Public Defender.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, expressed his agreement with the new facility at 195 South Sierra and his concerns regarding the Pioneer Inn site.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that staff be directed to include in the interlocal agreement that the City of Reno will deposit $8,000,000 in an interest bearing
escrow or trust account prior to demolition of the building; and that staff look at Section 14.3 concerning the special use permit to see if it could be worded better.

**01-1264**  
**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN - HUMAN RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of Joanne Ray, Human Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for Washoe County be approved.

**01-1265**  
**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR - PUBLIC GUARDIAN**

Pursuant to discussion at Caucus, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, suggested that, if the Board chooses to separate the Public Guardian function from the Public Administrator's office, staff should be given direction to come back to the Board with some specific implementation options, especially regarding job descriptions and classifications, salaries, etc.

Commissioner Short stated he would like to know the financial details and costs of such a plan.

Don Cavallo, Public Administrator, stated he is in support of bifurcation of the Public Guardian functions from the Public Administrator's office. He stated that the National Guardianship Association has issued a "Standards of Practice" guideline, which he distributed at the Caucus meeting, indicating the necessity of that office to stand alone. He pledged his cooperation in working with staff to accomplish the separation and stated he has already separated out the salaries and the jobs have been through the Hay-Group evaluation process, so he has the financial information ready. Mr. Cavallo stated the main issue is to determine whether to include the Public Guardian under another department or to have those functions stand alone as a new, separate department.

Dennis Travers stated he is currently serving as a court-appointed guardian for approximately 40 individuals; and, as an advocate to acquire services from the community for the people he is responsible for, he would encourage the Board that the Public Guardian's office should be a separate, autonomous, stand-alone, department.

Kelly McGowan, Office Support Specialist in the Public Guardian's office, and Angela Sommers, Guardian Case Manager, explained why they believe the Public Guardian should be a separate, free-standing agency, but should function along side the Public Administrator. Ms. Sommers stated she believes there would be a conflict of interest if the Public Guardian functions were under the Social Services Department.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Howard Reynolds, Assistant County Manager, stated there is no conflict of interest in placing the Public Guardian in the Public Administrator's office. He stated the issue is the appointment of an elected
public official to serve in another capacity, and the Board's lack of authority over elected officials is the primary reason he is recommending bifurcation.

Following further discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Chairman Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no," it was ordered that staff be directed that effective July 1, 2002, the Board intends to move the Public Guardian function out of the Public Administrator's office; and that staff bring back details of implementation options giving consideration to financial issues, job and classification issues, structure within departments, reporting relationships, etc., within 45 days.

01-1266 UPDATE - COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Maryann DeHaven, Planner, updated the Board concerning the scheduling of meetings with the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB's) for the Spring of 2002 concerning community boundaries and management strategies. The CAB's have been grouped into 3 groups and they are planning to have four meetings with each group collecting information from the communities. After the fourth meeting, staff will begin writing the specific Management Plan for each of the communities. Ms. DeHaven advised that some of the CAB's have a disagreement concerning their boundaries, as endorsed by the Board, and she does expect that some of those will be changing.

Commissioner Sferrazza advised there has been discussion concerning creating a new CAB for Golden Valley and asked if a new CAB would be included in these Community Management Plan processes. Ms. DeHaven stated they would.

Commissioner Galloway stated there are four areas, Cold Springs, North Valleys, Sun Valley, and Mira Loma/Southeast who want to expand their boundaries. He further stated his concern is the Regional Planning Governing Board is trying to release a draft plan in January or February; and, if that plan were approved, how would these communities change their boundaries.

Commissioner Bond expressed a concern that the citizens will put a lot of time and effort into this project, and she wants to be sure they have a plan they can count on.

Fred England and Joan Liscom, Cold Springs CAB, expressed that they believe their boundaries should be a little larger, and they really do not want to be annexed into Reno.

Commissioner Galloway suggested that staff be very aggressive in trying to include in the plan that these community boundaries are not locked in; and, that at the time of approval, they may change.
01-1267 REGIONAL PLAN OUTREACH EFFORT – REGIONAL PLAN TEAM/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Galloway requested that staff present the County's preferred draft regional plan to the Citizen Advisory Boards (CABs). He suggested that the CABs take action to indicate what they want so staff can take it to the Regional Planning Commission. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, suggested an invitation be extended to the CABs and presentations be given to those that request it. Commissioner Short commented that the public should be educated on the efforts that have been put into regional planning and recommended that information be provided to the Chamber of Commerce and some key service clubs. Mike Harper, Planning Manager, Department of Community Development, was present to provide information and acknowledged the efforts of Kathy Carter, Community Relations, in assisting staff to send out 400 information packets that were provided to interested parties.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff's recommended regional plan outreach effort, as outlined in the agenda material, be approved; and that an invitation be sent to the CABs and Neighborhood Advisory Boards (NABs) to receive a presentation of the County's preferred draft regional plan.

01-1268 ROLE OF COUNTY WEB SITE – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE – PARTIAL REFUND OF APPEAL APPLICATION FEE

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that some problems have been pointed out that occur when versions of the County's web site are accessed. She stated that Jim York, a County resident, requested a partial reimbursement of an appeal fee based on information that was on an earlier version of the County's web site. Legal Counsel Madelyn Shipman advised that a web site is not required by law, the County's web site does not constitute an official site, and the County cannot guarantee that the information is official. She said, if the Board intends to have the web site relied upon, staff would have to look very carefully at what is put on the site, which may result in the removal of information people are looking for.

Robert Sellman, Director, Community Development, explained that the County's appeal application fee information was accurately posted on the web site in July, 2001, and reviewed possible reasons why someone might obtain incorrect data. He advised that County staff tried to assist Mr. York through the web site and staff has not been able to figure out how he obtained the data he pulled off in October, 2001, that showed old fee information prior to July, 2001.

County Manager Singlaub said that Mr. York was inconvenienced, as he was relying on information he saw on the computer screen, and this situation has pointed out a problem that occurs in technology and the use of the web site for updated information. Mr. Sellman advised that staff is trying to figure out ways to put notices on the web
site that people need to use Refresh, check for revision dates, and check with staff for the most current information. He said, if the Board determines to make a reimbursement to Mr. York, staff believes it should be based on the inconvenience to the client versus what happens with the web site, which is a different problem. He then recommended that discussion relative to the fee schedule process be delayed to a future date.

Commissioner Bond said she does not know how this situation occurred, but feels the difficulty and inconvenience caused to Mr. York warrants some kind of refund. Chairman Shaw stated that he believes Mr. York made a good faith effort and something should be done to compensate him.

Russ Price, Washoe County resident, advised that, during a conference call, Bob Webb of Community Development directed both him and Mr. York to the County's web site; and that, when they asked what the fee was, Mr. Webb said he did not know and told them that the appeal application was available on the web site. He stated that both he and Mr. York pulled up the same information, and what is published is what should be charged; and that a $651 fee for a citizen to appeal is very high.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following actions be taken:

1. The Information Technology Department (IT) continue to investigate the potential problems of retrieving superseded data from computers searching County web sites; and that all departments be directed to incorporate appropriate notices or other procedures as suggested by IT to minimize or eliminate the problem.

2. Because of the inconvenience to Jim York and that a staff member provided specific direction in this case and did not look up the fee when asked by the customer, the fee differential of $482 be reimbursed to Mr. York, being the difference between the fee shown on the web site and the fee required by County ordinance.

01-1269 STATUS REPORT – SPANISH SPRINGS VALLEY NITRATE OCCURRENCE REMEDIATION PROJECT – WATER RESOURCES

Stephen Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, reviewed the efforts being made by the Water Resources Department to address the directive dated April 7, 2000, received by the County from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) concerning the groundwater degradation by septic systems in the Spanish Springs Valley. He advised that the directive states the County is to immediately begin planning to expand community sewer service to the area; that a schedule must be submitted to the NDEP for review and approval by August 1, 2000, and a plan is to be in place within the subsequent 18 months; and that a letter from the NDEP dated June 11,
2001, advised that methods of sewage treatment and disposal other than sewering should also be investigated.

Mr. Bradhurst then reviewed a document listing Spanish Springs Valley subdivisions and their method of sewage disposal. He advised that the last subdivision with a septic system was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in October, 1991; and that a letter dated March 23, 1995 from the NDEP states that from that date on septic systems would no longer be allowed in Spanish Springs Valley. Mr. Bradhurst advised that focus groups were formed and there has been extensive public involvement in this process. The focus groups presented four alternatives to address the directive which include (1) sewering the area with a pipeline connected to the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, (2) local sewering to a new Spanish Springs Valley water reclamation facility, (3) partial sewering to try to remediate the situation to the degree possible, and (4) denitrification systems. He noted that the Board of County Commissioners has taken steps to assure the provision of potable water to the area with respect to connecting with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and to the wells to the east, but NDEP says that, even if water is found elsewhere, the waters of the State are being polluted and the situation has to be mitigated.

Dan Dragon, Supervising Hydrogeologist, Water Resources, conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the remediation alternative. He advised this option would not stop the sewering in the valley but would buy more time to seek grant funding and allow control of the contamination. He said staff would like to conduct a site characterization plan, which would involve drilling, sampling and shallow test pumping to see if the remediation concept would be feasible. He stated that irrigation, wetlands, and treatment are possible options for this water.

Christian Kropf, Water Resources, conducted a PowerPoint presentation depicting 3-D representations of the problems and the groundwater resource in Spanish Springs. He advised that site characterization would allow for more in-depth modeling of the nitrate problem and provide for more concrete recommendations to the NDEP. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Bond, Mr. Dragon advised that funding is currently holding up the process but he believes a site characterization plan could be done within six months.

John Nelson, Water Resources, reviewed the proposed pilot program concerning denitrification systems that would treat the nitrates in septic tanks. He advised that the costs for these systems range from $3,000 to $12,000 per system; and that one manufacturer has indicated they could do the operations and maintenance for $25 per month, but, based on the State's request for monthly testing by a certified laboratory, staff estimates a monthly maintenance cost of $89. He advised that, because of the controversy over maintenance costs and the debate of how reliable the systems have been in the past, staff determined a pilot study should be conducted to evaluate this alternative and determine actual costs. He stated that the Cold Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant is considered the best site to conduct the study; and that several manufacturers would participate. Mr. Nelson then responded to questions of the Board.
Commissioner Sferrazza noted that some people do not maintain their septic systems and this increases the nitrate level. He asked if the County has a minimum maintenance standard for septic systems. Mr. Nelson advised there is no standard for maintenance, but recommendations are available. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if, as an interim measure, some standard could be enforced on septic systems. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised this matter would be referred to the District Board of Health, as they are the entity that adopts those regulations.

Commissioner Galloway stated he was appalled at the $89 monthly maintenance cost. Mr. Nelson said the figure was based on a monthly visit to each plant, which may or may not be necessary. Commissioner Galloway commented that it would be hard to believe monthly visits would continue to be necessary, if the systems were proven to work.

John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, reviewed the regional and partial sewering alternatives. He discussed the methodology used to determine costs and advised that the average offsite cost per sewer system to the Reno/Sparks treatment plant would be approximately $14,000; and that onsite costs would be the responsibility of the homeowner. He cautioned that these are planning level numbers that contain several assumptions and are subject to change; and that actual costs will not be known until a collection system is physically designed and bids are opened. Mr. Collins then responded to questions of the Board.

Mr. Bradhurst advised that staff has received a positive response from the State relative to the alternatives being looked at. Financial issues were discussed and Mr. Bradhurst advised that, if the money is available, the best option is sewering, as that would eliminate the septic systems and address the nitrate problem. He advised that the County has authorization for 25% funding at the Federal level and staff is going for the same program that provided a 75% grant for the Lawton/Verdi Wastewater Project; and that work is beginning for the next legislative session to address funding for the onsite costs. He said, if these options are successful, the numbers will change dramatically.

Chairman Shaw called on anyone wishing to speak on this issue.

Claudia VanLydegraf, Cold Springs resident, said the estimated monthly maintenance cost of $89 for a denitrification system should be reduced after a couple of years to $30 per month. She spoke in support of the denitrification system method, advising that two years of testing has already been done on many systems and they passed EPA regulations. She asked why the County would then demand another two years of testing. Ms. VanLydegraf said the test system should be done on individual houses and not from a communal pipe system; and that it is fiscally irresponsible for the County to set standards higher than the rest of the nation.

Albert Richenberger, Spanish Springs resident, reviewed NRS 278.349, which he contends the County violated. He said that in the 1980’s Washoe County was advised of the pending pollution problem in Spanish Springs and continued to approve subdivisions with septic systems; that they now expect the current residents to pay for the
problem; and that these costs will create a financial burden on many residents on fixed incomes.

Bonnie Curtis, Spanish Springs resident, discussed a 1997 report to Congress, which was provided to the Board by the Spanish Springs Action Committee. She advised that the report states, if decentralized systems are properly designed and maintained, they can meet public health and water quality goals. Ms. Curtis said that 1977 amendments to the Clean Water Act required communities to examine alternatives to conventional systems and provided the funding to build treatment systems; and that was when a treatment plant should have been built in Spanish Springs. She advised that in 1995 the EPA introduced a program to keep innovative thinking alive and protect the environment through alternative technology; and that neither the State nor the County took advantage of the facility program. She urged that the Board read the report to Congress to gain a better understanding of the new technologies that are available that might save homeowners and the County millions of dollars.

Donna Stevens, Spanish Springs Action Committee, said she was not told about the septic problem and the sewer costs when she recently bought her home in Spanish Springs; and that she cannot afford the projected costs and hopes an affordable solution will be found.

Jim Wise, Spanish Springs resident, asked when the County would be implementing the system in Cold Springs.

Russell Morgan, Spanish Springs resident, said it is tempting to look at the denitrifying septic systems because the immediate costs are lower. He stated he is pleased the County is looking at a project to test the system and supports the projects proposed by Water Resources because they will save the County and the residents a lot of money in the long run.

Roy Adams, Chairman, Spanish Springs Petition Drive, submitted a petition signed by 1,723 citizens who object to paying the excessive cost projected for the septic tank conversion project. He said it is unacceptable for homeowners to be given the financial burden for the project when steps should have been taken over a decade ago by the County; and that one feasible and viable solution would be to retire septic tanks by attrition.

Maralee Quanbeck, Spanish Springs resident, said she is outraged at the amount of time and money spent on the sewer project. She spoke in support of the denitrification system.

David Walker, Spanish Springs resident, advised he had no disclosure about the nitrate problem when he bought his property about two years ago and was even told he was on sewer. He stated the County should have required the developer to pay the bill and the County should be responsible. He said the most rational solution is regional sewering, which is the County's problem.
Robin Bickerdyke, Cold Springs resident, questioned why excessive testing is being done on a system that was proven and approved by the State and County in 1995. He said the denitrification systems work and recommended that the County go with this cheaper and more viable option.

Joan Liscom, Cold Springs resident, advised that they have had difficulty dealing with the Water Resources Department and the Health Department. She said staff members are public employees and should have to answer to someone in authority.

Donald Heacock, Civil Engineer, Meridian Company, advised he does work for suppliers of denitrifying systems, and those companies are fairly neutral on the Spanish Springs issue. He said it seems that the Department of Water Resources slants decisions and cost figures to make their preferences look a little better. He advised that in most of the country these systems are required to be tested one or two times a year at a certified lab and have quarterly inspections and some form of alarm system that allows for rapid response in the event of failure. Mr. Heacock suggested a hybrid solution to sewer part of the area and consider other options for other regions.

Stan Fincham, Spanish Springs resident, said the homeowners are willing to pay a fair and reasonable amount, but are bewildered about the cost. He advised that his company, Advanced Environmental Systems, has the most advanced wastewater treatment for large and small systems, and they have the ability to go in without disruption and create a denitrification system onsite that is simple and reliable.

Jean Murphy, Advanced Environmental Systems and Spanish Springs homeowner, said she believes they offer an economically viable solution to sewerizing. She stated that this is a pervasive problem in numerous communities nationwide, and there is no need to burden the homeowners and the taxpayers with an unnecessary expense.

Chairman Shaw read comments from the following Spanish Springs residents: Robert McKinnon said legal opinions are needed on all options. Bruni McKinnon requested that the Bridle Path Subdivision and parcels over one acre be left alone and said she is against partial sewerizing. Emma Schlobohm stated that the existing groundwater must be cleaned up, recharge to the Spanish Springs water table must be assured, and the proposal finally decided upon must be affordable to all residents. Bernard Johnson said that the costs are too high. John Sullivan stated he is on a fixed income and the proposed charges would devastate his ability to survive. Gail and David Seavey expressed concern about the drop in property values on the latest assessment mailed out because of the sewer/septic issue.

Walter Hoyle, Spanish Springs resident, advised that his preference would be for regional sewerizing, but is concerned about the costs and that the residents will have to pick up the tab for all the infrastructure. He advised that realtors have confirmed this special assessment will devastate the market values of affected properties. Mr. Hoyle said the County Commissioners and staff were well aware of the deteriorating water
quality in the basin well in advance of final approval of his subdivision and continued to grant approvals contrary to the recommendations of the Health Department, the State, and the concerns of residents.

Chairman Shaw read a letter from James Biglieri and Robert D. Schlesinger, Spanish Springs residents, expressing their concerns about funding; that today's problems are a result of previous Washoe County Commissioners' irresponsibility; and that the liability rests upon the entity that created it.

Jeff Hills, Spanish Springs resident, expressed his concerns about the high costs of the remediation alternatives.

Guy Martin, Spanish Springs resident, said it is the County's responsibility to deliver untainted water and suggested the nitrate filtration system be installed on the water supply delivered to Spanish Springs.

Angie Hills, Spanish Springs resident, expressed concerns about costs. She said that everybody does not receive notification about these issues; and that the County approved all the housing in the area and needs to face the penalty.

Mr. Bradhurst stated that staff is looking at all the options and is trying to find funding, particularly for the sewer option. He advised that staff will try to get a facility plan back to this Board in March or April of next year; and that the Cold Springs Pilot Program is expected to commence in March, 2002, and will run for one year.

Commissioner Galloway discussed concerns regarding the required testing issue and asked that staff look into this matter and make sure there is a legal way to do testing less frequently if the system is proven to work.

Chairman Shaw stated that the consensus of the Board is for staff to pursue the funding possibilities and continue with the remediation plan. He asked that staff look into the issue brought forth concerning notification.

Commissioner Galloway said the math indicates that the cost for a nitrate system would never go below $60 per month. He stated that, if more grants are obtained and the sewering cost is significantly reduced, that would be his preferred method. However, if sewering costs remain high, he would like to look at a mixed solution where people far away from the lines might have the option of a nitrate reducing system.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he supports anyway possible to reduce the cost to residents. He stated that he believes there was some benefit to buying homes on septic systems that were less expensive than homes on sewer. He said he does not think 100% of the responsibility belongs to the other taxpayers in Washoe County, and no one sitting on this Board approved those developments. He stated there is a joint responsibility and every effort should be made by the County to reduce costs.
Jim Ford, Department of Water Resources, conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the status of the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District. He reviewed the types of contaminate situations in the area and advised their task is to develop a remedial plan that addresses those situations. He stated that a number of entities have statutory responsibilities and needs derived from this groundwater resource, and a plan is being developed to try to meet those needs. He advised that the community relations plan was finalized in November, and implementation began last week; and that they expect the framework of an agreement with the other water users and a remediation plan acceptable to the regulators will be forthcoming by April, 2002.

Jeanne Ruefer, Manager, Water Resources Planning Division, responded to questions of Commissioner Sferrazza. She advised that the additional work was budgeted in the work program for the remediation district but was not included in the original scope of work. County Manager Singlaub advised that the amendment resulted in an increase of $100,000 to the contract; that the project was approved by the Board and the additional work was required; but that the Board did not approve this addition to the scope of work, and staff is trying to correct that error.

Upon recommendation of Jeanne Ruefer, Water Resource Planning Manager, through Stephen Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting "no," Chairman Shaw ordered that the First Amendment to the Consulting Engineering Services Contract between Washoe County and Camp, Dresser & McKee, concerning additional scope of services for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District, in the amount of $103,389, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 30, 2001, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1317. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.
On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Ordinance No. 1141, Bill No. 1317, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS PROHIBITING REPRISAL OR RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO DISCLOSES IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION, AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO," be approved, adopted and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

01-1273 ORDINANCE NO. 1142 - BILL NO. 1318 - AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 21 – CHANGE NAME OF MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVILEGE TAX TO GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TAX – STEPPING DOWN TAX AMOUNT

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 30, 2001, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1318. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Ordinance No. 1142, Bill No. 1318, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVILEGE TAX TO THE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TAX STEPPING DOWN THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX BY TWENTY PERCENT PER YEAR OVER 4 FISCAL YEARS AND ABOLISHING THE TAX AFTER THE FOURTH FISCAL YEAR," be approved, adopted and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

01-1274 ORDINANCE NO. 1143 - BILL NO. 1319 - AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 5 – MERIT PERSONNEL ORDINANCE

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 30, 2001, to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1319. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel, advised that a typographical correction needed to be made to the ordinance, but the error was not substantive and was deemed clerical.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.
On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Ordinance No. 1143, Bill No. 1319, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING A PROVISION RELATING TO PARKING ALLOWANCE, UPDATING VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO LEGAL PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES, OVERTIME, CAREER INCENTIVE, PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS, PROBATIONARY PERIODS, HOLIDAYS, ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE, AND PERSONAL LEAVE, REMOVING REFERENCE TO THE ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER FOR PERSONNEL, AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO," be approved, adopted and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

01-1275 RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF RENO - TRANSFER OF WASHOE COUNTY INTEREST IN NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 29 and 30, 2001, for the purpose of receiving objections to the proposed conveyance of Washoe County's interest in the National Bowling Stadium to the City of Reno and for consideration and possible adoption of a resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno concerning said conveyance. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Chairman Shaw read a comment from Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, stating his opposition to transferring the Bowling Stadium onto the Reno citizens with an eventual $114-million bond.

Commissioner Galloway commented that the downtown events center is not a County project and the Board did not make an endorsement of it; and that he does not intend to do someone else's eminent domain. He said he would support adoption of the Resolution with the understanding that the County would not obligate itself to take any other action.

Commissioner Sferrazza advised that he approved this matter on the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) Board with the understanding it would result in a savings to the Reno taxpayers as a direct subsidy in the amount of $7-million and that $5-million would be set aside. He said he would not want to approve the Resolution if those two issues are not contained in the agreement. Commissioner Galloway stated he does not want to be part of making the project happen and would not want to be part of the agreement between Reno and the RSCVA.

John Sherman, Finance Director, advised that staff determined it was necessary to incorporate some protections for the County and the final version of this agreement makes the RSCVA a partner to the contract. He advised that County, Reno and RSCVA staff members believed that the County should not get in the middle of the
agreement between the City of Reno and the RSCVA; and that the revenue bonds for the project are general obligation backed, and pledged revenues are the room taxes specifically passed for the project.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, the public hearing was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was noted that the Board of County Commissioners does not intend to be involved in any eminent domain proceedings and is under no obligation to take any further action to facilitate the project; and that this action is conditioned upon the matter going to the Debt Management Commission.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RENO TRANSFERRING WASHOE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM PROPERTY AT 300 NORTH CENTER STREET, RENO, NEVADA, TO THE CITY OF RENO UPON SATISFACTION OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS INCLUDING THE DEFEASANCE OF THE EXISTING COUNTY BONDS RELATING TO THE PROPERTY AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Washoe County owns certain property in Washoe County known as the National Bowling Stadium ("NBS") located at 300 North Center Street including certain buildings and improvements and which property is more specifically described in Exhibit A, (hereinafter referred to as "County Parcel");

WHEREAS, the County Parcel has been and is currently used by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority ("RSCVA") as a bowling facility benefiting the region's tourism industry and the region's economy;

WHEREAS, the City of Reno ("Reno"), the City of Reno Redevelopment Agency (the "Agency") and the RSCVA desire to engage in a transaction whereby Reno will sell bonds to pay off existing debt at the NBS and fund the rehabilitation of the NBS to be part of a new downtown events center, the Agency will manage the rehabilitation and the RSCVA will have the responsibility of operating the new events center;

WHEREAS, the transaction described in the preceding paragraph also involves defeasing the county bonds used for the NBS and the transfer of the NBS real property from Washoe County to Reno;

WHEREAS, the rehabilitated NBS will benefit the region's tourism industry and the region's economy and will be used for public purpose;
WHEREAS, NRS 277.053 provides that one public entity may convey real property to another public entity without charge if the property is to be used for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") adopted a resolution on November 27, 2001 ("November 27, 2001 Resolution") declaring the county's intent to convey the County Parcel to Reno for no charge upon certain conditions and fixed the regular Board meeting on December 11, 2001 as the date and time of a public meeting of the Board at which objections to the proposed conveyance could be made by the electors of Washoe County;

WHEREAS, publication of notice of the adoption of the November 27, 2001 Resolution was published in a newspaper of general circulation published in Washoe County not less than twice, on successive days, and the last publication was not less than 7 days before December 11, 2001;

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2001 the Board held a hearing to listen to objections;

NOW THEREFORE be it hereby resolved by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. Based on the information provided to the Board at hearings on November 27, 2001 and December 11, 2001 and the information contained in reports to the Board, the transfer of the County Parcel to Reno in the manner provided for in the interlocal agreement would be in the best interest of Washoe County.

2. Based on representations of Reno, the Agency and RSCVA, the Board hereby finds that County Parcel will continue to be used for a public purpose after it is transferred to Reno.

3. No objection made on December 11, 2001 is sufficient to change the Board's finding that the conveyance of the County Parcel to Reno is in the best interest of Washoe County.

4. The interlocal agreement, Exhibit A, is hereby approved.

5. On behalf of the Board the Chairman is authorized to sign the interlocal agreement and the related documents the agreement requires specifically including a quitclaim deed.
5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 21, 28 and December 5, 2001, concerning the notice of filing of the assessment roll, of the opportunity to file written complaints, protests, or objections, and of the assessment hearing, all concerning that certain area to be assessed for a street improvement project within the Washoe County, Nevada, Special Assessment District No. 30 (Antelope Valley Road).

David Roundtree, Public Works Director, advised that four letters were filed with the County Clerk protesting the formation of a district.

Chairman Shaw opened the public hearing and called on anyone wishing to speak.

Richard Ross, Antelope Valley resident, said he was not protesting the formation of a district but had several questions, which Mr. Roundtree addressed.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Shaw closed the public hearing. The Board then considered the written protests.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-1276

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 30 (ANTELOPE VALLEY ROAD); OVERRULING COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS MADE TO THE ASSESSMENTS AT THE HEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; VALIDATING AND CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (herein "Board") of the County of Washoe (the "County"), in the State of Nevada, pursuant to an Ordinance, adopted June 26, 2001 (the "District Ordinance"), created Washoe County, Nevada, Special Assessment District No. 30 (Antelope Valley Road) (the "District") and ordered the acquisition of a street project for the District (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore determined that the cost and expense of the Project is to be paid by special assessments levied against the benefitted lots, tracts and parcels of land in the District; and
WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore determined and does hereby declare that the net cost to the County of all the improvements in the District (including all necessary incidental costs which either have been or will be incurred in connection with the District) is $1,362,000, which amount is to be assessed upon the benefitted lots, tracts and parcels of land in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board together with the County Engineer (the "Engineer") made out an assessment roll for the District which contains, among other things, the names and addresses of the last-known owners of the property to be assessed, or if not known stating that the name is "unknown"; a description of each lot, tract or parcel of land to be assessed; and the amount of the proposed assessment to be levied thereon; and the Engineer has reported the assessment roll to the Board and filed the same with the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Board by resolution duly adopted on November 13, 2001, established a date, time and location at which the Board would hear and consider any and all complaints, protests and objections to the assessment roll and to the assessments contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Board has, in accordance with the provisions of law relating thereto, given the requisite legal notice by both mail and publication that complaints, protests and objections to assessments for improvements in the District should be filed with the County Clerk, and that the Board would hear and consider any and all complaints, protests or objections on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., at the First Floor Commission Chambers, Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Board met at the place and time to hear and consider all complaints, protests and objections made or filed; and

WHEREAS, the written and oral protests or objections were noted for the record and a copy of the minutes of the public hearing are included herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, all complaints, protests and objections, both written and oral, were heard and considered by the Board on December 11, 2001, and after extensive review and deliberation hereby are found to be without sufficient merit and are hereby overruled; provided, however, that the Board has, nevertheless, concluded that it is necessary and equitable that the assessment roll be corrected and revised as follows:

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and
WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby again determine, that all of the assessable property in the County which is specially benefitted by the improvements acquired in the District, and only the property which is so specially benefitted, is included on the assessment roll heretofore filed with the County Clerk on November 13, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that the notice, both mailed and published, for the hearing held on December 11, 2001, on the assessment roll was reasonably calculated to inform each interested person of the proceedings concerning the District which may directly and adversely affect his or her legally protected rights and interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, IN THE STATE OF NEVADA:

Section 1. This resolution shall be known as and may be cited by the short title "District No. 30 (Antelope Valley Road) Assessment Protest Resolution" (the "Resolution").

Section 2. All complaints, protests and objections, both written and oral, are hereby found to be without sufficient merit and are hereby overruled.

Section 3. The Board hereby validates and confirms the assessment roll for the District, as made out by the Board, together with the Engineer, and filed in the records of the office of the County Clerk on November 13, 2001, is hereinabove modified, revised, corrected and made de novo.

Section 4. All action, proceedings, matters and things heretofore taken, had and done by the County and the officers thereof (not inconsistent with the Provisions of this Resolution) concerning Special Assessment District No. 30 (Antelope Valley Road), including, but not limited to the acquisition of street improvements and the validation and confirmation of the assessment roll and the assessments therein, be, and the same hereby are, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 5. The Engineer and officers of the County be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any Resolution or part of any Resolution heretofore repealed.

Section 7. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforce
ability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall in no way effect any remain-
ing provisions of this Resolution.

Section 8. The Board has determined, and does hereby declare, that this
Resolution shall be in effect immediately after its passage in accordance with law.

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Bill No. 1321, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING WASHOE
COUNTY, NEVADA, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 30 (ANTELOPE
VALLEY ROAD); ASSESSING THE COST OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS
AGAINST THE ASSESSABLE TRACTS OF LAND BENEFITED BY THE
IMPROVEMENTS; DESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND
PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR DELINQUENT
PAYMENTS; PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH," was
introduced by Commissioner Bond, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final
action of adoption directed

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting
adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

Minutes Prepared by
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