

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 12, 2002

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Acting Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Ted Short, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Chairman
Joanne Bond, Vice Chairman

The Board met in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada with Commissioner Shaw presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Sferrazza and Bond absent, it was ordered that the agenda for the November 12, 2002 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway noted that most of the Board members would be attending the Nevada Association of Counties Conference at South Lake Tahoe this week.

Commissioner Shaw advised that a couple of weeks ago he represented the Board of County Commissioners at a ceremony for the restoration of the McCarran

Ranch area by the Truckee River. He showed a framed picture of the ranch area, which was presented to him as representative of the County Commission.

**02-1139 PROCLAMATION – NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL RUNAWAY
MONTH AND COMMEMORATION OF MCGEE CENTER'S TEN
YEARS OF SERVICE**

Commissioner Shaw went to podium and read the Proclamation, which he presented to Leonard Pugh, Director, and Mike Pomi, Division Director, Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Pugh thanked the Board on behalf of the Juvenile Services Department and the community for their continued support of the Department's programs and their eagerness to help children and families.

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Every day 1.3 million runaway and homeless youth live on the streets of America;

WHEREAS, One out of every seven children will run away before the age of 18; and each year approximately 5,000 runaway and homeless youth die from assault, illness and suicide;

WHEREAS, Over 1,200 youth run away from home every day of the year and an estimated one-half of America's youth are at moderate risk for unsuccessful transition into adulthood;

WHEREAS, Never before have so many serious issues plagued children at such a young age. Now youth are expressing frustration, rage, or an inappropriate apathy as a response to events that are happening to them and those they love;

WHEREAS, Washoe County's McGee Center was established November 12, 1992 to link youth and their families to available services, to aid in preventing incidence of runaway, and to help families in crisis;

WHEREAS, The McGee Center is the only runaway shelter and youth services center of its kind and aids over 2,000 referrals of at-risk youth each year;

WHEREAS, The McGee Center is joining forces with youth programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Washoe County and America to observe National Runaway Month; now, therefore be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that the month of November is recognized as National Runaway Month in Washoe County and that the McGee Center's 10 years of service to the community will be commemorated at its anniversary open house on November 18, 2002.

02-1140 CONVASS OF THE VOTE – NOVEMBER, 2002 GENERAL ELECTION

Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, advised that the canvass of the vote of the November 5, 2002 General Election is being presented to the Board in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes, which requires the document be presented within five working days of the date of the election. He reviewed issues relating to the election process and advised that the Washoe County voter turnout was 57.69 percent of the active registered voters, the 244 precincts returned the voting results prior to 9 p.m. on election night, and the count was finished by 11:46 p.m.

Mr. Burk discussed the problem of running short of ballots at some precincts. He advised that no precinct ran totally out of ballots but it was very close in a couple of polling locations. He said, in the future, ballots would be provided in areas close to polling places so they can be quickly delivered if necessary. Mr. Burk commented that about 20 percent of the voters took advantage of early voting and absentee voting.

The Board members complimented Mr. Burk, his staff, and the volunteers for a smooth election process.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the results of the November 5, 2002 General Election be declared official as contained in the abstract presented by the Registrar of Voters. It was further ordered that the County Clerk enter the abstract upon the records of this Board of County Commissioners meeting and the Registrar of Voters be ordered to immediately transmit a copy of the abstract to the Secretary of State.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

JIM SHAW, Acting Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County
Clerk and Clerk of the Board of
County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared By
Barbara Trow, Deputy County Clerk*