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:

03-1146 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Galloway and Sferrazza temporarily absent, Chairman Humke ordered that the agenda for the October 21, 2003 meeting be approved with the following amendment: Delete Item 15 concerning staffing changes at the Library.

*1:02 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Hesson, County resident, discussed a recent article that rates Nevada schools as the second worst in the country. He discussed his assertion that President Bush is responsible for the decline in education for children and quality of life in this country.

*1:05 p.m. Commissioner Galloway arrived at the meeting.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, sang “God Bless America.”

MANAGER’S/COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Chairman Humke advised the grand opening of the Emergency Operations and Dispatch Center was held yesterday morning, and the event was well attended.
Commissioner Shaw stated that several Commissioners and staff members attended the “Accentuate the Positive” luncheon held at the Hilton last Friday.

Commissioner Galloway said the “Friends of the Library” had a successful fund-raising event over the weekend. He then advised the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) would be holding two days of meetings and is looking for a new Director. He then requested that staff provide a report on the effect of possible declines in room taxes on bonding and major projects in this area.

Commissioner Sferrazza advised he did not believe the decline in room tax would affect the County because the amount of revenue being realized is close to what was projected. He said the County would be losing room tax due to the Boomtown annexation, but he does not believe the loss is significant and would probably be wiped out by the tax increase to be received from the remodeled Hyatt Regency. He then noted the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitor’s Authority (RSCVA) voted against a raise for the Executive Director, and the Executive Director declined the 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase.

Commissioner Weber advised she attended a recent meeting with Black Rock, LLC (Burning Man) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). She said approximately 30 people attended the meeting, discussion was held on how the Burning Man event took place, and ideas and suggestions were presented for future events.

03-1147 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Approximately 35 new Washoe County employees introduced themselves to the Board. Chairman Humke welcomed the new employees.

03-1148 **MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the minutes of the regular meetings of August 12, 19 and 26, 2003 be approved.

03-1149 **RESIGNATION – APPOINTMENT – VERDI TOWNSHIP CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Upon recommendation of Commissioner Weber, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the resignation of Lynne Burke as an at-large representative on the Verdi Township Citizen Advisory Board be accepted and Gene
Gardella be appointed to fill the vacancy with a term from the date of appointment to June 30, 2004.

03-1150 CHANGE ORDER - CONTRACT EXTENSION – CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD SECRETARIAL SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Adrian Freund, Director, Community Development, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the Community Development Department be authorized to prepare a Change Order increasing the amount of the contract with Specialized Secretarial Services for an additional six-month period to maintain Citizen Advisory Board support services.

03-1151 PAYMENT OF FINE – SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the payment of the $450 fine assessed by the Secretary of State’s Office on Maureene Thomas, Sheriff’s Office, for failure to add proper notarial wording and signature and improper completion of her notary journal be approved.

03-1152 AWARD OF BID – PRINTING OF 2004/2005 TAX ASSESSMENT LIST - BID NO. 2407-04 – ASSESSOR

This was the time to consider award of a bid for the Printing of the 2004/2005 Tax Assessment List on behalf of the Assessor’s Office. A Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 22, 2003. 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:

Golden Eagle Press
Reno Gazette Journal

Electrographics and the Sparks Tribune submitted a "no-bid" response.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that Bid No. 2407-04 for Printing of the 2004/2005 Tax Assessment List for the Assessor’s Office be awarded to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder meeting specifications, terms and
conditions, Golden Eagle Press. It was noted the award is in the amount of $305.78 per page for an estimated 138 pages at a total cost of $42,197.64, based on one printing of the list.

03-1153  INCREASE FY03/04 PURCHASE ORDER – RENO FORKLIFT – VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM - DISTRICT HEALTH

Upon recommendation of Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that an increase of $7,002 to FY 03/04 Purchase Order No. 4500000159 issued to Reno Forklift, bringing the total amount of the purchase order to $32,000, on behalf of the Environmental Health Services Division within the District Health Department approved. It was noted the additional funds are required for permit and engineering fees for updating and increasing capabilities and capacity of the Vector Laboratory and will be paid with local funds from the Vector Control program budget.

03-1154  RESOLUTION – DONATION OF SURPLUS SERVICE TRUCK TO GERLACH GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – EQUIPMENT SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Jean Ely, General Services Division Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution to donate one used surplus 1996 1-ton 4X4 Ford F350 service truck from Equipment Services to the Gerlach General Improvement District, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, Section 2.(a), be adopted and Chairman Humke be authorized to execute the same. It was noted that the estimated salvage value of the vehicle is approximately $6,650.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO DONATE ASSETS OF THE EQUIPMENT SERVICES FUND

WHEREAS, Equipment Services was established to provide fleet services including acquisition, maintenance and disposal of fleet vehicles and equipment and to provide management and administration of related fleet services for Washoe County; and

WHEREAS, Equipment Services is disposing of certain used equipment, which is surplus to its needs, including one (1) 1996 1-ton Ford F350 service truck with utility body; vehicle identification number 2FDFK38GXTCA46650; and
WHEREAS, the Gerlach General Improvement District is in need of a newer vehicle to replace a 1988 Dodge pickup;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, that we support the needs of the Gerlach General Improvement District and declare:

Section 1. NRS 244.1505, Section 2.(a) empowers the Board of County Commissioners to donate to other government entities certain commodities, supplies, materials and equipment that the Board determines to have reached the end of their useful life.

Section 2. The above-mentioned surplus used Washoe County asset will be donated in “as is” condition to the Gerlach General Improvement District.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective on passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller’s Office, Finance, Purchasing and Equipment Services.

03-1155 RESTRICTIVE COVENANT – TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHTS – TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER AUTHORITY - MILLS B. LANE JUSTICE CENTER – PUBLIC WORKS

Upon recommendation of Roger Van Alyne, Capital Projects Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Chairman Humke be authorized to execute a restrictive covenant requested by Truckee Meadows Water Authority for the transfer of 4.635 acre-feet of water rights to the Mills B. Lane Justice Center from the Pioneer Hotel Casino parcel.

03-1156 CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS - ASSESSOR

Upon recommendation of Jean Tacchino, Assistant Chief Deputy Assessor, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Roll Change Requests correcting factual errors on tax bills and the Order directing the Treasurer to correct the error be approved and Chairman Humke be authorized to execute the same.

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03-1157  **RECOMMENDATION – NAMING OF WEBSTER CANYON AND MURPHY GULCH – U. S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

This item was continued from the September 23, 2003 meeting [BCC Item No. 03-1073].

Susan Tingley, Chairman, Nevada State Board on Geographic Names, advised the proposals to name Webster Canyon and Murphy Gulch were submitted by David Davis of Reno. She described the location of each area advising that Webster Canyon is less than one mile long, is located 20 miles north of Reno, and the proposed name was used in Washoe County mining claim records in 1902, 1903, and 1916. Murphy Gulch is almost one mile long, is located 10 miles north of Reno, and the proposed name was used in Washoe County mining claim records in 1923. She stated in May 2002 the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names voted not to approve the two proposed names because they do not meet the standards of the U. S. Board on Geographic Names, which she reviewed. Ms. Tingley noted that when the name proposals were presented to the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board in August of this year, they were impressed by the historical research done by Mr. Davis and supported the two proposed names.

Commissioner Weber said she has received input from the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) regarding their reasons for supporting the proposed names. She met last evening with the Cold Springs CAB, and expressed her concern they had not heard about this proposal since they would have more knowledge of the Murphy
Gulch area. She said the Cold Springs CAB was amazed there would even be a consideration to name these two areas. She stated the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names has presented evidence that there is nothing unique in these areas, and she does not see why this should be done.

David Davis, County citizen, advised he works for the Nevada Bureau of Mines, and this is a personal research hobby. He commented he has submitted names to the Geographic Names Board in the past, and most of them have been approved. He said a lot of development has been going on in the general area of the subjects, and many historic features have vanished or been forgotten. When he comes across names that have disappeared, he feels it is important to bring them forth for historical purposes. Mr. Davis described the two areas and reviewed their history.

Commissioner Galloway said he is a history buff and is interested in the mining era but questions whether these areas are major enough to name. Discussion was then held about how the naming might affect the ability of firefighters to locate the subject areas.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting “no,” the Board recommended not to name Webster Canyon and Murphy Gulch.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that Mr. Davis has done a lot of work on this project, and he believes there is historical evidence that these names were used in the past. Chairman Humke stated he believes the State Board on Geographic Names applies the rules very carefully and supports their decision. Commissioner Weber expressed appreciation to Mr. Davis and the North Valleys CAB for their efforts in this matter.

03-1158 STAFF REPORT – GASOLINE PRICES IN WASHOE COUNTY

Michelle Poché, Assistant County Manager, conducted a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the factors that drive gasoline costs in the country and in Washoe County. She stated that gasoline prices in Northern Nevada are among the highest in the country, primarily because the region receives the bulk of its gasoline from refineries and distributors in Northern California, which has the highest gasoline prices in the country. She reviewed the components that determine the retail price of gasoline, why gasoline prices fluctuate, why California gasoline prices are higher and more variable than others, and factors that result in different costs according to region. She stated that Washoe County currently levies the maximum optional county taxes allowed by State law, which accounts for some of the differences in gasoline prices among Nevada counties.
Larry Martin, Airport Authority Board of Trustees, introduced the following members of the Airport Authority: Krys Bart, Executive Director; Marily Mora, Deputy Executive Director; Tom Medland, Director of Marketing and Air Service Development; and Dean Schultz, Manager of Planning. Mr. Martin provided an overhead presentation of airport activities and advised, since 9/11, most of the airports in the country have been devastated with dropping passenger counts and flight cancellations. He said the Reno Airport has been fortunate to have an Executive Director and a great administrative team that has been successfully promoting the area and working with local tourism organizations to bring back air traffic. He stated passenger traffic in Reno is up compared to the National average and has been increasing for about the last six months. Mr. Martin referred to the blackout experienced in the East several months ago that affected airline service and advised this would not occur at the Reno/Tahoe Airport. He said if commercial power is lost, the FAA control tower has less than one second before the auxiliary power kicks in. There would be no break in communications with the airplanes, and they always have lighting and navigational aids.

John Farahi, Airport Authority Board of Trustees, stated the Airport Authority has a great administration team that has done an extraordinary job of continuously trying to modernize the facility. He said they believe the facility would be useful for another 15 to 20 years based on anticipated growth. He discussed financial matters and some of the implementations being made to reduce landing fees and operating costs. He said Reno is probably one of the few airports in the country that has gained air service compared to last year and been able to keep landing fees very low. He stated the community is in good hands with the Executive Director and her team.

Krys Bart, Executive Director, thanked the Board for providing the opportunity to work with the Washoe County Trustees. She said the current Board of Trustees is excellent and is what the community needs.

Chairman Humke thanked the Trustees for their service and for providing this report.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, stated he has attended every airport meeting since 1994. He said he has more aviation background than anyone on the Airport Board but is always turned down to serve on that board. He discussed his lawsuit against the Airport Authority and asked why the issue about the Airport Authority stealing land from the citizens to implement a cargo expansion has not been discussed.

County Manager Singlaub advised the City of Reno is expected to take action on this matter tomorrow, and the bid opening would occur on November 12, 2003.
Commissioner Galloway stated he believes the condition of approval of this budget is very clear. He said this matter has been negotiated with Reno staff, and he would want to make sure the condition is clearly communicated to the Reno City Council.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the maximum construction budget for the Mills B. Lane Justice Center be approved, and Finance be authorized to deposit the County’s share of the construction budget, as required by the Agreement with the City of Reno, conditioned on the City of Reno approving its share including a minimum five percent construction contingency.

03-1161 PRESENTATION – CLYDE BURKE, BURKE & ASSOCIATES, INC. – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM –UTILITY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE – WATER RESOURCES

Steve Bradhurst, Director, Water Resources, advised the performance audit conducted by the County Internal Auditor recommended that Water Resources build on its Continuous Improvement Program and solicit a third party expert, Clyde Burke with Burke & Associates, Inc., to prepare a Performance Management Program to identify opportunities for improvement. He advised the Utility Operations and Maintenance Division provides operation and maintenance services to water, sewer and reclaimed water utility operations.

Clyde Burke, Burke & Associates, Inc. advised they are a public works and utility management specialty firm. He conducted an overhead presentation of the Performance Management Program and reviewed the Division’s functions, workload and customer service. He discussed the Program’s recommended actions pertaining to (1) Annual maintenance programs, (2) Performance guidelines, (3) Short-term scheduling procedures, (4) Work performance reports, and (5) Improved preventative maintenance. He advised the Program recommends 6.6 additional staff members based on widely accepted practices in water/sewer utilities. Mr. Burke stated the Water Resources Department is unique in that it is responsible for 19 separate systems compared to the typical utility that is one contiguous unit; the travel distance to job sites ranges from 10.9 to 19 miles compared to the typical travel distance of three to five miles; and the typical performance benchmarks in other areas of the country are not applicable in Washoe County. He advised his assessment concluded it is not advisable for the Operations and Maintenance Division to outsource work at this time due to staff size and the lack of flexibility to effectively manage contracts and handle its own business at the same time. Mr. Burke then responded to questions of the Board concerning travel time, additional staffing recommendations, and outsourcing issues.
Mr. Bradhurst referred to survey information provided in the agenda material and said the citizen feedback indicates the Operations and Maintenance Division is doing a good job.

Commissioner Galloway stated he would support the recommendations outlined in the Performance Management Program, with the understanding the implementation would not be immediate. He noted the County is committed to adjusting rates every year, and he would prefer that increased costs be reflected in small adjustments rather than a large adjustment later on.

Upon recommendation of Steve Bradhurst, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that staff be directed to prepare a plan to implement the Performance Management Program prepared by Burke & Associates, as outlined in the agenda material dated October 9, 2003 and placed on file with the Clerk.

03-1162 FORMATION OF THE WINNET SERVICE CENTER

County Manager Singlaub advised this project has been in process for a while, and staff has determined ways to accomplish the WINnet Project without adding any net staff.

Upon recommendation of Katy Singlaub, County Manager, and the WINnet Executive Committee, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the following actions be taken concerning the formation of the WINnet Service Center. The Board complimented staff for accomplishing this project without adding personnel.

1. The creation of three new classifications of Business Analyst I, II and Senior be approved.

2. The transfer of three vacant positions, one from Human Resources and two from the Comptroller’s Office to the IT Department be approved.

3. The reclassification of five vacant positions to Business Analyst and two vacant positions to Senior Business Analyst in the IT Department be approved.

03-1163 CREATION OF ON-SITE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION – SHERIFF/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

County Manager Singlaub advised this item represents an effort by staff to bring forward a consensus decision that shares existing personnel positions.
Diane Nicholson, Sheriff’s Office, advised this action would provide more flexibility of personnel to meet the needs of the Sheriff’s Office. County Manager Singlaub advised that IT would be providing a greater depth of technology support for the Sheriff’s Office.

Upon recommendation of Katy Singlaub, County Manager, and the WINnet Executive Committee, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the following actions be taken concerning an on-site technology support organization for the Sheriff’s Office. The Board complimented the Sheriff’s Office and the IT Department for their sensitivity and cooperation relative to cost issues concerning this project.

1. The creation of an on-site technology support organization specifically supporting the technology needs of the Sheriff’s Office be approved.

2. The creation of a Technology Manager for the support organization by abolishing one Sergeant Position #238 in the Sheriff’s Office and establishing a new position in the IT Department, as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee, be approved.

3. The creation of a new position in the Sheriff’s Office, as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee, and abolishment of a Sheriff Support Specialist Position #368 be approved.

4. The newly created Technology Manager be directed to update the Sheriff’s Office March 1999 Business Plan and report back to the Board within nine months regarding appropriate resource requirements to provide support for a 24x7x365 operation of the Sheriff’s Office, including future considerations for County-wide criminal justice agencies.

5. The Comptroller be directed to make the following budget adjustments for the position eliminated in the Sheriff’s Office (#238) and created in the IT department:

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COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

A. Copy of Notice of Completion between Washoe County Utility Services Division and TW Construction Co., Inc., for the Mt. Rose Sanitary Sewer Construction. (BCC Item No. 03-459)

B. Copy of fully executed Notice of Completion between Washoe County Utility Services Division and K. G. Walters Construction Co., Inc., for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Expansion project (BCC Item No. 01-423)

C. Notice of Intent to Annex Land into the City of Sparks dated September 11, 2003 to annex 85 acres of land, located at 7200 Pyramid Way, Washoe County, into the City of Sparks, and a copy of Bill No. 2361 introducing the proposed Ordinance. The public hearing on Bill No. 2361 is scheduled for the Council Meeting to be held on September 22, 2003.

D. Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing the Prevention of Vector-Borne Diseases approved by the Washoe County District Board of Health on May 22, 2003 and filed with the County Clerk on October 2, 2003.

REPORTS – Annual (Fiscal Year 2002-2003)


REPORTS – Monthly (August 2003)

A. Court Clerk
B. Washoe County Clerk
C. Washoe County Treasurer

REPORTS – Monthly (September 2003)

A. Court Clerk
B. Washoe County Clerk

REPORTS – Quarterly (September 2003)

A. Court Clerk
B. Washoe County Clerk
03-1169 REPORTS – Annual (Fiscal Year 2003-2004)

A. City of Reno, Nevada 2003/2004 Adopted Budget

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

Minutes Prepared by
Barbara Trow
Deputy County Clerk