

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

JANUARY 20, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Blaine Cartlidge, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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:

04-43 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the January 20, 2004 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Hesson, Reno resident, spoke against the Bush Presidency and declared President Bush a world-class liar.

Sam Dehne, local resident, welcomed the new Washoe County employees. He said he was outraged that the City of Reno would consider canceling the televising of the Reno City Council meetings because of the \$3,600 cost per year. He encouraged the Mayor of Reno to continue televising the meetings and to not have meetings behind closed doors.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, expressed his belief that building the proposed AAA ballpark in the Fourth Street/Highway 80 corridor would benefit redevelopment and revitalization in that area. He said the Truckee Meadows must not support multiple major, regional, commercial or entertainment complex developments outside the combined downtown core areas.

MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weber announced that a Washoe County Neighborhood Services Town Hall Meeting was set for January 29, 2004 in the Washoe County Commission Chambers. She said the open house would be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., followed by the town hall meeting from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. She noted it would be televised and residents would be able to call in with their comments and questions.

Commissioner Galloway extended an invitation to the public to attend his regular open meetings on the third Friday of every month at the Northwest Library from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on the first Friday of every month at the Incline Village General Improvement District Board Room in Incline Village from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

County Manager Katy Singlaub acknowledged employees who worked on the Decorating Committee during the holidays and their clean up efforts as well.

04-44 INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEEES

Chairman Shaw invited approximately 17 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

04-45 NON-COUNTY EMPLOYEE TRAVEL – MARY HERZIK – SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Commissioner Humke disclosed that he works for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and they would be providing the training at the mandatory grantee orientation meeting. He said his employer was not party to the grant, so he did not believe it would be a conflict for him to vote on the item.

Upon recommendation of Ron Longtin, Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Request for Permission to Travel Form be authorized for the Coordinator of the Peace Center visitation program to attend a mandatory grantee orientation meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. It was noted that Mary Herzik, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Executive Director, would be the District Court's representative, and the second participant would be Linda Ries who is an independent contractor directing visitation programming at the Peace Center. It was further noted that travel costs, will not exceed \$2,000 and would be provided through the Safe Havens Grant.

04-46 **PURCHASE REQUISITION – BIO-DIESEL FUEL PROJECT –
DISTRICT HEALTH**

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Andy Goodrich, Air Quality Management Director, explained that the source of the bio-diesel fuel would be from Western Energetics, the current contract vendor for fuel for the Washoe County School District. He said there were other fuel providers that could provide the fuel, such as a company in Clark County. He clarified that the fuel consists of vegetable oil mixed with petroleum diesel, and the project that the school district would be initiating would start with a five percent mixture of a vegetable oil. He confirmed that it could be recycled from cooking oils.

Upon recommendation of Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that purchase requisition #1000001280, in the amount of \$73,815.50, to the Washoe County School District, Transportation Department, on behalf of the Air Quality Management Division of the District Health Department for the Bio-Fuel Diesel Fuel Project, for the period January 1 through May 30, 2004, be approved.

04-47 **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - DISTRICT HEALTH
DEPARTMENT - JUVENILE SERVICES**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained that this item was a renewal, and Juvenile Services has found it to be cost-effective to use Health Department staff for the services.

Upon recommendation by Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the Interlocal Agreement between the Washoe County District Health Department and the Department of Juvenile Services (Wittenberg Hall Juvenile Detention Facility), concerning provision of vaccine, tuberculosis testing solution, STD lab testing and treatment, annual revisions of the laboratory manual and consulting services for the Nurse Practitioner at the juvenile services facility in exchange for Wittenberg's medical clinic agreement to participate as a training site for the District Health Department's Advanced Practitioner of Nursing staff and share communicable disease reporting statistics (Agreement takes effect upon ratification and remains in effect until June 30, 2005), be approved, and that Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

04-48 **BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 03/04 – FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAM – DISTRICT HEALTH**

Upon recommendation of Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw

ordered that an amendment to the District Health Department Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
2002-10025-431100	Federal Contributions	\$ 5,000.00
2002-10025-710714	Referral Services	\$ 5,000.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 5,000.00

04-49 BUDGET AMENDMENT - FY 03/04 – SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE PROGRAM – DISTRICT HEALTH

Upon recommendation of Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent and Commissioner Weber voting "no," Chairman Shaw ordered that an amendment to the District Health Department Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
2002-10014-431100	Federal Contributions	\$ 46,601.00
2002-10014-710721	Lab Outpatient	\$ 46,601.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 46,601.00

04-50 BUDGET AMENDMENT – FY 03/04 - TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL AND ELIMINATION PROGRAM – DISTRICT HEALTH

Upon recommendation of Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that an amendment to the Tuberculosis Control and Elimination Program Fiscal Year 2003/04 Budget be approved and the following account transactions be authorized:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT OF INCREASE
2002-10016-431100	Revenue	\$ 9,300.00
2002-10016-710721	Outpatient Services	\$ 9,300.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 9,300.00

04-51 APPEARANCES BY DOROTHY TIMIAN-PALMER AND STEVE HARTMAN - FISH SPRINGS RANCH, L.L.C.

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained that there would be no staff recommendation required for the item as a result of the appearance. She said the purpose was to give the Board an update on discussions that were taking place concerning a water importation project and to inform the Board that there was an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared.

Steve Hartman, Vice-President of Vidler Water, gave background information on Fish Springs Ranch and reviewed the materials presented to the Board. He explained that the County was a cooperating agency, along with many others, as the EIS process moves forward. He said the next major meeting for all cooperating agencies would be February 3, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. at the Nevada State Bureau of Land Management office. Mr. Hartman stated he was not at the meeting to ask for anything, but to update the Board on their progress. He confirmed that a special use permit would be needed in the future as the project becomes a reality, but no Board action would be required at this time.

Mr. Hartman acknowledged the many benefits of the project, such as: diversification of the water supply, water for parks and groundwater replenishment. He said the company was doing their best to deal with all the issues of the project and trying to involve the community as much as possible.

Chairman Shaw inquired if Dorothy Timian-Palmer desired to speak, and she declined.

Commissioner Weber stated that water importation into the North Valleys was needed, and she welcomed the project.

Commissioners Galloway, Humke, Shaw and Weber individually disclosed that they had meetings with Mr. Hartman, Ms. Timian-Palmer and Chris Barrett to discuss the project. Commissioner Humke noted that he had additionally met with other representatives of Vidler Water Company. Commissioner Galloway stated that, in his meeting, they discussed that the County did not want to be in the water business as the developer of water, but having a private group take all the risk and become the purveyor of water was acceptable to him.

Commissioner Humke inquired if the terminus point would be in the North Valleys, and Mr. Hartman confirmed it would be. Commissioner Humke inquired how far south the terminus point would go, and Mr. Hartman explained that, based upon what has been designed so far, it has generally been the northerly portion of the ground owned by the Washoe County Airport Authority.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, stated this idea was shot down ten years ago and nothing has changed. He said it was wrong to fool with Mother Nature, and he expressed his disapproval of the project. He noted that there was no mention of the impact this would have on the homes in the area, and the wells of private citizens. He acknowledged that growth in the area was already out of control and this project would not solve that problem. Mr. Dehne declared that not one penny of taxpayer money should go toward the project, and he inquired what the position of Reno and Sparks was in regard to the project.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, said he hoped the Board would be environmentally sensitive in regard to the importation of water from its natural area to

an unnatural area. He stated that the Board has the obligation and responsibility to look at the resulting impact that importing water to the community would have on the property.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Mr. Hartman stated that the company would not be asking Washoe County for any of the development costs for the water pipeline. He said the project would be a private undertaking, and it was their intent to maintain part of the working ranch and return the fields back to a more natural feed base for the cattle.

Commissioner Humke stated that the Board would not be anxious to spend taxpayer dollars in that way, but they would be interested in a water resource. Mr. Hartman commented that the community has been through that type of situation before, the community need not go through it again, and the company would not ask that they do so.

**04-52 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – AMEC
INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. – WATER RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of Jeanne Ruefer, Water Resources Planning Division Manager, through Steve Bradhurst, Water Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that an agreement between Washoe County and AMEC Infrastructure, Inc., concerning the provision of final engineering design services for the North Spanish Springs Floodplain Detention Facility and appurtenant structures, in the not to exceed amount of \$537,000, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

**04-53 RESOLUTION - ROUND V SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC LAND
MANAGEMENT ACT – PARKS**

County Manager Katy Singlaub complimented Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, Alicia Reban, Nevada Land Conservancy, and several staff members who have been working with Carson and Douglas Counties, as well as all of the land conservation agencies over many months to prepare the following list for the Board. She said the lands come jointly prioritized by the three counties of Carson, Douglas and Washoe, to submit a cooperative proposal for open space acquisitions under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA).

Ms. Mullen explained that, as the projects or parcels come through the process, there would be ongoing communication between the property owners and the agencies; and at any time either party would be allowed to terminate the project. She presented a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the Tri-County SNPLMA Process and Recommendations, Round V.

Ms. Mullen clarified that one of the properties that had been nominated was the West Truckee River/Chang property, but one document was missing from the owner of the property so the nomination had been pulled. She said they would continue to work with the owner and they hoped to nominate the property in Round VI. She presented the remaining nominated properties describing their acreage and values.

Ms. Reban described the acreage and values of the nominated lands of Granite Mountain-Buffalo Hills-Wall Canyon and the Hog Gulch.

In response to Chairman Shaw, Ms. Mullen stated that it has been explained to all owners that the Federal Government acquires the lands based on appraised value. She said once the Secretary of the Interior approves the lands and authorizes the funding, then the actual appraisal process begins. She clarified that there would be an estimate of value on the projects at that time.

Ms. Singlaub explained that the seller would always be in charge regarding the sale. The sale is not a negotiated sale because Federal law requires that it be offered at the appraised value, and the SNPLMA funds it at the appraised value.

Ms. Mullen stated that at the end of the process, the BLM and/or the U.S. Forest Service become the owner(s) of the property.

Commissioner Galloway inquired if approving the list would mean accepting the priorities as listed, and Ms. Mullen explained that the Federal-working group completes the actual prioritizing of the projects. She said the working group prioritizes all of the nominations and then those nominations fall out based on certain characteristics, such as: sensitive species, wildlife habitat, wetlands, historical and cultural values to the land. She further explained that even though staff submits a priority ranking, the real prioritization comes from the Federal side.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Mullen confirmed that none of the lands were currently being used for ranching. He requested that the Huffaker Hills-Short property have a higher priority.

Commissioner Humke asked how many projects might be approved. Ms. Mullen said she was not sure, but she did note that a number of applications were going forward from Southern Nevada, so there could be more of a challenge for the dollar amount this time around. She confirmed that staff would automatically resubmit all nominations not accepted in the next round.

Ms. Singlaub acknowledged that the Federal agencies that make the decisions, including the Regional Directors beyond the State Director level, have been impressed with the process that Northern Nevada has followed. She said they find the nominations to be thorough, very sound and well thought out. She explained that the team was asked to complete the process collaboratively. The agencies have been impressed with the joint prioritization and have indicated that many of the requests

coming from Clark County would not be funded because they were applying for things that do not meet the criteria of the law, whereas, all of the nominations from Northern Nevada do meet the criteria.

Commissioner Humke commented that he agreed with the prioritization of the Casey/Winters Ranch property because if the land were developed, it would have a terrible impact on traffic.

Roy Walker, resident of Washoe County representing Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, spoke in support of the protection of sensitive lands and asked for increased prioritization of the Granite Mountain-Buffalo Hills-Wall Canyon Ranges. He said the parcels have exceptional wildlife and wildlife habitat; they are unique; and they are a valuable resource providing for the outdoor recreational uses of hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and biking. Mr. Walker stated that these parcels were the best of the list presented.

Larry Johnson, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, stated he supports the acquisition of the private lands within the Granite Mountain-Buffalo Hills-Wall Canyon Ranges by the SNPLMA. He said the lands include some of the most pristine, environmentally sensitive and valuable habitat in all of Nevada. He acknowledged that the public would be best served by acquisition, and he urged the Board to support the recommendations.

Tina Nappe, Trustee for the Nevada Land Conservancy, said she was here to support all of the acquisition of lands and to commend the Commission for having an open space plan for southern Washoe County. She asked for their enthusiastic support for the acquisition of these private lands.

Chairman Shaw acknowledged that Sam Dehne, Reno resident, had left the meeting, but he had marked "for" on his card.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, stated that Nevada has more public land than any other state in the Union. He said it was important to keep a balance of public versus private land. He would like to see a policy in the State of Nevada that assists in keeping that balance.

Andrea Meanor, Reno resident, said she was in support of acquisition as presented by the departments for future use for children. She had questions about the Chang property and Ms. Mullen answered her questions.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Mullen, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the following Washoe County Resolution for Round V SNPLMA Submittals, supporting the protection of environmentally sensitive lands and access to Federal lands through the SNPLMA

program administered by the BLM, be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 provides, from proceeds derived from the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, acquisition opportunities for environmentally sensitive lands throughout the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The 1.76-acre TAHOE MEADOWS/LEON property in Washoe County is considered unique for its unique wildlife habitat, high potential for prehistoric and historic artifacts, recreation opportunities, and for the preservation of the meadows and scenic corridor along Mt. Rose Highway and its adjacency to U.S. Forest Service lands; and

WHEREAS, The 69.14-acres CASEY/WINTERS RANCH property in Washoe County are considered important as the last of this larger land purchase and for its mule deer wintering habitat, public access to adjacent U.S. Forest Service lands, as a key trail connection point between Davis Creek and Bowers Mansion Regional Parks and as part of the scenic view shed of Bowers Mansion historic site; and

WHEREAS, The 33.45-acre LOGAN MEADOWS/REDFIELD property in Washoe County is dominated by a high mountain meadow with a year round water source and is considered unique for its high cultural resource value, the historic Thomas Creek sawmill site, its habitat for black bear, mule deer and for habitat for a number of specially designated species, and for its recreational trail value; and

WHEREAS, The 320-acre UPPER LIST RANCH property in Washoe County is considered important for the protection of the McEwen Creek riparian habitat, for its black bear habitat and mule deer winter range, and for its recreational trail access to U.S. Forest Service lands and Nevada State Park land; and

WHEREAS, The 40-acre WEST TRUCKEE RIVER CANYON/SPPC property in Washoe County is considered important for protection of water quality and the habitat associated with forested uplands adjacent to the Truckee River, its mule deer winter range and as a scenic backdrop to the I-80 corridor; and

WHEREAS, The 385-acre BIG MUSGROVE CANYON property in Washoe County is considered unique for Big Canyon Creek, Musgrove Creek and other perennial stream courses on the property which provide extensive wildlife habitat and it will provide public access to National Forest lands and furthermore it is a scenic backdrop for southbound Hwy 395; and

WHEREAS, The 113.46-acre EAST TRUCKEE RIVER/EAST TRUCKEE CANYON PROPERTIES LLC property in Storey County are considered

unique for adjacency to Truckee River and for its protection of the Lower Truckee River riparian habitat including the protection and restoration of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Cui-ui fisheries and is significant for its recreational trail and river access values; and

WHEREAS, The 480-acre EAST TRUCKEE RIVER/STOREY COUNTY PROPERTIES LLC property in Storey County is considered unique because of its habitat for specially designated sensitive species, as mule deer winter range, for its wildlife access to the Truckee River, for its healthy riparian ecosystem, for recreational access to the river and as a scenic backdrop to the I-80 corridor; and

WHEREAS, The 73.03-acre HUFFAKER HILLS/SHORT property in Washoe County is considered unique as it encompasses Rattlesnake Peak a scenic backdrop to the City of Reno, it has high potential for both historic and cultural resources, it contributes to the wildlife corridor to the Virginia Range and provides recreational trail opportunities from the Huffaker Hills Trailhead; and

WHEREAS, The 44.37-acre EAST TRUCKEE RIVER/NATURE CONSERVANCY property in Washoe County contains .8 miles of Truckee River frontage on the Lower Truckee River and is adjacent to Bureau of Land Management property upstream of Derby Dam and is significant for the protection of the Lower Truckee River riparian habitat including the protection and restoration of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Cui-ui fisheries and Northern Leopard Frog habitat; is suitable land for river, wetland, and riparian restoration and; is significant for its open space, river access, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, The 18,600-acre GRANITE MT./BUFFALO HILLS/WALL CANYON properties in Northern Washoe County are considered unique because of their critical habitat for sensitive species such as sage grouse, wall canyon sucker (fish), pygmy rabbits and their provision of vital habitat for big-horn sheep, pronghorn, mule deer, chukkar and other wildlife, and because they contain rich historic and cultural resources and the acquisition would create a minimum pool for Wall Canyon, an important recreational fishery, provide recovery streams for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, and preserve recreational access to significant public lands; and

WHEREAS, The 320-acre HOG GULCH property in Northern Washoe County is considered unique because of its ten springs and seeps providing water resources and lush habitat for wildlife, including pronghorn, big-horn sheep, sage grouse, and passerine birds, and its acquisition would enhance public access to the Hays Range; and

WHEREAS, There is broad public support for the protection of the above properties within Washoe County and the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners remain committed to the implementation of the Washoe County Regional Open Space Plan adopted by Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks, in 1994; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners support the protection of these environmentally sensitive lands through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act program administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

04-54 DIRECTION - CHARTING OUR COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Sherman, Finance Director, reviewed the agenda memorandum dated January 9, 2004, giving background information on the Charting Our Course Advisory Committee regarding its mission and deliverables.

Chairman Shaw said that the six items Mr. Sherman outlined were important recommendations, and he favored item two, which related to program priorities.

Commissioner Galloway said he preferred item two, but he requested it to be expanded to include a recommended level of service.

Mr. Sherman explained that the County had, through its budgetary process, expressed its priorities and the Board's priorities based on levels of service that had been accomplished in the course of a number of years. He suggested that there were two levels of analysis to consider; the first being to set criteria that could be used to establish program priorities; and secondly, to use the criteria to calibrate service levels in the course of time.

Commissioner Galloway said he did not believe that had always been done, and he would like the committee to provide the citizen validation that has been missing from the process.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Sherman explained that item meant every program has to justify their expenditures from the first dollar to the last dollar they receive every year. He said changing to a program prioritization approach to the budget that focuses on what the program wants to do and funding that, instead of looking at what needs to be cut from the budget, would be a fundamental shift. He clarified it would not be a pure form of zero-base budgeting, but it does drive toward a new way of looking at the budget by using the mission and purpose of the County and how programs and outcomes line up with that mission and purpose. He stated programs would be funded in top-to-bottom priority, and some programs would not be funded because the budget has to be balanced.

Commissioner Humke commented that committee members had a request asking for a list of statutorily mandated items that were required to be performed by a County, and staff suggested to the members that they could not provide the information within the time frame. Mr. Sherman clarified that staff was compiling the information and it would be given to the committee by the end of the month. County Manager Katy

Singlaub further clarified that it was a necessary compilation to complete and each department had been directed to make a listing of the specific statutorily mandated functions that apply to their department.

Commissioner Humke suggested that once the information was compiled, it should be published and remain on the County website. He said he was pleased to see that the committee would not be focusing on revenue enhancements.

Ms. Singlaub confirmed that one of the sub-committees would be looking at revenues, particularly with the eye to maximizing the performance of the revenue sources that the County already has. The primary goal in that sub-committee would be to make sure the County was fairly and consistently collecting the revenues the County should be collecting.

Commissioner Weber thanked the staff and volunteers for their efforts on the committee, and she suggested giving the Board a brief update at each meeting to keep them informed of the work of the committee. She would like a thorough listing of the sub-committees provided to the other Commissioners. Ms. Singlaub confirmed that she would work on these items.

Mr. Sherman reviewed each of the sub-committees and explained their tasks to the Board. He noted that the sub-committees and the committee, as a whole, were under strong opinion that the search for new revenues, outside of user charges, would not be a productive task for the committee.

Commissioner Humke noted this was a second job on top of their day job, for staff on the committee, and he thanked the staff and public committee members for their service above and beyond the call of duty.

Chairman Shaw commented on a recent editorial in the paper that was complimentary of the committee and Mr. Sherman.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Sherman, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Charting Our Course Advisory Committee pursue the following six items presented by staff and work within the timeframe outlined by staff:

1. That the current incremental resource allocation (i.e., current budget based on prior year levels with minor modifications) would no longer be a desirable budget practice.
2. That the Committee would develop a recommended process/methodology that could be used to establish program priorities.

3. That a clear definition of the mission/purpose of County government would be a key element in establishing program priorities.
4. That the measurable outcomes of each program, which would be linked to the mission/purpose of County government, be a key element in establishing program priorities.
5. That the Committee would focus on a process/method that could be used to prioritize specific programs/services, as opposed to focusing on functions (as in a broader classification or grouping of multiple programs) or individual tasks (as in the smallest unit of work).
6. That the Committee would describe a method/process on how resources would then be allocated based on specific measurable results/outcomes of the prioritized programs.

It was noted that any revenue search for the committee would be limited to a focus on fees for services received.

04-55 APPOINT MEMBERS - ADDITIONAL PANEL – 2004 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Blaine Cartlidge, Deputy District Attorney, said there were only four applicants for an additional panel for the 2004 Board of Equalization; and he did not believe a Board would be constituted with such, so the item to consider could be to appoint alternates to the 2004 Board of Equalization.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, County Manager Katy Singlaub stated that the Board could appoint alternates and staff could continue to solicit for members and present results to the Board in the future. She said no additional applicants were brought forward even with an additional effort to solicit area businesses for qualified people to serve on the Board.

Mr. Cartlidge said that by statute the names of the second Board appointed by the Board of County Commissioners must be delivered to the State Board of Equalization by January 25, 2004, so this would be the last opportunity to name the members.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, noted that Commissioners could appoint themselves to serve on the Board of Equalization, and he suggested a full board be established. He requested that alternates be appointed.

Ms. Singlaub clarified that she spoke to the Assessor's Office; and there were in excess of 1,400 appeals with 900 appeals based on the same issue, so if the issue was addressed, it would be a repetition in many of the appeals. She said that in the

absence of a sufficient number of qualified applicants for a second Board, alternates could be appointed and staff could continue to solicit for additional alternates.

Upon recommendation of Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that Marcia McCormick and David Nadel be appointed as alternates to the Board of Equalization for 2004. It was further ordered that staff be directed to search for additional alternates to serve on the Board.

It was noted that due to the lack of applicants, a second Board of Equalization would not be impaneled.

04-56 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION – 2002 REGIONAL PLAN SETTLEMENTS

Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, had no items to present to the Board. He noted there would be a hearing with Judge James Hardesty on January 27, 2004 to discuss the definition of cooperative planning and additional issues.

04-57 REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Weber stated that she attended a Gerlach Town Hall Meeting sponsored by Black Rock, LLC. She said there were 60 to 75 people in attendance, and they discussed cleanup of the property used for the Burning Man Festival. She explained that Black Rock, LLC would be providing a newsletter for Empire and Gerlach residents for communication purposes.

Commissioner Weber announced that the Verdi Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) would be meeting on January 22, 2004 at Boomtown and the Cold Springs CAB would be meeting on January 26, 2004 because they were not able to get into the building on January 19, 2004 for their regularly scheduled meeting. She commented that she attended the Nevada Junior Miss Pageant and was impressed with the young people involved in the Pageant.

Commissioner Galloway complimented General Services for the handling of a situation in a professional and efficient manner concerning an item that had come before the Board when the Board of County Commissioners was dealing with a kennel permit. He said staff produced the minutes and the tape recording to clarify the situation for an Animal Control Board member.

Commissioner Galloway acknowledged that there was a second meeting of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) committee that was attempting to resolve issues about STMGID. He explained that out of the meeting came an outline of a possible acceptable solution entitled, "A Division of Service

Agreement." He said the agreement would be presented to Washoe County Utilities and they would come back with a proposal concerning STMGID groundwater rights.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

REPORTS – Annual (Fiscal Year 2002-2003)

- 04-58** A. Airport Authority of Washoe County
- 04-59** B. City of Sparks
- 04-60** C. Incline Village General Improvement District
- 04-61** D. Regional Transportation Commission
- 04-62** E. Sun Valley General Improvement District
- 04-63** F. Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility
- 04-64** G. Washoe County School District

3:32 p.m. The Board recessed to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lori A. Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*