

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

MAY 18, 2004

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner (via teleconference)
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, Deputy County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney

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:

04-442 WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL – PAUL CLAY – CONTINUED

The appeal by Paul Clay of the Sheriff's denial of his work card permit application was considered on Monday, May 17, 2004 prior to the Caucus meeting in the Commission Caucus Room, 1001 East Ninth Street, Second Floor, Reno, Nevada, with Commissioners Galloway, Sferrazza, Shaw, and Weber present.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Work Card Permit for Paul Clay be continued to June 7, 2004.

04-443 AGENDA

County Manager Katy Singlaub noted the addendum to Agenda Item No. 14A clarifying that the item would refer to the proposed Galena Campground project.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the May 18, 2004 meeting be approved. It was noted that the public hearings for the adoption of budgets, Item Nos. 8A, 8B, 8C, and 8D were completed on May 17, 2004.

04-444 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Bond, Pastor of Summit Christian Church, read a letter into the record concerning the need for a traffic signal at the corner of Pyramid Highway and Golden View Drive, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed the history of the issue and urged the Board to make certain that the remaining estimated \$100,000 needed for the signal be included in the County's 2004/05 Capital Improvement Program.

Bob McCormick, Sparks resident, spoke of the need for a traffic signal at the intersection of Pyramid Highway and Golden View Drive. He stated the traffic signal would slow the traffic down in that area and increase safety.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, welcomed the new County employees, and he noted that the Reno City Council was meeting at the same time as the Board of County Commissioners. He voiced his support of the kayak course and said he was the only citizen to vote for it.

Al Hesson, area resident, discussed the abuses in Iraq, the damage the war has done to the reputation of the United States, and presented statistics on the war.

Gary Schmidt, Board of Equalization member, addressed the Board concerning the public right to access public records. He noted the Board of County Commissioners, the Assessor's Office and the Board of Equalization are being sued for denying access to public records and violations of the Open Meeting Law. Mr. Schmidt suggested that it presents a conflict of interest for the District Attorney's Office to represent the Assessor's Office, the Board of Equalization, and the individual members of the Board in the suit.

Terry Wolverton, Sparks resident, spoke in support of placement of a traffic signal at Pyramid Highway and Golden View Drive, and he asked the Board to approve the financing for the traffic signal.

04-445 MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Galloway announced a meeting to be held on June 2, 2004 to discuss land issues at the Citizen Advisory Board closest to the Ponderosa Ranch.

Commissioner Weber attended the Reno River Festival, and commented on the positive event. She announced the North Valleys Open Space Clean-up on May 22, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. She invited all citizens to participate and assist in the effort.

Commissioner Sferrazza said the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and Truckee Meadows Water Authority meetings are currently scheduled on the same day; and if he could not attend both meetings, he would need a substitute.

Chairman Shaw read a Proclamation from Congressman Jim Gibbons in recognition of the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center. He announced that a Library Foundation dinner would be held at the Atlantis on May 21, 2004, and he noted the Commissioners who would attend. He said he was fully aware of the situation regarding the requested stop light on Pyramid Highway and it is not an easy matter to resolve. He added further discussion would occur under agenda Item 12.

Commissioner Humke requested an item for reconsideration as to the air monitoring station special use permit that was granted by the Board recently. He said he had talked to the proponents and he would not be moving on that motion to reconsider. He noted he was satisfied that the proponents are going to go to the community that would be affected by the power plant with all the data that they gather.

04-446 INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Chairman Shaw invited approximately 37 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

04-447 MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 12, 2004 and the regular meetings of January 13 and 20, 2004 be approved.

04-448 SEXUAL ASSAULT - MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENT

Pursuant to NRS 217.280 to 217.350, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, 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 45 sexual assault victims in an amount totaling \$8,444.92 as set forth in a memorandum from Kim Schweickert, District Attorney's Office, dated May 18, 2004 and placed on file with the Clerk.

04-449 RESOLUTION - INCREASE CHANGE FUND - WATER RESOURCES - TREASURER

Upon recommendation of Bill Berrum, Treasurer, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same:

RESOLUTION Increase Change Fund from \$400 to \$600 for the Washoe County Department of Water Resources

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, pursuant to NRS 354.609, has the authority to create and fund change and petty cash fund accounts; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Department of Water Resources has requested an increase in their change fund from \$400.00 to \$600.00 to assist in the administration of that office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA as follows:

1. That, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.609, the County Treasurer and the County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to establish and account for a \$200.00 increase in the change fund (for a total of \$600) for the Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

2. That the above additional \$200.00 will be transferred from the Washoe County Treasurer's Commercial Bank Account.

3. That said change fund be used exclusively for transactions related to the Washoe County Department of Water Resources.

4. That the Director of the Washoe County Department of Water Resources shall henceforth be held accountable for the change fund authorized by this resolution.

5. That the County Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Washoe County Treasurer, Comptroller, Internal Auditor, Department of Water Resources and the Nevada Department of Taxation.

04-450 FACILITY CHARGES TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES – CORONER

Upon recommendation of Vernon McCarty, Coroner, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Coroner's facility charges to outside agencies for fiscal year 2004/05 at \$500.00 per autopsy and \$330.00 for limited examinations be approved.

04-451 REAPPOINTMENTS - NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Weber thanked Sarah Chvilicek, June Feero, Jeannie Fow and Joann Holbrook for their service on the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB).

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Ms. Chvilieck, Ms. Feero, Ms. Fow, and Ms. Holbrook be reappointed as at-large representatives on the North Valleys CAB with terms from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006.

04-452 AGREEMENTS – ALBERTSONS AND RALEY’S - PLACEMENT OF KIOSKS - SENIOR SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, through John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that agreements between Washoe County and Albertsons and Raley’s concerning the Placement of Information and Referral Kiosks be approved and the Director of Senior Services be authorized to execute the same.

It was noted the kiosks would be placed in Incline Village, Sparks and south and west Reno areas.

04-453 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – CITY OF RENO - GOLF OPERATIONS CONSULTANT CONTRACT - PARKS

Upon recommendation of Doug Doolittle, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, through Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno concerning establishment of the framework for a cooperative effort that supports common goals and interests in the procurement of a golf operations consultant to review all aspects of City, County, and Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority golf courses be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

It was noted that the Interlocal Agreement obligates the City of Reno to reimburse the County for funding of the consultant services in the not to exceed amount of \$24,999.

04-454 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY – GOLF OPERATIONS CONSULTANT CONTRACT - PARKS

Upon recommendation of Doug Doolittle, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, through Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) concerning establishment of the framework for a cooperative effort that supports common goals and interests in the procurement of a golf operations consultant to review all aspects of City, County, and RSCVA golf courses be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

It was noted the Interlocal Agreement obligates the RSCVA to reimburse the County for funding of the consultant services in the not to exceed amount of \$24,999.

04-455 AGREEMENT - ECONOMICS RESEARCH ASSOCIATES - GOLF OPERATIONS CONSULTANT -- PARKS

Upon recommendation of Doug Doolittle, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, through Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that a Professional Services Agreement between Washoe County and Economics Research Associates (ERA) concerning a comprehensive golf operations report, in the not to exceed amount of \$65,000, be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

It was noted that the total cost of the agreement with ERA would be shared equally by Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

04-456 CONTRACT – SIERRA PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATES - AUTOPSY AND HISTOPATHOLOGY SERVICES – CORONER

Upon recommendation of Vernon McCarty, Coroner, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the two-year renewal contract between Washoe County and Forensic Pathology Services Division, Sierra Pathology Associates concerning autopsy and histopathology services be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

It was noted that the cost for fiscal year 2004/05 would be \$229,846 and the cost for fiscal year 2005/06 would be \$239,040.

04-457 LEASE AGREEMENT – ROTOR INVESTMENTS – RENO TOWN MALL – SIERRA VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY – PUBLIC WORKS

Upon recommendation of Jean Ely, General Services Division Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that a thirty-six month First Amendment to Lease Agreement between Washoe County (Lessee) and Rotor Investments (Lessor) concerning uninterrupted occupancy within Reno Town Mall for operations of the Sierra View Branch Library from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007 be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

04-458 COMMISSIONERS TO FUNCTION AS ALTERNATES - NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that all Commissioners on the Board of County Commissioners would function as alternates to the Nevada Association of Counties.

04-459 ORDINANCE NO. 1237 - BILL NO. 1420 – GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) SEWER BOND - SERIES 2004 – COLD SPRINGS

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Ordinance No. 1237, Bill No. 1420, entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) SEWER BOND (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES) SERIES 2004 IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING SEWER PROJECTS FOR COLD SPRINGS; PROVIDING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF AND COVENANTS RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF SAID BOND; AND PROVIDING FOR ITS ADOPTION AS IF AN EMERGENCY EXISTS; AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO,**” be approved, adopted as if an emergency exists, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

04-460 REFUND OF TAXES - VICTORIOUS IN HIS SIGHT, DBA SAFE EMBRACE – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Blaine Cartlidge, Deputy District Attorney, explained that non-profit status under IRS codes does not automatically qualify someone for a tax exemption or a tax refund. It is an item to judge along with several other factors, which the Assessor and District Attorney consider in the evaluation in the particular statutory exemption request. Mr. Cartlidge further explained that to gain a non-profit tax exemption, zoning would not be a part of the analysis for the Assessor or the District Attorney. It would be a separate issue for Community Development as to whether the use of the land is authorized by statute.

Pursuant to District Attorney Opinion No. 6425, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion was duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same:

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, Victorious In His Sight, dba Safe Embrace (“Taxpayer”) made application for refund of real property taxes for the 2002-2003 tax year on APN: 026-422-14; and

WHEREAS, the Taxpayer has overpaid taxes for the 2002-2003 fiscal year in the amount of \$622.35; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that the Taxpayer has just cause for making such application for the 2002-2003 tax year and that the granting of the 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 to Victorious In His Sight, dba Safe Embrace a total of \$622.35, which is the amount of the taxes overpaid for the 2002-2003 tax year on APN: 026-422-14.

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 prorata share of the refund.

04-461 FISCAL YEAR 2005/09 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – PUBLIC WORKS

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained that the Board previously adopted each of the elements of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). She noted a staff report and map that had been prepared by staff regarding the stoplight that is requested on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) right-of-way at Pyramid Highway and Golden View Drive, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She added staff is committed to working with NDOT to explore additional funding sources for that project. Ms. Singlaub said that staff is concerned about using County funds to finance a facility improvement for a State highway because this could set a precedent. Staff is reluctant to recommend to the Board the use of General Fund money for that program when it is an NDOT right-of-way.

Commissioner Galloway stated NDOT has agreed this light meets warrants, and the idea of not fully funding a project that a State highway study says is a State highway problem is disconcerting.

Commissioner Sferrazza inquired about the Reno Central Library project, and John Sherman, Finance Director, directed him to the information in the CIP.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he supported the traffic control device, and he asked for Chairman Shaw's opinion on the project.

Chairman Shaw commented that the situation is difficult because the purpose of Pyramid Highway is to make a way for Spanish Springs residents to get into town quickly, and additional traffic signals would inhibit that purpose. He reviewed the map presented by staff, pointing out existing traffic lights and additionally planned traffic signals. He said half the people would be pleased to have the signal put in, and the other half would not be happy with the decision.

Commissioner Weber suggested the Board seek input from the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and the City of Sparks to gain funding for the traffic signal. She noted that additional stores in the future would add to the traffic problems.

Commissioner Sferrazza said it should be requested of NDOT to fully fund the project before any other steps are taken. He added that if the County advanced the money for funding the project, the stores that would be built in the area should be required to reimburse the County.

Commissioner Galloway inquired if it would be possible to approve the CIP with the comment that the County is open to further adjustment of the program and request that staff obtain further information from NDOT, the City of Sparks, and the RTC regarding financing of solutions to the traffic problem. He said he was committed to solving this traffic problem in an appropriate manner. Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel, stated a motion in this regard would be appropriate.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, suggested a CIP project that would place a sound and safety barrier along the south side of Peckham Lane from Kietzke Lane to the airport. He said if that community was being built right now, the residents would demand that the developers put in barriers because of the dangerous highway.

Steve Bond, Pastor of Summit Christian Church, explained that before the property was purchased the church went to the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board and the City of Sparks asking their input as to where a regional style larger church would fit into their planning. He said both suggested the area where the church was built, and before the church purchased the property both said they would want a light put in. Pastor Bond noted a June 6, 2003 meeting where there was unanimous support from the RTC and other agencies that were there to go forward with a traffic light. He noted that, of all the other solutions that have been studied, the broad consensus was that a traffic light would be the best solution. He stated he was not sure how much more NDOT would be willing to offer, but he said his church would be willing to raise up to \$125,000 if the light would be installed. He urged the Commission to do what was possible to further this project.

Vallea Rose, area resident, spoke in opposition to the traffic light and suggested an alternative that would allow safe access for the church and not impede the southbound traffic.

Commissioner Humke moved that the Galena Creek Campground, 100 unit multi-loop campground and associated facilities, be deleted from the CIP. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Humke suggested the possibility of reopening this item after hearing public comments on Items 14A and B.

Ms. Singlaub clarified that each project listed in the CIP would come back to the Board for individual approval.

Commissioner Weber requested that the traffic signal be placed on a future agenda item for discussion.

Upon recommendation of Kim Carlson, Senior Fiscal Analyst, through Mr. Sherman, Finance Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the CIP for fiscal year 2005/09 be approved.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff be directed to meet with NDOT, the City of Sparks, and the RTC to explore possible funding and solutions to the traffic problem at Pyramid Highway and Golden View and provide an update to the Board in a 30-day period. It was noted that the update could bring about a future amendment to the CIP.

04-462 AWARD OF BID - WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER EARTHWORK - PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Galloway commented that this is the first tangible construction work on the Regional Animal Services Center that was approved by the voters, and he said it was a great day for the Board and staff, who put a lot of effort into the project.

This was the time to consider award of bid for the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Center Earthwork for the Public Works Department. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on March 31, 2004. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Frehner Construction
Gradex Construction
A & K Earth Movers
Petersen Construction

Upon recommendation of Roger Van Alyne, Capital Projects Division Director, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion of Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the award of bid for construction of the building site improvements at the Regional Animal Center for the Public Works Department be awarded to Frehner Construction, in the amount of \$307,950. It was further ordered that Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

04-463 AWARD OF BID - 2004/05 OVERLAY PAVING - PWP-WA-2004-212 – PUBLIC WORKS

Commissioner Sferrazza commented that his District only had two percent of the total miles to be paved. He said the project was not equitably distributed across the Districts and he would not support it. Commissioner Galloway stated this is a fiscal equity issue and all the Commissioners have commented on this in the past.

This was the time to consider award of bid for the 2004/05 Overlay Paving of Selected Paved Streets in Washoe County for the Public Works Department. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on April 16 and 21, 2004. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Granite Construction
SNC
Frehner Construction
Q & D

Upon recommendation of David Price, County Engineer, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza voting “no,” it was ordered that Bid No. PWP-WA-2004-212 for the 2004/05 Overlay Paving of Selected Paved Streets in Washoe County for the Public Works Department be awarded to the low, responsive, responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company, for the base bid in the amount of \$1,319,319 and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

3:30 p.m. The Board recessed.

3:50 p.m. The Board reconvened with all members in attendance and Commissioner Humke present via teleconference.

**COMMENT AND DIRECTION – PROPOSED GALENA
CAMPGROUND - PARKS**

Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, pointed out that staff has provided the Board, as well as the Parks Commission, files with letters that have been received regarding this project, which were placed on file with the Clerk. She explained this is a partnership program whereby Washoe County and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) are working together on the planning process. She reviewed the agenda memorandum dated April 27, 2004 giving further background on the project. Ms. Mullen added this item is before the Board today to discover if there is additional public comment that should be included in the analysis, and to determine if there are other alternatives that should be examined. She referred to a map of the area, which was placed on file with the Clerk, describing the proposed campground and several major issues. She stated as alternatives are developed they would be brought back to the Board with actual descriptions and specifics to gain additional input on the project. Ms. Mullen said once the alternatives are defined with Board input, staff would move into an analysis period and anticipate a decision on the preferred alternatives in September 2004. She noted an additional concern of the neighboring property owners was the propane and fuel tanks on trailers that could produce a more explosive situation in a fire.

Gary Schiff, District Ranger, Carson Ranger District, said the purpose of the discussion is to determine what kind of recreation facility would best meet the needs of the residents and neighbors, and this is what is being evaluated. Mr. Schiff confirmed the USFS is working closely with the County, and he anticipates returning in July with alternatives and a proposed action. He stated all concerns are taken seriously, and he is optimistic that challenges would be worked out to a positive outcome.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Schiff confirmed the USFS would not be unilaterally selecting a preferred alternative without agreement from the County. He said he desired that the process would be completed with an environmental analysis because it is a briefer process, but at the same time it allows for administrative appeal.

The following people gave their input on the proposed Galena campground: Gina Pogol, Bill Isert, Virginia Bonar, Rob Nicholas, Stuart Cronan, Daniel Okley, Don Cameron, Bill Wertz, Louise Simpson, Gerald Natwora, Lucile Spillman, Marvin Spillman, Valerie Isert, Valerie Pike, Doug Melson, Susan Underwood, Jim Underwood, Elizabeth Lippicard, Maria Ardila-Coulson, James Downen, and Bill Coffrin. Many residents spoke in opposition to overnight camping and campfires, and most were supportive of day use activities in the park, such as hiking, picnicking, and a Visitor's Center. The concerns brought forward to support their opposition were fire danger, traffic problems, air pollution, insufficient evacuation routes, public safety, and propane and fuel tanks on trailers.

The following people submitted written comments that were read by Chairman Shaw stating their opposition and remarks concerning the campground and

campfires: Richard Hanke, Leslie Stauffer, Robert Serio, Pam Cameron, Lucinda Gunderson, Ed Debolt, Sharron Debolt, Cal Willognby, Lisa Werty, Deborah Shanks, Joyce Werty, Kevin Truax, Gary Schmidt, and Randall York.

Wayne Silva, area resident, said he was all for the campground and he did not see how it would be a detriment to the community. He noted he has heard of fires being started in undeveloped campgrounds, but not in fully developed campgrounds. He declared that camping without campfires would take away from the whole experience.

In response to questions asked during public comment, Ms. Mullen explained that the plan for the campground came from the 1991 plan that went through the public hearing process, Citizen Advisory boards, the Parks Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners for approval. She clarified the traffic analysis was an initial analysis completed by a hired consultant based on the possibility of building a 100-site campground.

Commissioner Galloway inquired if there are good statistics on how many fires are started in improved campgrounds. Mr. Schiff responded there is no clear data, but what is known is that over the last ten years there has been an increase in the number of fires emanating from abandoned campfires. He stated most people in the agency believe the vast majority of damaging campfires happen from dispersed settings. He acknowledged there is no guarantee that a fire would not come out of a developed campground.

Commissioner Humke commented he was concerned with inexperienced campers in that area and recreational vehicles. He stated no overnight camping and no fires would go a long way to decrease the fire risk. He noted an additional problem with overnight camping would be ranger service to patrol the area.

Commissioner Galloway disclosed that he had communicated with Susan Underwood, Randall York and Sandy Goldstein. He noted some things could be taken off the table right now to ease a lot of fears, such as the individual campfires. He said he was not ready to ban overnight camping at this stage. He gave details of items that should be included in the environmental analysis, and he urged the Board members to be cautious and allow for study and analysis.

Chairman Shaw acknowledged that further study needed to be completed, and he was only ready to support no campfires.

Commissioner Humke made a motion to accept the staff report and recommendations with the following items excluded from the study: no campfires and no overnight use in the facility. He noted that everything else would be open for study. Commissioner Sferrazza seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sferrazza disclosed that he had spoken to several recreational vehicle companies in the area to inform them of the issues, and no one was

present to represent them. He did receive a total of four letters and calls strongly supporting the campground, but there are hundreds of people opposed to it.

Ms. Singlaub inquired of Commissioner Humke if he would be willing to consider making a specific clarification to allow for study regarding supervised group camping. Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza amended the motion to include studying the demand for and impacts of supervised group campground facilities.

Commissioner Galloway said he would support study of the supervised group camping, and he acknowledged that if something is studied, that does not mean it would be approved later. He requested the study of overnight use for tent camping with no fires, and Commissioner Humke said he could not include that in his motion.

Commissioners Shaw and Weber confirmed that they could support the motion, but requested that the study of overnight tent use be allowed.

Commissioner Galloway requested an amendment to the motion to allow for the study of overnight tent camping with no fires. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion. On call for the vote on the amendment to the motion, Commissioners Galloway, Shaw, and Weber voted, "yes," and Commissioners Humke and Sferrazza voted, "no."

Upon recommendation of Ms. Mullen, through Michelle Poché, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioners Sferrazza and Humke voting "no," Chairman Shaw ordered that the staff report and recommendations be accepted with the use of campfires excluded from the study.

04-465 AGREEMENT - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – U.S. FOREST SERVICE – FUNDING GALENA CAMPGROUND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT – PARKS

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained that this item concerns authorization of an agreement between Washoe County and the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) for sharing the cost of completing the Galena Campground National Environmental Policy Act analysis and the full study of all of the impacts and alternatives of the proposed project.

Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, noted the expenditures would be reimbursed only for the portion of the process that is actually completed. She said if certain alternatives were not moved forward or the project was not pursued at all, the funding would stop at that point.

Upon recommendation of Rosemarie Entsminger, Parks Fiscal Compliance Officer, through Ms. Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Collection Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the

USFS concerning funding the Galena Campground National Environmental Policy Act analysis and Environmental Assessment be approved.

It was further ordered that reimbursement up to \$30,000 from 2000 Regional Parks, Open Space, and Trail Bond Internal Order Account PK052304.6 to the USFS, with the condition that staff return to the Board for direction on the alternatives developed during the initial investigative period be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the same.

**REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFUND POLICIES
CONTINUED – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that discussion, action or direction regarding a possible change of the Board's real and personal property tax refund policies be continued.

**VERDI WATER SERVICE AREA LITIGATION CONTINUED –
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that discussion and direction regarding Verdi Water Service area litigation be continued to the May 25, 2004 meeting.

**04-466 PRELIMINARY RESULTS - 2004 FINANCIAL ISSUES SURVEY –
COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Katherine Cole, President and owner of Marketec, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk, giving the results of a survey that was done this spring concerning attitudes toward financial issues.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested that all the questions be asked of all the citizens in Washoe County and not to limit the questions to the unincorporated County residents. Kathy Carter, Community Relations Director, explained that some of the questions have to do with services that are not offered to the unincorporated citizens by Washoe County and this survey is consistent with the survey completed in 2001.

Commissioner Weber recommended that in the future Commissioners would participate in formation of the questions to be asked of the citizens.

County Manager Katy Singlaub added that part of the County's interest is in having a study over time, so similar questions are important. She said there would be a supplemental questionnaire in the summer, and there would be enough time to ask for specific Commissioner input.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested the exact same questions be asked of all Washoe County residents when the survey is completed again.

Ms. Singlaub noted that the cities object to the County asking questions about their delivery of services, so further conversation would need to take place concerning how that would work. Ms. Carter said a workshop for further discussion about market research could be held. Commissioner Weber agreed that a workshop to discuss and confirm statements would be helpful, and she recommended a shorter survey.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Carter, through Ms. Singlaub, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the preliminary results of the 2004 Financial Issues Survey be accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

04-467 REPORTS – Monthly (March 2004)

- A. County Clerk

04-468 REPORTS – Monthly (April 2004)

- A. County Clerk
- B. Court Clerk

04-469 REPORTS – Quarterly (March 2004)

- A. County Clerk
- B. Grand View Terrace General Improvement District
(Nine months 7/1/2003 – 3/31/2004)
- C. Justice Court - Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township

BUDGETS – 2004-2005

- 04-470** A. Gerlach General Improvement District – Tentative
- 04-471** B. Palomino Valley General Improvement District – Tentative
- 04-472** C. Sierra Forest Fire Protection District – Tentative
- 04-473** D. City of Sparks – Tentative
- 04-474** E. Sun Valley General Improvement District
- 04-475** F. Washoe County School District - Tentative

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 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 Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*