

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 18, 2005

PRESENT:

Bonnie Weber, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner*

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

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:

05-1092 AGENDA

Gary Schmidt, local resident, objected to the approval of the agenda. He said the consent agenda limits public comment because it limited speakers to three minutes on all consent items. He noted that Chairman Weber had attended a workshop on the Open Meeting Law, and during that workshop it was stated three minutes were acceptable for public comment. Mr. Schmidt disagreed, stating it limited a person to approximately 20 seconds per item on the consent agenda.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said the consent agenda violated the Open Meeting Law. He noted the Sierra Nevada Community Access Television (SNCAT) was only broadcasting the backs of people speaking under public comment. He said this was an insult.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the agenda for the October 18, 2005 meeting be approved.

2:13 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza arrived.

05-1093 INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Chairman Weber invited approximately 30 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

05-1094 **APPEARANCE – CHRIS RICHE – NEVADA DISCOVERY MUSEUM**

Chris Riche, Nevada Discovery Museum, stated the museum's mission was to promote a lifetime of curiosity, creativity and understanding. He said his group was developing a hands-on children's museum; and because it was hands-on, the museum ties to the community and schools were strong.

Mr. Riche noted the former Reno City Hall would house the museum and said downtown Reno attractions created a walkable circle with the Children's Museum completing it. He said the building met their exhibit and program needs, but also allowed them to set aside 3,000 to 4,000 square feet of space for meeting rooms to give additional resource space to the community. Mr. Riche said the building was actually bigger than the museum's current needs, and they would be able to set aside an additional 10,000 square feet for a partner to enhance the museum. He stated the museum would present things important to the area and noted the museum was able to cut costs by one third by the reuse of an existing building.

Mr. Riche said the museum would create approximately 13 full time equivalent positions and there was a potential for tourist revenue. He believed the museum spoke to all levels of the community and the quality of life in the area. He asked the Board for support and for their input on partners.

Commissioner Weber stated the museum was a great opportunity for the community. Commissioner Sferrazza said he was happy with the efforts to coordinate with the Library. He recommended Mr. Riche work with the May Foundation to supplement their programs rather than compete. Mr. Riche replied they were looking to coordinate with the May Foundation as well as the Carson City Children's Museum.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked how the museum was able to buy the building. Mr. Riche stated there were no loans. Panatoni Development bought the building on behalf of the museum, and the museum could buy it from Panatoni on a cost basis. He said there was a two-year trip point with an extension at Panatoni's discretion. Mr. Riche noted if they could not pay it off, Panatoni could take back the building.

Commissioner Humke had heard positive buzz on the museum. Commissioner Galloway asked if there would be reciprocal space that the May Foundation, the Carson City Children's Museum, and the Discovery Museum could use to advertise. Mr. Riche responded there would be.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, would be contacting Mr. Riche concerning leasing parking at the former City Hall providing the museum with some incoming revenue.

05-1095 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Weber stated the Board would have decorum and respect while they were in the room and under public comment quoting section 8.05 of the Open Meeting Law manual. She said they had received 10 comment cards and any additional cards would have a one-minute timeframe.

2:40 p.m. Commissioner Galloway left the meeting.

Mary Anne Galperin, local resident, said she was there to encourage the Commissioners to adopt the Homeward Bound Resolution to support the return of troops from Iraq. She also spoke against the war.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said the meeting was illegal because the Open Meeting Law required any restriction to freedom of speech be placed on the agenda.

Robert Cameron, local resident, addressed the Commissioners that sat on the Regional Governing Board. He said he was insulted and shocked by the vote made last Thursday, stating they destroyed the moral of Southwest Reno. He commented things were now by the politicians, for the politicians, and he felt sold out.

2:49 p.m. Commissioner Galloway returned.

Art Johnston, local resident, stated he had been reading about renewable energies in the paper. He asked if the Board approved of the coal burning plant in Gerlach, mentioning it would deposit huge amounts of pollution into the air. He said nuclear plants currently do not produce pollution and have little down time compared to normal plants. He asked the Board not to approve the coal burning plant in Gerlach.

Patricia Axelrod, local resident, asked the Board to demonstrate leadership in regard to the Iraq war. She discussed the resolution to withdraw from Iraq and asked for this subject to be placed on a future agenda. Ms. Axelrod read a statement from Nadia McCaffery.

Al Hesson, local resident, spoke of a news article by Sue Voyles regarding the joint retreat held October 3 and 4, 2005 at the Cal-Neva, Crystal Bay. He discussed the policy of civility and said he would not be insulted. He stated that free speech was protected by the first amendment. Commissioner Weber issued a warning to Mr. Hesson due to his language.

Guy Felton, local resident, talked about the decorum policy. He said the first amendment guaranteed the right of the people to petition government for redress of grievances. He said redress meant "to set right, to remedy, to rectify." He quoted Open Meeting Law decision 2001-22 stating "public comment is necessary to allow citizens to present grievances or concerns to their government so they may receive redress." He

petitioned the Board for a redress of a grievance stating the Commission had recently utilized members of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department to attempt to suppress non-violent political dissent in the chambers during public meetings. Mr. Felton also asked for redress concerning an employee of Sierra Nevada Community Access Television (SNCAT) that televised the Board meetings. He alleged the employee had been instructed to discriminate against critics of government when they spoke at the podium stating speakers' faces were not shown.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, said he supported both Guy Felton and Sam Dehne. He noted he attended the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) meeting earlier that morning and said there were at least 11 Open Meeting Law violations. He also discussed recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings.

Randy Amestoy, County employee, talked about a community outreach project the Clerk's Office had been working on designed to give the children in the Truckee Meadows a chance to learn about the community. He said the project was aimed at third, fourth, and fifth grade students, and the goal was to invite these children for a tour of the Courthouse. He stated the students would learn about the history of the courthouse, how Reno became the County seat, and receive an overview of Washoe County government. He said a major part of the project was the Activity and Fun Fact Book, and students who took the tour would receive the book. He provided quotes for printing to the Board and asked the Commissioners for \$500 each from their discretionary funds to fund the project starting with 3,000 books.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Humke requested a special meeting of the Board to be held jointly with the Local Managing Board of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID) to begin at 11:00 a.m. December 13, 2005 to go over several items that were discussed at an earlier meeting. He also asked staff to generate a resolution of support for the Nevada Discovery Museum. He wished Washoe County Treasurer Bill Berrum a speedy recovery after knee surgery.

Commissioner Larkin requested the Activities and Fun Facts Book be placed on a future agenda. He invited everyone to an open house and fly-in at the Spanish Springs public airport.

Commissioner Galloway requested staff provide a break down of commitments out of District 1 Commissioner funds to date in order to determine whether he could support the fun facts book. Commissioner Weber said that would be appropriate for all of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested the hours of the downtown library be placed on the November 15, 2005 agenda. He also requested the following be placed on the next available agenda: Commission District funds being used for the Sierra Club to support their meetings at Washoe County facilities, a report on how much it was costing

taxpayers to defend the flag case Mr. Schmidt mentioned, and the Homeward Bound Resolution.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, clarified the District Attorney's Office was defending the flag case because Mr. Schmidt lost in District Court; and he had appealed. She said the case was not being handled by outside counsel. She further stated the defendants in the case were employees of the District Attorney's Office. Ms. Foster said staff time was being used, but no additional funds were being spent to defend the case.

Commissioner Weber asked for the following items to be placed on a future agenda: a report on uninsured and indigent care, an Airport Authority update, an open space clean up and waste management impact report, and a discussion (possibly a joint meeting) to discuss graffiti and trash.

Commissioner Galloway requested that a division of service agreement be placed on the special STMGID meeting agenda as well as a discussion and possible direction to staff of an agreement that might lead to the deannexation of certain STMGID territories.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said a metered water balance update, a division of service agreement update, a study committee report and review, a discussion of communication and liaisons to attend STMGID meetings, and possible alternatives for the division of remaining water rights existing on the Mount Rose fan would be on the STMGID agenda also.

Chairman Weber suggested scheduling the meeting earlier in the day. Commissioner Sferrazza asked why everything was going on the December 13 agenda. Chairman Weber replied there were only two meetings each in November and December. Ms. Singlaub said the Board had decided there would be no meeting the last week in November and no meeting after Christmas.

Commissioner Humke asked Ms. Singlaub to meet with the Local Managing Board Chair to prioritize items. He thought finalizing the water study, the study committee report, and the companion division of services agreement should come first.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said he was in favor of items 7C, accepting the Supplemental Grant Award for the Nutrition Program, and 7F, Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washoe County Nurses' Association. He also expressed his amazement at the time spent discussing items that should have already been discussed and have consensus. He said he was against item 7G concerning flood monies stating he did not want money for flood management from the federal government.

05-1096 SEXUAL ASSAULT - MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENT

Pursuant to NRS 217.280 to 217.350, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber 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 60 sexual assault victims in an amount totaling \$21,108.00 as set forth in a memorandum from Kim Schweickert, Program Assistant, District Attorney's Office, dated October 3, 2005.

05-1097 SALARY SAVING PROCESS REVIEW – FINANCE

Upon recommendation of Lisa Gianoli, Budget Manager, through John Sherman, Finance Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the current salary savings process be enhanced by improving the review process of the calculations and assumptions with affected department heads for their feedback prior to submitting the recommendations to the Board for their consideration.

05-1098 GRANT AWARD – STATE OF NEVADA – NUTRITION PROGRAM – SENIOR SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, through John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the supplemental grant award from the State of Nevada for the Nutrition Program, with no County match, for the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 in the amount of \$36,649 be accepted and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

Account Number	Description	Amount of Increase
10165-431100	Federal Revenue	\$36,649
10165-710592	Nutrition Program	\$36,649

05-1098A AGREEMENT – CONSULTANT SERVICES - LARRY BELLER AND ASSOCIATES – REVIEW OF DISTRICT COURT CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS - COURTS

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said there was a question on the agreement between Washoe County Second Judicial District Court and Larry Beller and Associates for a comprehensive review of the District Court classification and compensation plans. She said there were several vendors that were requested to provide proposals, and the recommendation from the District Court was to select Larry Beller and Associates, a Nevada firm.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked why they were not being consistent with follow up with the National Center. Ron Longtin, Court Administrator, said that after looking at deliverables the National Center was going to provide, and deliverables from the local vendor, the District Courts decided to go with the local vendor based on experience and what would be received in the final package. Commissioner Sferrazza said the Board had been told the National Center was the expert in this area, and this was the reason the National Center was used rather than using the same firm that was classifying all the other employees in Washoe County. He stated the Board was now being asked to use a different firm. He asked what the cost for the National Center to do the study versus Bellar and Associates was. Mr. Longtin replied it was approximately \$45,000, but that was without the structureable deliverable or an analysis of all of the positions to determine the supervisory ratio. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the County would be forced to raise salaries to meet the report. Mr. Longtin said no; it would give them an analysis and an indication of where the market stands.

Commissioner Humke asked how many court systems Larry Bellar and Associates had reviewed. Mr. Longtin responded they have done two and came highly recommended. Commissioner Humke asked what type of court systems they were. Mr. Longtin replied one was a limited jurisdiction court in Carson City; he was unsure about the other; but he was highly confident Beller and Associates could accomplish the task. Commissioner Humke said Bellar's proposal noted they anticipated at least 40 job class specifications to be reviewed covering approximately 170 positions. Mr. Longtin said there were classes such as clerks that have large numbers of people, but also special positions that needed to be looked at as well.

Commissioner Galloway mentioned Bellar and Associates was local and the last group was national. He asked if there should be a second opinion and wondered if the courts would object to both the national and local companies doing an independent review. Mr. Longtin thought it could be discussed. Commissioner Galloway said he would not pursue this line if the other Commissioners were not interested.

Amy Harvey, County Clerk, reminded the board that at the time the County was going through the Hay Study process, a major concern for her was the inequity between Court and County employees. She said it was her contention that County Clerks were at the same level of skills and responsibility as Court Clerks and asked this be kept in mind when the Courts were studied.

Commissioner Humke requested a detailed staff report on some of the issues that occurred in 1999 when the Courts were pulled away from the balance of the County and the rationale for doing so. He was not sure if there was some type of limited review whereby the national organization could review the local organization's work. He further stated the key employee at the National Center, who conducted the study in 1999, had retired.

Commissioner Sferrazza said at the time the County was expending funds for the Hay Study, the Board was asked to let the National Center study the Courts rather

than Hay. He said now the Board was being asked not to use the National Center. He said for consistency and equity between employees, the same company should be used. He requested that Hay be retained to do an equity study between court positions and other County positions. He mentioned he saw very little difference between County Clerks and Court Clerks in terms of job duties performed.

Commissioner Galloway agreed with Commissioner Sferrazza's suggestion and wondered if all Clerks could be reviewed during the next County study rather than now. Ms. Singlaub said there were other positions besides the Clerk's staff within the County that were comparable to District Court positions citing technology workers. She also mentioned the County staff on the Human Resources side were not satisfied with what the National Center did, stating they used a very limited sample and heavily weighted the compensation to compare with Southern Nevada salaries.

Mr. Longtin said the Clerk positions were comparable to Deputy Clerks and that job category had not been analyzed for six years. He mentioned the analysis would take a look at County positions along with those within the Court.

Commissioner Larkin asked what Manager's Office was recommending. Ms. Singlaub recognized the Courts have a separate system and have been deemed to be a separate employer. She said the Courts had the ability to make decisions independent of the executive branch and she favored a process where they had an opportunity to benchmark it. She said they were willing to go along with whatever decision was made, but had no recommendation to act on this favorably.

Commissioner Larkin said the argument could be made for every department and did not think the Commission wanted to be caught in between two different systems. He asked Mr. Longtin if the Court could work with the Manager's Office to devise a system compatible with the Hay system. Mr. Longtin said an attempt had been made and he could take it back to the bench. He stated part of the issue was the separation.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked what methodology for analysis would be used; would it be the point factor system to ensure equal treatment of County employees. He remarked the decisions the Board was making were legislative in nature. Mr. Longtin said he would check with the potential vendor.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, said they had litigated the issue regarding several different classes of employees; and it was decided the Court did have the authority to appoint a separate Clerk serving under Mr. Longtin. She said the Board's role was to provide the Courts with the resources necessary to support their operations; it was the role of the bench to decide how to devote those resources.

Commissioner Galloway said he would like to avoid a situation where the Board received a proposal to fund the study and then decide it was too costly. He asked if more information could be brought back in 30 days to minimize repercussions in the

County. Commissioner Humke agreed, stating this was an opportunity to collaborate with the Courts.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested a report of how the federal courts set salaries.

Ms. Singlaub suggested this item be continued until November, stating staff would work with the Courts to come back with a consensus recommendation.

Commissioner Humke asked what the rough equivalent for County Clerks would be in the Courts. Ms. Harvey said they were equivalent to Court Clerk II's although she had not been given any of the comparisons with the District Court. She said there were 16 other counties in Nevada and all their Board of County Commissioner Clerks were compensated at the same rate as the District Court Clerks.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked Mr. Longtin to find out if the point factor system was used in the federal system for setting salaries as well as the history of the point factor methodology.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that this item be continued to the November 15, 2005 meeting.

**05-1098B APPROVAL – NORTH VALLEYS SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE III
– CFA, INC. – DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
ADMINISTRATION - MANAGER**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said she had spoken with Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, regarding this item and understood that some of the smaller components could be initiated by purchase order and that the Board was comfortable with that.

Chairman Weber requested this item be continued to another meeting stating a park walkabout was scheduled and she was concerned that some things approved now could be moved to other locations. She wanted to make sure they were using taxpayer money wisely.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered this item be continued to the November 8, 2005 meeting.

**05-1099 APPROVAL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS –
NURSES’ ASSOCIATION NON-SUPERVISORY AND
SUPERVISORY BARGAINING UNITS – LABOR RELATIONS**

Upon recommendation of Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager, through Katy Singlaub, County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the amendments to the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washoe County Nurses’ Association for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, be ratified and Chairman Weber be authorized to execute the same.

**05-1100 STATUS REPORT – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT
PROJECT**

Upon recommendation of Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Management Project Director, and Paul Urban, Truckee River Flood Management Project Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the status report on the Truckee River Flood Management Project be accepted.

5:06 p.m. The Chairman called for a brief recess.

5:32 p.m. The Chairman reconvened the meeting with Commissioner Humke absent.

**05-1101 ORDINANCE NO. 1276 - BILL NO. 1456 – ISSUANCE OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION SEWER BOND, SERIES 2005A -
\$6,500,000**

Jerry McKnight, Finance and Customer Services Manager, said if there was a shortfall, sewer rates would be raised to pay for the bonds; and no general funds were needed.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke temporarily absent, Chairman Weber ordered that Ordinance No. 1276, Bill No. 1456, entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA OF ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION (LIMITED TAX) SEWER BOND (ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES) SERIES 2005A IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$6,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING FLOOD DETENTION PROJECTS FOR SPANISH SPRINGS; PROVIDING THE FORM, TERM 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 and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

5:40 p.m. Commissioner Humke returned.

05-1102 **APPEARANCE – TRIP BARTHEL – NEIGHBORHOOD
MEDIATION CENTER**

Trip Barthel, Neighborhood Mediation Center Executive Director, said the Neighborhood Mediation Center was a private, non-profit organization funded by court filing fees through Washoe County. He said the Center offered alternative methods to resolve disputes. Mr. Barthel gave an overview of the program stating they were originally created by legislation and have received over 1,000 requests for information referral, over 750 mediation cases in the last six years resolving about 79 percent, and 60 formal trainings with 15,000 training hours. He said mediation was offered at no charge and training was offered on a sliding fee scale with over 200 people trained as mediators. Mr. Barthel noted new programs included dog complaint cases, citizen complaints and possible court ordered evictions. He said people were generally pleased with the results they received.

Commissioner Larkin mentioned these services would be utilized in Warm Springs. He said that, as the Board sought out the various training issues, mediation ought to be part of the core training.

Chairman Weber requested Mr. Barthel to provide a schedule of training to the Board. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if the Center handled controversial planning issues. Mr. Barthel said they did.

Commissioner Galloway asked what the percentage of recidivism was. Mr. Barthel responded approximately five percent failed. He also mentioned that courts could send a case to mediation and continue the issue for a period of time; if there were no further complaints, the issue was considered resolved.

05-1103 **APPEARANCE – CORY CASAZZA, WASHOE COUNTY WINnet
DIVISION**

5:50 p.m. Chairman Weber stepped out of the meeting and Vice Chairman Larkin assumed the gavel.

Cory Casazza, Information Technology Manager, reported on the County's SAP implementation. He said WINnet was the name of the project to implement SAP in the County. He discussed what staff had done, the benefits of SAP, the focus areas and priorities, and what could be expected from SAP in the future.

Mr. Casazza said staff wanted a system to lay the foundation for e-government and that SAP was the world leader in enterprise resource planning software. He said in January 2003, a 9-month rapid implementation for financials, purchasing, human resources and payroll was begun; and started a roll out of self-service for County employees. He said a conversion of Water Resources utility billing application was

started; and staff was now focusing on stability, enhancement, and improving usability and reporting of the system. He noted the project was on time and under budget.

Mr. Casazza said information was immediately available after it was entered into the system, and the biggest benefit was sustainable and upgradeable software. The focus was now on enhancing reporting, adding new functionality, and working on becoming SAP experts.

Mr. Casazza said staff would add functionality to SAP that would realize new value and mentioned the need to adopt County processes to SAP.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said there had been an effort to integrate the PTI, WINnet and SAP visions. Commissioner Larkin mentioned SAP was a German company that specializes in enterprise resource planning. He said the goal was for it to be transparent to the user.

Commissioner Galloway asked if acronyms could be deleted in these discussions. He also asked how vulnerable the system was to single point disaster. Mr. Casazza responded there were daily backups and mirrored data was stored in two separate sites. He said they also have backup hardware that could be put in place within approximately one day.

In response to Chairman Weber, Mr. Casazza replied staff was in the process of developing a website that would be accessible by all County employees and the basics would be there. Ms. Singlaub suggested the presentation be translated into more laymen's terms for posting on the web.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Mr. Casazza said the total budget was \$10.5 million. Chairman Weber suggested this be brought back as a workshop for the Commissioners who wanted a better understanding. Commissioner Larkin said he had sensed the Board was not up to speed with this issue and felt it was very important.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, recited his educational and career background. He said things needed to be kept simple and to be mindful of possible terrorism issues when housing data. He also mentioned the more complicated a system was, the more training would be needed.

Ms. Singlaub mentioned Washoe County was selected to participate in an FBI project to insure adequate firewall protection against terrorism.

5:58 p.m. Chairman Weber returned and resumed the gavel.

**2002 REGIONAL PLAN SETTLEMENTS, REGIONAL PLAN
LITIGATION AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES**

Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, gave an overview of the Annexation Settlement Agreement, stating staff had moved forward with implementing the agreement. He said there had been over seven months of negotiation and that all jurisdictions approved the agreement in July and August. He said Judge Hardesty reviewed the agreement and entered an order to put it into effect. Mr. Freund said staff was now working on policies to implement the agreement. He stated funding was required under the agreement.

Mr. Freund mentioned the maximum area of the Truckee Meadows Services Area (TMSA) was based on population by jurisdiction area and stated there was a need to develop a map of the new service boundaries that would require action by each of the three jurisdictions. He stated all three jurisdictions must jointly agree on it.

Mr. Freund said there was no agreement on a full or partial roll back. He stated the settlement only affected non-voluntary annexation, and the 670 annexations were outside the program of annexation. He said it did not include more intense development in Washoe Valley. He also noted rules and policies were being jointly drafted, and staff anticipated formal action by each jurisdiction on TMSA boundary adjustments before the formal proposal for regional plan amendment was submitted.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked, if there was an existing subdivision of one-acre lots, could septic and wells still be put in. Mr. Freund said the Health Department allowed the first division of land since their new rules went into effect with up to four parcels of an existing property allowed to go to an on-sight system if the soils met requirements. Commissioner Sferrazza also asked if people could parcel a five-acre parcel without going through a subdivision. Mr. Freund replied they could do a minor subdivision if they have the existing entitlements on the property that would allow them to go to that density. Commissioner Sferrazza said the jurisdiction adjustment settlement only dealt with non-voluntary annexations and asked if the voluntary annexations could occur, as they did in Verdi, in spite of the agreement. Mr. Freund said 670's operated outside of the agreement, and the Judge concurred.

Commissioner Galloway noted one issue was the St. James rollback. He said the question was if the City of Reno could not expand into the St. James area, where could it expand. He mentioned the City of Reno did not expect all growth would be shown on one map. He stated not having any rollback was not acceptable.

Commissioner Humke appreciated Commissioner Galloway's comments concerning the St. James rollback. He said Washoe Valley residents were concerned and wondered if it was time to discuss this with the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB's) for their input.

Chairman Weber mentioned that it was not just one district that was impacted. She thought Judge Hardesty needed to hear this before the advisory boards.

Commissioner Larkin thought it would be premature. He questioned the range of the 2030 population stating there were a number of emerging issues that would hinge on that table and whether those were the numbers they were still talking about. Mr. Freund said not all jurisdiction populations had been formalized. He thought numbers might be available around February.

Commissioner Galloway said going to the CAB's was premature. He said without a map the official adopted population forecast could be affected, and he wanted the map completed.

Chairman Weber said everyone should be on the same level playing field, noting growth was inevitable and someone would have to give. Mr. Freund stated each district would be affected, and staff realized they really were not talking about a situation of how much the County would give up to the City or vice versa.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, said Washoe Valley was a jewel and should be preserved. He asked that the North Valleys not be allowed to grow into the Cities of Reno and Sparks.

Commissioner Sferrazza mentioned some people indicated the settlement seemed to favor the southwest wealthy areas. Mr. Freund stated staff looked at the best areas for growth. Commissioner Galloway cautioned the Commissioners about buying into arguments that caused division among residents. Commissioner Humke thanked the negotiators of the settlement agreement for their hard work.

05-1105 REVISED WASHOE COUNTY VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT, ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES STATEMENT, AND THE 2006-2007 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Commissioner Larkin made a motion to accept the vision statement, the mission statement, organizational values statement and the strategic priorities. Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion as long as the alternative wording to the vision statement was identified. John Slaughter, Management Services Director, said the alternate language came out of the fact the original statement did not flow very well. Commissioner Larkin agreed to the changes.

Gary Schmidt, local resident, objected to the phrase “valued staff that is accessible and accountable” in the vision and mission statements. He said he did not understand the meaning. He asked for a definition and stated value was a perception that required an explanation.

Commissioner Galloway commented that most anything could contain imprecise language, but felt the statement was clear enough. He said he supported the motion.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Slaughter, through Katy Singlaub, County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the revised Washoe County Vision and Mission Statement, Washoe County Organizational Values Statement, and the Board of County Commissioners' 2006-2007 Strategic Priorities be approved.

REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Board passed on this item due to the late hour.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 05-1106** A. Executed agreement for Consulting Services for the feasibility study for the Women and Family Shelter and Community Resource Center with MIDAS Consulting Group, Inc. (BCC Meeting on December 21, 2004, Item 04-1282).

- 05-1107** B. Executed non-exclusive agreement for Counseling and Evaluation Services with providers to provide counseling, Evaluation, and educational services for children and families being served by the Children's Division of Social Services (BCC Meeting on September 28, 2004, Item 04-1012).

- 05-1108** C. Executed First Renewal of Agreement for Neighborhood Justice Center with the Neighborhood Mediation Center, Inc (BCC Meeting on June 15, 2004, Item 04-572).

- 05-1109** D. Executed subgrants to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members (BCC Meeting on July 13, 2004, Item 04-721).

05-1110 REPORTS – Monthly (August 2005)

- A. Clerk of the Court
- B. County Clerk

05-1111 REPORTS – Monthly (September 2005)

- A. County Clerk
- B. Clerk of the Court

05-1112 REPORTS – Quarterly (September 2005)

- A. Clerk of the Court

BUDGETS – 2005/2006

- 05-1113** A. City of Reno – Budget in Brief
- 05-1114** B. City of Reno – Adopted
- 05-1115** C. City of Reno – Budgeted Capital Improvement Plan & 20 Year
Capital Improvement Plan

CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the meeting be adjourned to a closed session at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations with employee organizations per NRS 288.220. It was further ordered that the meeting would adjourn from the closed session.

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BONNIE WEBER, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Jill Shelton, Deputy County Clerk*