

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 21, 2007

PRESENT:

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

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

ABSENT:

Jim Galloway, Commissioner

The Board met in special 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:

07-567 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion carried on a 3-0 vote with Commissioners Galloway and Humke absent, it was ordered that the agenda for the May 21, 2007 special meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no response to the call for public comment.

10:40 a.m. The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sierra Fire Protection District with Commissioners Galloway and Humke absent.

***10:41 a.m.** Commissioner Humke arrived.

10:52 a.m. The Board convened as the Board of Trustees for the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District with Trustee Galloway absent.

10:57 a.m. The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with Commissioner Galloway absent.

11:18 a.m. The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners with Commissioner Galloway absent.

07-568 **PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET – ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FINAL BUDGET**

10:45 a.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on May 11, 2007 to consider the tentative budget for fiscal year 2007-08, as well as possible changes to adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2007-08.

Chairman Larkin opened the public hearing.

Budget Manager Melanie Purcell conducted a Power Point presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk, reviewing the highlights of the proposed budget. Staff previously provided details of the proposed 2007-08 budget in several workshops and each department head presented their budget in a series of public meetings during March 2007.

Ms. Purcell gave an overview of expenditures in the proposed budget broken down by various categories. In response to a question by Commissioner Sferrazza, she indicated that salaries, wages and benefits represented 64.2 percent of the expenditures in the General Fund and 41 percent of all governmental fund expenditures. Ms. Purcell stated there was actually a small decline in employees per capita, which reflected slow economic growth, a small number of new positions recommended for fiscal year 2007-08, and the continued pace of population growth. It was pointed out that the pie chart percentages on page 17 of the presentation were incorrect but the figures on page 21 were accurate. Ms. Purcell briefly summarized the proposed above base recommendations, as well as proposed projects for capital improvement and infrastructure preservation. She noted several specific items that were indicative of the budget's emphasis on the Board's Strategic Priorities.

In response to Chairman Larkin's question, Finance Director John Sherman confirmed that the budget was conservative and did not require any taxes increases.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked about the two family courtrooms budgeted for the District Court. He recalled there was supposed to be a planning effort to determine whether additional courtrooms were necessary. Ms. Purcell replied that the budgeted amount was for improvements to space vacated by the District Attorney's office. She indicated the improvements would allow the County to be ready should the additional family court judges be approved by the Legislature. Chairman Larkin clarified with Mr. Sherman that tentative authorization to begin short-term financing for the two family courtrooms would be preceded by a study and the Board's approval.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked about the elevator replacement for the Sierra Courthouse building. Mr. Sherman believed the building was built in 1989-1990. He explained that a replacement was considered necessary because of ongoing repair costs.

Commissioner Sferrazza inquired if the Downtown Library remodel would actually take place during the 2007-08 fiscal year. Mr. Sherman replied that the Commissioners would first have to approve the project, but it was scheduled for 2007-08.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Commissioner Weber commented that she had not received the proposed budget in time to review it prior to the meeting, although she acknowledged that much of it had been discussed during previous hearings and meetings. She wanted the opportunity to review the budget before voting on it and suggested that adoption of the budget be continued to the May 22, 2007 meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway absent, it was ordered that the public hearing and adoption of the final budget for fiscal year 2007-08 be continued to May 22, 2007.

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11:32 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
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