

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JUNE 15, 2010

PRESENT:

David Humke, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson*
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
John Breternitz, Commissioner

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

ABSENT:

Bob Larkin, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:05 a.m. 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:

County Manager Katy Simon stated: "The Chairman and the Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings."

10-484 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole."

Sam Dehne spoke on the recent Primary Election and his dissatisfaction with the results.

***9:08 a.m.** Commissioner Weber arrived.

10-485 AGENDA ITEM 4 – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)”

Commissioner Weber stated she would attend the Gerlach Citizen Advisory Board meeting to discuss senior services.

Commissioner Breternitz announced he would begin monthly meetings for stakeholders and concerned citizens in Incline Village to discuss issues related to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).

10-486 AGENDA ITEM 5 – REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Agenda Subject: “Vote Canvass - June 8, 2010 Primary Election. (All Commission Districts)”

Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, reviewed highlights of the June 8, 2010 Primary Election. He stated the voter turnout of 33.7 percent equated to 72,194 votes and was the highest primary election turnout in 12 years. Mr. Burk indicated there were 94 Election Day polling locations that accounted for 805 touch screen voting machines. He remarked of the 14 early voting locations, five were public buildings and nine were private commercial. Mr. Burk stated the early voting attributed to 26,246 votes. He thanked the many poll workers and noted 60 workers were County employees who served as polling managers and assistant managers. He said because of the dedicated poll workers, the Election ran very well and announced that the final Election results were reported at 10:04 p.m.

Mr. Burk stated the Post-Election Audit of Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail Printers (VVPATS) reported that the Incline Village Elementary School polling location Edge Touch Screen results versus the VVPAT results were off by four and at Damonte Ranch High School the results differed by two. He indicated the difference was due to VVPAT tapes that had torn bar codes that could not be scanned or did not print a bar code under the cast ballot.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne stated his disappointment with the Edge Touch Screen versus the VVPAT results.

Mr. Burk indicated some of the changes he planned for the upcoming General Election in November. He said there would be a sample ballot redesign and reformatting of poll worker training. Mr. Burk thanked his staff for their tireless work leading up to the Election and their efficiency on the day of the Election.

Chairman Humke thanked the Washoe County Sheriff's Office who were available on Election Day to receive the voting machines from the poll workers.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that the vote canvass submitted under Agenda Item 5 be approved. The certified Abstract of Votes cast in the Primary Election on June 8, 2010 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

10-487 AGENDA ITEM 6 – REPORTS AND UPDATES

Agenda Subject: “Reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to (these may include, but not be limited to, Regional Transportation Commission, Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, Debt Management Commission, District Board of Health, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Investment Management Committee, Citizen Advisory Boards).”

Commissioner Weber said the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) had a special meeting scheduled for June 21, 2010. She stated the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference would be held in the County during July 2010 and indicated sponsorships and volunteers were still needed.

Chairman Humke said he would attend a special Finance Committee meeting for the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) on June 23, 2010. He also noted that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) would meet on June 18, 2010.

Commissioner Jung announced she would attend the Reno Green Summit after this meeting. She indicated there would be a grand opening on June 16, 2010 for a new animal shelter located on Spectrum Drive. Commissioner Jung said the Shared Services Committee and the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) had meetings scheduled for June 21, 2010.

10-488 AGENDA ITEM 7 – CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.”

9:32 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that the meeting recess until 4:00 p.m. for a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

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9:32 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, the meeting recessed until the 4:00 p.m. closed session. It was noted that the Board would adjourn from the closed session.

DAVID E. HUMKE, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk*