

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 26, 2011

PRESENT:

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

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

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:03 a.m. 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:

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."

11-314 AGENDA ITEM 3 – EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE – HUMAN RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: "Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses."

Katy Simon, County Manager, recognized the following employees for successful completion of the Excellence in Public Service Certificate Programs administered by the Human Resources Department:

Essentials of Management Development
Jeffrey Clark, Sergeant, Sheriff's Office
James Kelley, Inventory Control Supervisor, Public Works

Marilyn Kramer, Reprographics Mail Supervisor, Public Works
Thomas Malteso, Equipment Services Supervisor, Public Works

11-315 AGENDA ITEM 4 – PROCLAMATION

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – May 5, 2011 as National Day of Prayer. Requested by Commissioners Weber and Larkin. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Weber read and presented the Proclamation to Pastors Dan Sipma of the University Family fellowship and Rick Shuster of the Church of Jesus Christ Spirit Filled. She invited everyone to an observance in the courtyard of the County Complex on May 5, 2011. She indicated no County dollars were used to support the event.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be approved and adopted.

11-316 AGENDA ITEM 5 – PROCLAMATION – SENIOR SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – May 2011 as Older Americans Month. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Grady Tarbutton, Director of Senior Services; Connie McMullen, Chair of the Senior Services Advisory Board; Amber Martin, Senior Services Liaison for the City of Reno; Darryl Feemster, Manager of Parks and Recreation for the City of Reno; Sheila Leijon, Incline Village General Improvement District Parks and Recreation; and Reverend Augustin Jorquez, Native American Liaison from the Urban Indian Council.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved and adopted.

11-317 AGENDA ITEM 6 – PROCLAMATION – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – April 2011 as National County Government Month. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Weber read and presented the Proclamation as a board member of the National Association of Counties and the Nevada Association of Counties.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6 be approved and adopted.

11-318 AGENDA ITEM 7 – PROCLAMATION – FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – May 1-8, 2011 as Nevada Wildfire Awareness Week. (All Commission Districts)”

10:22 a.m. Commissioner Larkin temporarily left the meeting.

Commissioner Humke read and presented the Proclamation to Ed Smith, Coordinator of the Living with Fire program and a representative from the Cooperative Extension; Joan Presley, Fire Marshall for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Reno Fire Department; and Mark Regan, Fire Prevention Captain for the Sierra Fire Protection District.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be approved and adopted.

11-319 AGENDA ITEM 8 – PROCLAMATION

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – April 22, 2011 as Earth Day – requested by Commissioner Jung. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Bill Whitney, Senior Planner and member of the Washoe County Green Team.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda item 8 be approved and adopted.

11-320 AGENDA ITEM 9 – PROCLAMATION – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – All four seasons of Year 2011 be observed as the 25th Anniversary of the Wilbur D. May Arboretum. (All Commission Districts”)

Commissioners Weber and Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Dixie May of the Wilbur May Foundation; Gwen Gilbert of the Rancho San Rafael

Botanical Society; Jean Preston of the Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society; and Bill Carlos, Horticulturist at the May Arboretum in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved and adopted.

11-321 AGENDA ITEM 10 – PROCLAMATION – BUILDING AND SAFETY

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation – May 2011 as National Building and Safety Month. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Weber read and presented the Proclamation to Don Jeppson, Building and Safety Official for Washoe County.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved and adopted.

11-322 AGENDA ITEM 11 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Washoe County Sheriff Mike Haley & Rob and Keli Wilson, Founders of AlertID. Presentation regarding AlertID – requested by Commissioner Weber. (All Commission Districts)”

Sheriff Mike Haley explained the AlertID program had grown out of an incident in which a family temporarily lost sight of their child at an amusement park. He stated the system was created through public/private partnership to better inform the public and to use the public as a force multiplier for public safety. He noted the program involved police and fire services at the federal, state and local levels. He described AlertID as “a Neighborhood Watch program on steroids.” Sheriff Haley introduced Dave Fritsche and Robert Wilson of Argus Holdings, a private sector partner that created the electronic backbone of the system. He said the impetus behind the child safety portion of AlertID came from cofounders Eve Fritsche and Keli Wilson. He acknowledged Kaydie Paschall, Coordinator of the Citizen Emergency Response Team, who had been instrumental in getting information out into the community. He noted the AlertID system had grown to over 15,000 users in a very short period of time, and was expanding to Las Vegas and other areas of the country. Sheriff Haley conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

11:05 a.m. Commissioner Larkin returned to the meeting.

The Commissioners and Sheriff Haley encouraged citizens to go to www.AlertID.com to join or to get more information.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

11-323 AGENDA ITEM 12 – 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.”

Guy Felton talked about District Attorney Dick Gammick.

Cliff Low suggested that Agenda Item 28 should have been published for consideration as three separate items. He stated the combination of so much content into one agenda item muddied the waters and reduced the opportunities for public comment.

11-324 AGENDA ITEM 13 – 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.)”

Katy Simon, County Manager, indicated Item 14J1 had been pulled from the agenda and would be brought back at a future meeting. Commissioner Humke requested that Item 26 also be pulled from the agenda for consideration at a later date.

Commissioner Jung requested an agenda item for the Community Development Department to discuss the land use policy for urban gardens. She noted there were some fairly archaic laws in the unincorporated County. She stated there was a gentleman who wanted to present information about aquaponics. She said she recently served on the High School Accreditation Committee for the Sierra Nevada Job Corps. She talked about a recent Town Hall meeting at which the A&E Television Network filmed an episode of their show *Intervention*. She said there was some very emotional testimony from parents who had lost their children to heroin overdoses. Sheriff Mike Haley served on the *Intervention* panel along with several others in the community.

Commissioner Weber acknowledged Commissioner Jung for her generous \$3,000 donation to the Washoe County Green Team (Agenda Item 14K). Commissioner Jung explained she had raised excess campaign funds and was inspired by the staff of the Green Team who donated their own time to work towards a green and sustainable County and region. She noted the Green Team members had no funds for travel or training.

Chairman Breternitz said the Organizational Effectiveness Committee believed it was important to ask for suggestions and express the County's culture of innovation. He requested that some wording be added to the standing agenda item for Commissioners' and Manager's Announcements.

**CONSENT AGENDA (SEE MINUTE ITEMS 11-325
THROUGH 11-339 BELOW)**

11-325 AGENDA ITEM 14A

Agenda Subject: "Cancel May 17, 2011 County Commission Meeting."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14A be approved.

**11-326 AGENDA ITEM 14B1 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES/FIRE
SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Agenda Subject: "Approve Resolution to dispose of assets by donation to Western Nevada College from the Washoe County Fire Suppression Program (one surplus, 1994 Ford E-350 MPV Ambulance VIN #1FDKE30MXRHB41862 in "as is" condition) [salvage value approximately \$2,000]; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Resolution. (Commission District 4)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14B1 be approved, authorized and executed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**11-327 AGENDA ITEM 14B2 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES/
COMMUNITY SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR**

Agenda Subject: "Acknowledge receipt of an update report on the status of the Washoe County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (Stimulus) projects for January through March 2011. (All Commission Districts)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14B2 be acknowledged.

11-328 AGENDA ITEM 14C – ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.768 and NRS 361.765, for errors discovered for the 20007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 secured and unsecured tax rolls; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Order and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the errors [cumulative amount of decrease \$2,294.82]. (Parcels are in various Commission Districts.)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14C be approved, authorized and directed.

11-329 AGENDA ITEM 14D – DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Approve payments [\$9,228.50] to vendors for assistance of 54 victims of sexual assault and authorize Comptroller to process same. NRS 217.310 requires payment by the County of total initial medical care of victims, regardless of cost, and of follow-up treatment costs of up to \$1,000 for victims, victim’s spouses and other eligible persons. (All Commission Districts)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14D be approved.

11-330 AGENDA ITEM 14E – SENIOR SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donations [\$10,600.20] for the period January 1 through March 31, 2011 for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2010/11; and if accepted, direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung thanked the various individuals and organizations for their generous donations.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14E be accepted and directed.

11-331 AGENDA ITEM 14F – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Authorize Department of Social Services to accept additional grant [\$10,000 – no County match required] from the Casey Family Programs to expand the Family Solutions Team process; and if accepted, authorize the Department to expend the grant revenue and direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14F be accepted, authorized and directed.

11-332 AGENDA ITEM 14G – DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: “Approve Water Rights deed conveying 60.00 acre-feet of Steamboat Creek water rights, being a portion of permit 70925, from Washoe County to ORMAT Nevada, Inc.; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (Commission District 2)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14G be approved, authorized and executed.

11-333 AGENDA ITEM 14H1 – FINANCE/COMPTROLLER

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge receipt of the 29th annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for Washoe County’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2010. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Jung commended Comptroller Sheri Mendez and the Finance staff for their remarkable achievement.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14H1 be acknowledged.

11-334 AGENDA ITEM 14H2 – FINANCE/COMPTROLLER

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the nine months ended March 31, 2011 – Unaudited. (All Commission Districts)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14H2 be acknowledged.

11-335 AGENDA ITEM 14I1 – PUBLIC WORKS/ANIMAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept monetary donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services [\$4,009 for the period January 1 through March 31, 2011 to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray or abandoned animals received; and if accepted, express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions and direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung thanked the various individuals and organizations for their generous donations. She noted there were 19 pages attached to the staff report that listed donors for the first quarter of 2011.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14I1 be accepted and directed.

11-336 AGENDA ITEM 14I2 – PUBLIC WORKS

Agenda Subject: “Authorize Public Works Department to bid Building C Main Distribution Facility Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning Upgrades project [funding source – Capital Improvement Fund]. (Commission District 3)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14I2 be authorized.

11-337 AGENDA ITEM 14J2 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Agenda Subject: “Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Verdi Pond at Crystal Peak Park between Washoe County, Nevada Department of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the Verdi Pond and Nature Area; and if

**approved, authorize Chairman to execute Memorandum of Understanding.
(Commission District 1.)”**

Commissioner Weber stated there had been some concerns about the pond liner within the Verdi community.

Doug Doolittle, Director of Regional Parks and Open Space, indicated meetings about the project had been held with the Verdi Citizens Advisory Board (CAB). He noted there was some difference of opinion as to the type of material to be used for the pond liner. He said the cost of acquiring and transporting material for a Bentonite liner far exceeded the available budget. He stated noted staff engineers had appeared before the CAB and, in their opinion, the liner selected was the best and most cost effective approach.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14J2 be approved, authorized and executed.

11-338 AGENDA ITEM 14J3 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Agenda Subject: “Approve Lease Agreement between the County of Washoe and Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to provide year-round youth services at the Joe Mitchell Community Center located in Lemmon Valley, initial term five years with an option to renew for an additional five years [\$12,500 annually]. (Commission District 5)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14J3 be approved.

11-339 AGENDA ITEM 14K

Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donation [\$3,000] from Commissioner Kitty Jung to Washoe County for the purpose of promoting green and sustainable actions and behaviors through supporting activities of the Washoe County Green Team. (All Commission Districts)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14K be accepted.

**DISCUSSION – BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 20, 21, 22, 23
AND 27 (SEE MINUTE ITEMS 11-340 THROUGH 11-344)**

The Board consolidated Agenda Items 20, 21, 22, 23 and 27 into a single block vote.

11-340 AGENDA ITEM 20 – PURCHASING

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to award balance of Bid #2670-10 for Janitorial Services for Washoe County Various Libraries to next lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Qual-Econ U.S.A. Inc. [estimated amount \$12,904 per month for seven Washoe County Library Buildings - estimated annual value for same is \$154,848 per year]; and if awarded, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute Agreement with Qual-Econ U.S.A., Inc. for the remaining balance of the original agreement term ending October 31, 2011 with two single year renewal options. (All Commission Districts)”

Commissioner Weber questioned the approval of a janitorial services contract for the libraries in light of the ongoing review for various budget scenarios. Katy Simon, County Manager, indicated the frequency and regularity of janitorial service had been and would continue to be under continuous review. She stated the County’s contract language included a funding-out clause. Commissioner Humke asked if the contract was drafted such that the contract could be discontinued if a library was closed. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, said it was clearly stated in the bid that the frequency of days open for each library would be subject to change due to budget restraints, and the days and hours for services could be revised at the County’s discretion. She confirmed for Chairman Breternitz that the bid request would become a part of the contract.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 20 be awarded, authorized and executed.

11-341 AGENDA ITEM 21 – PUBLIC WORKS

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to award bid for Reno Library Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning Energy Upgrades Project to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder (staff recommends Gardner Mechanical) [\$1,070,405 - funding source Capital Improvement Fund]; and if awarded, authorize Chairman to execute contract documents. (Commission District 3)”

County Manager Katy Simon indicated she had received an email from Tim Ruffin, a member of the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC), asking if the Board might want to consider delaying the award of bid for the Reno Library Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Energy Upgrades project (Item 21) in order to evaluate

whether the downtown library would continue as a full service branch. She indicated a citizens' advisory committee was evaluating the future of the library system and a staff library planning team was evaluating various budget scenarios. The library planning team felt strongly that the Downtown Library would remain at full service going into the future.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 21 be awarded, authorized and executed.

11-342 AGENDA ITEM 22 – PUBLIC WORKS

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to award contract for 911 Parr Boulevard Roof Replacement Project to the responsive and responsible bidder selected through the U.S. Communities national bid search (staff recommends Garland/DBS) [not to exceed \$1,000,000 - funding source Capital Improvement Fund]; and if awarded, authorize Chairman to execute contract documents. (Commission District 3)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 22 be awarded, authorized and executed.

11-343 AGENDA ITEM 23 – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to authorize Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute non-exclusive Purchase of Service Agreements from Washoe County Department of Social Services for counseling, evaluation and educational services for the children and families that are served by the Children’s Division of Social Services for a 12-month period (beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) with up to two possible one year extensions [not to exceed a total of \$965,000 annually]. (All Commission Districts)”

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 23 be authorized and executed.

11-344 AGENDA ITEM 27 – DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve US EPA Grant Agreement XP-00T35201-0 for Water Infrastructure – Spanish Springs Nitrate Remediation

Project – Phase III for reimbursement of project costs [not to exceed \$288,700 with a County match from Department of Water Resources enterprise fund not to exceed \$236,210]; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (Commission District 5)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 27 be approved, authorized and executed.

11-345 AGENDA ITEM 17 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Jeff Lerud, PE, Nevada Department of Transportation Project Manager, and Jason Brada, Design-Builder Project Manager. Presentation on Nevada Department of Transportation’s I-80 Design Build Project from Robb Drive to Vista Boulevard.”

Jeff Lerud, Project Manager for the Nevada Department of Transportation, and Jason Brada, a representative of Granite Construction Company, conducted a PowerPoint presentation that was placed on file with the Clerk. Mr. Lerud said the Interstate 80 (I-80) design-build project from Robb Drive to Vista Boulevard was the first three-way transportation design-build in northern Nevada. Mr. Brada provided an overview of the project concepts, scope and schedule of work. He indicated work would begin in the fall of 2011 on several sections of the project and would continue through 2012. He noted the project would include the installation of an intelligent transportation system (ITS). Mr. Lerud stated there would be two lanes in each direction during peak commuting hours. Traffic would be narrowed to one lane from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and some nighttime ramp closures were anticipated. He pointed out the ITS would be used during construction to monitor construction zones and feed real-time information to the public via dynamic message signs.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

11-346 AGENDA ITEM 18 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Dan Gredvig, Manager for Ruby Pipeline, LLC. Update on Ruby Pipeline Project – requested by Commissioner Weber.”

Mike Draper of the El Paso Corporation indicated construction of the Ruby Pipeline began at the end of 2010 and was ongoing. He stated the 675-mile natural gas pipeline consisted of seven construction “spreads” from Opal, Wyoming to Malin, Oregon. The project included 52 miles of pipeline running through Washoe County. Much of the work had been completed between Wyoming and Elko, Nevada. Because of a wetter than average winter and the sage grouse lekking season, there was quite a bit of work still to be done between Elko and Oregon. Reduced crews were currently doing

maintenance work in Nevada, but construction was expected to ramp up as the weather improved. He said the Pipeline could be in service by the end of July 2011. Mr. Draper indicated there were currently about 200 residents staying at the Vya Work Camp and over 500 residents were anticipated during full construction. Deconstruction of the Vya Work Camp was expected to take place in August and September, and reclamation work would be ongoing after that time.

Mr. Draper stated he did not yet know the exact number of Washoe County residents who were employed on the project. He offered to come back when the Pipeline was in service to give a more formal presentation and an estimate of those employed on the project. He said there were four subcontractors employed on the project. The contractors were required to fill at least 50 percent of the Pipeline union jobs from the nearest local qualified labor pool. He indicated he had been in contact with many of the trade organizations in Washoe County over the last couple of months. Although they could not cite specific numbers, many of the organizations were pleased.

Commissioner Weber thanked Mr. Draper for the update.

Commissioner Humke asked how far workers traveled to reach the Vya Work Camp. Roger Pelham, Planner for the Community Development department indicated there was a 100-mile spread, or 50 miles in any direction. Commissioner Humke wondered if the commitment had been to use 50 percent of the workers from Washoe County or just from Nevada. Mr. Draper clarified subcontractors were to hire from the nearest qualified labor pool and could expand outward if they were unable to fill positions. Commissioner Humke emphasized the importance of using local workers. He hoped the company would incorporate some educational programs as the Pipeline was completed and lateral projects were undertaken near tribal reservation areas.

Commissioner Jung asked that future reports to the Commission be broken down by trade as well as by geographical location. She also requested a report on the goods and services purchased in the State of Nevada. Mr. Draper agreed to provide detailed reports about goods and services purchased. He suggested the subcontractors and union officials could be invited to a future presentation to talk about employment.

Chairman Breternitz suggested an interim report about goals being met would be more effective than a report after the job was completed. Mr. Draper said he was happy to track down information wherever possible and provide it to the commissioners on an individual basis. He said there would be some sort of ceremony near Vya or Gerlach when the Pipeline was ready to go into service. Mr. Draper placed several photographs of the Vya Work Camp on file with the Clerk.

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

11-347 AGENDA ITEM 19 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: “Appearance: Washoe County Department of Water Resources and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Presentation recognizing the high quality of drinking water delivered to the residents of the Truckee Meadows; and, adoption of a Proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2011 as National and Local Drinking Water Week – Department of Water Resources. (All Commission Districts)”

Rosemary Menard, Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), indicated the presentation was produced partly as a response to some erroneous information that was published in the media about the quality of drinking water in the Truckee Meadows.

Mark Foree, General Manager of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), stated the community was blessed with an outstanding water supply. He noted about 90 percent of the water supply came from Lake Tahoe and the Truckee River system, and groundwater quality in the region was also very good. He indicated the water purveyors met or exceeded all water quality standards. He acknowledged the highly skilled water quality professionals at TMWA, DWR, the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), the District Health Department, the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District, and the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection.

A PowerPoint presentation was conducted and placed on file with the Clerk. John Hulett, Senior Environmental Engineer for DWR, talked about the regulatory framework and standards for ensuring drinking water quality. Paul Miller, P.E., Water Quality and Operations Manager for TMWA, stated the Environmental Working Group (EWG) was a nonprofit organization that had produced a December 2009 report ranking Reno's water quality as the fifth lowest in the nation. He explained there had been a 35 percent error rate in the data published by the EWG in spite of TMWA's attempts to provide correct information. He provided several facts about water quality in the community.

Bryan Tyre of the Washoe County District Health Department indicated he was responsible for enforcing federal regulations that were passed down to the Health Department by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He stated each of the wells used by the water purveyors had different sampling schedules to test for various constituents in the water. He noted TMWA had the largest of 95 public water systems located in Washoe County. He described the systems and processes in place for many of the region's water systems. He said some of the EWG data had come from untreated well samples, although the water from the wells went through treatment processes before it was distributed to customers.

Ms. Menard showed a video produced by Mr. Heim's fourth grade class at the Bailey Charter Elementary School. Mr. Heim's class researched and disproved the

information in the EWG report. The class wrote a letter to the editor that was published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on February 15, 2011.

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Ms. Menard and Mr. Foree.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved and adopted.

11-348 AGENDA ITEM 24 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Consideration and possible approval of a request for sponsorship of Artown 2011, including waiver of park facility rental fees, sponsoring ticket sales and other promotional services [in-kind costs and fee waivers estimated to be \$15,770]. (All Commission Districts)”

Chairman Breternitz disclosed he was a member of the Artown Board of Directors, but his judgment concerning the agenda item would not be clouded.

Commissioner Humke acknowledged there were several meaningful events produced by Artown. He stated it was important to do the right thing for the budget and he could not support the agenda item.

Commissioner Jung indicated 60 percent of the Artown events were free. She said it was imperative to maintain entertainment for people during difficult economic times. She noted Artown had produced a local economic impact of Artown of \$12 million in July 2010. She stated the public benefit outweighed the budgetary impact on the Regional Parks and Open Space department.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion carried on a 4 to 1 vote with Commissioner Humke voting “no,” it was ordered that Agenda Item 24 be approved.

11-349 AGENDA ITEM 25 – HUMAN RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept staff report on span of control, including best practices regarding span of control, and request Board direction regarding analysis of span of control and subsequent reporting to the Board – Human Resources. (All Commission Districts)”

Katey Fox, Director of Human Resources, provided an overview of the staff report. She indicated the County’s average span of control had been determined in

April 2010 and April 2011 to be 1:6 (one manager/supervisor for every six employees). She stated the ratio had been 1:5 in 2003. She noted there was not much meaningful information available with respect to other public sector agencies. Best practices information provided by the Hay Group revealed that spans of control varied across different organizations and median spans of control ranged from 1:6 to 1:9 in organizations with more than 3,000 employees. Ms. Fox requested possible direction from the Board to:

1. Evaluate span of control further, particularly with respect to the County's ongoing Fundamental Review Project.
2. Look at ratios of 1:3 or lower and report on relationships that were not as robust as might be expected during a tight budget and tight staffing climate.
3. Encourage departmental leaders to continue their discussions about consolidation opportunities, restructuring and organizational redesign.
4. Establish a set of supporting processes and goals to guide the development of future staffing levels and management to staff ratios.

Commissioner Larkin asked if the report from Ms. Fox would include the fiscal effects of increasing or decreasing spans of control. Ms. Fox said she would provide any meaningful data that was available. She indicated staff would look to the Hay Group for methodologies to evaluate spans of control. Commissioner Larkin wondered if other types of impacts such as command and control issues would be included. Ms. Fox stated there were qualitative concerns around spans of control, such as the ability to effectively manage and supervise employees, the ability to complete performance evaluations in a timely fashion, and the ability to immediately deal with discipline issues. Commissioner Larkin suggested the quality of performance evaluations was important. He noted there was sometimes a decline in the quality of coaching and mentoring when spans of control were increased. He hoped methodologies or best practices from other organizations would be included.

Katy Simon, County Manager, suggested there might be appropriate spans of control for different categories of employees. She noted an overall organizational average might not have a lot of meaning. For example, there were individual contributors such as engineers or hydrologists who did not need close supervision. She stated the best practices had not been very rich with information.

Chairman Breternitz observed there was some potential duplication in terms of review. He pointed out the Organizational Effectiveness Committee was working with the consulting group Management Partners on the Fundamental Review of core services. He encouraged someone to look at an employee recommendation to increase the ratio of employees to supervisors. He said the Management Partners had a good deal of experience and he wanted to hear their recommendations.

Ms. Simon clarified the general direction from the Board would be to collectively increase spans of control as appropriate rather than to direct a specific ratio. She indicated staff would come back through the Fundamental Review process and would work hand in hand with Management Partners. She suggested it was a question of what the best practices were for the kinds of services being delivered.

Commissioner Larkin asked that the fiscal impacts be included.

There was no public comment on this item.

11-350 AGENDA ITEM 34 – CLOSED SESSION

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

12:56 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District. On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220. It was further noted that the Board would take a brief recess following the Closed Session.

12:56 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners. On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220. It was further noted that the Board would take a brief recess following the Closed Session.

2:07 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District, and the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with all members present.

11-351 AGENDA ITEM 28 – FIRE SERVICES COORDINATOR

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and direction to staff regarding possible agreements between Sierra Fire Protection District and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for partial funding of the Arrowcreek Station and/or staffing/operations support between the Districts, and between Sierra Fire Protection District and Washoe County for station construction management, Management services – including, but not limited to – budget development and oversight, contract administration and consolidation/regionalization matters, and other administrative services, and discussion and possible direction to either include the City of Reno in the possible agreements or consider alternatives to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District-Reno Fire Services Interlocal Agreement (requested by Commissioner Larkin).”

Kurt Latipow, Fire Services Coordinator, reviewed the staff report and outlined the three recommendations provided on page 3. He noted Recommendation 1 would transfer funding for an administrative secretary from the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) to the County's Management Services Department. He clarified the staff proposal under Recommendation 2 was to consider having the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) share in the funding of construction for the Arrowcreek station, but not in the ongoing operational costs of the new station.

Commissioner Jung questioned whether the salary of an administrative secretary represented the true cost for Management Services to take over budget oversight, fire commissioner support, and other administrative functions. If Board direction was given to move forward, Chief Latipow said the next step would be to sit down with Human Resources to identify what position was needed and whether or not it was the true cost. He indicated his job description already encompassed much of the support for the SFPD. He said he believed it was pretty close to the true cost of handling the extra workload. Commissioner Jung asked if financial analysts would provide a truing up at the end of each fiscal year so the Board could see who owed who. Chief Latipow agreed it was a good idea to include that in an Interlocal Agreement between the SFPD and Washoe County.

In response to the call for public comment, Thomas Daly talked about Recommendation 3 and the work being done on amendments to the Interlocal Agreement for fire services between Washoe County and the City of Reno. He indicated generalizations had been provided to the public and to the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB), but there were no details available as to what amendments were agreed to by staff. He asked the Board to direct staff to post amendments on the County's website for which there was staff consensus.

Gary Pestello complimented the forward progress that had been made in bringing the TMFPD and the SFPD together. He said he was in favor of combining the two districts but thought it was premature to bring the City of Reno into any agreements until their fiscal problems had been aired out.

Jane Countryman agreed there were shared benefits and the TMFPD should help with the Arrowcreek station. She observed the same was true in West Washoe Valley. She hoped more work would be done to merge the two districts together.

Commissioner Jung clarified that every single issue concerning amendments to the Interlocal Agreement between Reno and Washoe County was to be expedited and brought to the JFAB at its next meeting, whether there was staff agreement or not. She noted the upcoming Joint meeting between the City of Reno and Washoe County would include discussion of the Standards of Cover (SOC) but not the Interlocal Agreement for fire services.

Commissioner Larkin stated the SFPD gained some cost efficiencies under Recommendation 2, but it was not clear what advantage was achieved for the TMFPD

taxpayers. Chief Latipow replied the TMFPD citizens would benefit from improved service once the Arrowcreek station was open. He indicated moving forward with a connection to Thomas Creek would also improve service to the other side of Thomas Creek Road. He said the number of citizens who would see improved service had been identified, but the controls that should be put into an Interlocal Agreement to subsidize construction were still being discussed. Commissioner Larkin commented that Recommendation 2 was based on the Standards of Cover (SOC). He noted the joint bodies were scheduled to take the SOC under consideration and would hopefully get some agreement for the region. He agreed there was a logical argument to move forward with discussions about Recommendation 2, but he was not yet comfortable in moving forward with an actual dollar amount until the Board saw the terms of an Interlocal Agreement between the SFPD and the TMFPD. He suggested there were two conflicting ideologies as to how cost sharing should occur. Chief Latipow stated the dollar amount in the staff report was based on input from staff, the Districts' financial consultant, and Assistant Public Works Director Dave Solaro. He acknowledged it was fair to ask whether estimated construction costs would hold so that it did not become necessary to revise the Interlocal Agreement. He asked for direction to work with the District Attorney's office on a clause that would revisit the TMFPD contribution if construction came in under budget.

Commissioner Larkin observed that Recommendation 3 requested staff direction to either include the City of Reno in agreements between the SFPD and the TMFPD or to consider alternatives to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno for fire services in the TMFPD. He asked Michael Hernandez, Fire Chief for the Reno Fire Department and the TMFPD, if he had an opinion. Chief Hernandez said building the Arrowcreek fire station was a positive step in the right direction. He noted the SOC indicated the station was warranted. He stated any Interlocal Agreement between the TMFPD and the SFPD would depend on how the language was crafted, and he was not prepared to comment on any specific terms of an agreement.

Commissioner Larkin commented that the issues placed an additional wrinkle in the negotiation process with the City of Reno, with respect to the deployment of assets. Under the current agreement, he asked if Chief Hernandez could authorize the temporary relocation of assets to an Arrowcreek fire station if the need arose. Chief Hernandez replied he would probably be given such latitude under emergency circumstances. He noted there were automatic aid and mutual response agreements already in place. He pointed out his primary responsibility under the current Interlocal Agreement was to the citizens of the TMFPD and the citizens of Reno. He stated he would have to come before the Board for direction and it was clearly outside the scope of his authority to permanently relocate assets from a TMFPD station that would be housed within the SFPD. Commissioner Larkin wondered about a combined TMFPD and SFPD station. Chief Hernandez suggested the articles of an Interlocal Agreement between the TMFPD and the SFPD would likely cover such an arrangement. If that were the case, he said it would be within his realm of responsibility to make such recommendations.

Chairman Breternitz said there had been a brief discussion at the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee meeting about what entity might look at the regionalization of fire services. He stated regionalization that included Reno was one option that would ultimately have to be discussed, along with other possibilities.

In response to the call for any more public comment, Robert Parker identified himself as a resident of Galena Forest. He indicated a new fire station would improve response to both the SFPD and the TMFPD taxpayers, and would save lives and property. He observed the population in the area had expanded since 2000 after the authorization of many new developments, but there had been no new fire stations. He said he and his wife had donated \$1,000 to the Galena Volunteer Fire Department to help fund construction of the Arrowcreek fire station.

Tom Motherway stated the Galena Volunteer Firemen had undertaken fundraising efforts to make up for shortfalls in construction of the Arrowcreek station. He said he had brought \$4,500 with him in checks that had been collected so far and an additional \$8,000 had been committed. He noted 11 taxpayers had agreed to underwrite the difference between what was collected in fundraising and \$50,000 to make up an anticipated shortfall. He remarked that the citizens obviously wanted the station built.

Cliff Low discussed Recommendation 2. He said it had been clearly established that an Arrowcreek station would end up servicing a lot of the TMFPD citizens. He suggested it was appropriate for people to get what they were paying for and for each district to pay for the services they were getting.

Please see below for the motion that was passed concerning Recommendation 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Jung to approve Recommendation 2. Commissioner Larkin said he wanted to expand the Board's direction to talk about operational items. He stated a discussion of operational costs would have to involve the City of Reno, but independent action could be taken to begin crafting an Interlocal Agreement between the SFPD and the TMFPD for some kind of cost share related to the Arrowcreek fire station.

Chief Latipow requested clarification about the discussion of operational components. Commissioner Larkin suggested broadening the discussion with the SFPD. He stated the Board might not accept what staff brought back, but he did not see how the Board could segment the capital costs and then wash their hands of it. He stated there was a larger community that was very interested in regionalization, and discussion of operational components at Arrowcreek might be a good place to start the process.

Commissioner Weber said she could not support the motion. She expressed concern about the timeframe for constructing the Arrowcreek station.

Commissioner Jung agreed construction of the Arrowcreek needed to be expedited, but she did not believe the motion would slow things down. She suggested it would put more options on the table for staff. She noted the staff report for Recommendation 2 included direction on shared staffing possibilities. She indicated she would support the motion, but would immediately have an agenda item before the Board to put a stop to things if there was any indication that the grant was at risk or the discussion was slowing things down.

Commissioner Humke agreed the motion was a good one. He indicated Chief Latipow could start with the capital cost sharing and treat that as a separate contract section so as not to lose the grant. He could then move on to the next step. He stated it was a difficult situation because there were disparate staffing costs between the two districts.

Chairman Breternitz said he wanted to see a station at Arrowcreek and the SOC indicated it was necessary. He indicated there were outstanding questions that had not yet been answered, including the statutory requirement to have a solid staffing plan in place. He stated there were also some questions related to construction costs and he thought it was possible to get “more bang for the buck.” He noted neither the SFPD nor the TMFPD were financially sustainable from a budget perspective. Although things were not as simple as they seemed, he said he would support the motion.

Commissioner Weber questioned whether supporting the motion for Recommendation 2 would allow the Arrowcreek station to move forward or would put it on hold again. Commissioner Larkin commented that it was not a question of whether to move forward with Arrowcreek, it was a question of timing. He indicated the motion would build a foundation for getting some questions answered. He observed the SFPD was \$640,000 short of being able to build the station and some cooperative agreements between the TMFPD and the SFPD might pave the way for the TMFPD to either loan money or pay for part of the station.

Chief Latipow clarified that SFPD Fire Chief Michael Greene would present a staff report on the balance of the Arrowcreek funding under a separate agenda item. He stated the motion had to do with the mechanics of putting together an agreement that would come back to the Board for later consideration after the green light was given to construct the Arrowcreek station.

Please see the motion below that was passed for Recommendation 2.

A motion concerning Recommendation 3 was made by Commissioner Larkin and seconded by Commissioner Humke.

Commissioner Humke wondered what the starting point would be for negotiations concerning the Interlocal Agreement with Reno. Commissioner Larkin indicated there would now be a new negotiation point with the City of Reno concerning any agreement, once ratified, between the SFPD and the TMFPD. Commissioner Humke

said he would support the motion. He indicated it was his intent to exit the Interlocal Agreement that combined the Reno Fire Department (RFD) and the TMFPD, at least temporarily. He suggested true County-wide regionalization was the proper goal, but there was a long list of problems to be solved between the RFD and the TMFPD before the entities could re-enter negotiations.

Chairman Breternitz stated language in Recommendation 3 provided enough flexibility to study and come up with the right agreement. He acknowledged the Board might not enter into the same agreement with the City of Reno, and could enter a completely different Interlocal Agreement with different parties. He asked Chief Latipow to provide a road map that identified some steps and some numbers for different alternatives.

Recommendation 1: On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, staff was authorized to begin working on an Interlocal Agreement concerning administrative relationships between the SFPD and Washoe County, as outlined on page 3 of the staff report. It was further noted that the intent was to sunset two existing Interlocal Agreements between the two agencies and streamline the relationships into one agreement.

Recommendation 2: On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, staff was authorized to begin crafting an Interlocal Agreement between the SFPD and the TMFPD concerning some kind of cost sharing related to construction of the Arrowcreek fire station, as outlined on page 3 of the staff report. It was further noted that the discussion between the SFPD and the TMFPD could be expanded to consider operational components.

Recommendation 3: On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, staff was authorized to include discussion of an Interlocal Agreement between the SFPD and the TMFPD in negotiations with the City of Reno related to the Interlocal Agreement to provide fire services for the TMFPD, as outlined on page 3 of the staff report. It was further noted that discussions and negotiations would take place through the JFAB.

3:00 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with all members present.

3:43 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners and the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District with all members present.

11-352 AGENDA ITEM 29

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible approval of purchase and sale agreement for the original Arrowcreek fire station donated parcel of land (APN 152-921-02), net proceeds to be split with developer, Southwest Pointe Associates, resulting in

approximately \$40,000 to Sierra Fire Protection District per agreement with the developer; and if all approved, authorize Chairman to execute all closing documents.”

3:44 p.m. Commissioner Larkin temporarily left the meeting.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 29 be approved, authorized and executed.

REOPEN AGENDA ITEM 14B2 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES/ COMMUNITY SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR (SEE MINUTE ITEM 11-327)

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge receipt of an update report on the status of the Washoe County American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (Stimulus) projects for January through March 2011. (All Commission Districts)”

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Larkin absent, Agenda Item 14B2 was reopened.

County Manager Katy Simon noted the amount listed for the Sierra Fire Protection District on page 3 of the staff report was incorrect. She clarified the grant had actually come in at \$2,089,000 after the District had applied for \$2.5 million.

3:45 p.m. The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District with Commissioner Larkin absent.

3:47 p.m. Commissioner Larkin returned to the meeting.

4:55 p.m. The Board reconvened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners with all members present.

11-353 AGENDA ITEM 30 – MANAGER’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Update on status of Shared Services efforts and possible direction to staff. (All Commission Districts)”

Dave Childs, Assistant County Manager, stated the Shared Services Elected Officials Subcommittee recently met with Commissioners Breternitz and Jung in attendance. The Subcommittee heard reports concerning the Matrix study for Human Resources, Information Technology and Purchasing. A final report from the Subcommittee that looked at building inspections and permitting was provided, along

with six recommendations that would be brought forward to the Board. Updates on business licensing, public safety dispatch, and possible consolidation between the City of Reno and Washoe County were also received. The Subcommittee requested updates on fire services regionalization and a recent report on emergency medical services (EMS), as well as clarification of questions surrounding the debt structures of Reno and Washoe County.

Commissioner Jung indicated the Subcommittee structure had allowed some real work to get done. Chairman Breternitz said Sheriff Mike Haley was moving along with regionalization of dispatch services for several law enforcement entities, including the Nevada Highway Patrol.

There was no public comment on this item.

11-354 AGENDA ITEM 31 – FINANCE

Agenda Subject: “Update and status report on Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget and possible direction to staff regarding funding levels and budget planning guidelines for same. (All Commission Districts)”

Katy Simon, County Manager, indicated there was no staff report for Agenda Item 31.

11-355 AGENDA ITEM 32 – GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Washoe County or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Washoe County. (All Commission Districts)”

John Slaughter, Management Services Director, talked about two documents that were provided to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. The documents included a list of 2011 bills of interest and an analysis of the fiscal impacts to Washoe County from the Governor’s budget proposals. He stated the Governor’s office had announced some amendments that would restore approximately \$50 million to human services programs. Items 7, 11, 13, and 17 had been identified as being restored.

Mr. Slaughter called attention to ten bills that would implement the Governor’s budget. He noted there had been several opportunities to discuss the bills at the Legislature over the last several weeks, particularly the 9-cent shift in property taxes that was proposed from Washoe and Clark Counties. He asked the Board to take an official position for Washoe County related to the diversion of funds and the pushing down of services.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, the Board affirmed its opposition to the diversion of any taxes from or services to Washoe County, or other legislative actions that would have a negative financial impact on the County.

Commissioner Humke observed there were some proposed bills such as those related to Elderly Protective Services and Presentence Investigations that allowed the State to provide services and bill the counties for them. He indicated some counties were saying they would continue providing the services and would not send the money to the State. He asked if Washoe County would take that route or simply send the money to the State. County Manager Katy Simon said staff did not yet know what the perceptions were.

In response to the call for public comment, Karen Mullen, former Director of Regional Parks and Open Space, talked about the closing of parks throughout the local communities and the State. She said she was bringing together a group of citizens to look at the economic value and return on investment represented by the parks. She asked the Board to consider State legislation that would allow local communities the option of participating in parks districts. She described the districts as special units of government created to provide a range of services including parks, open space, and recreation services. She stated the proposed legislation was crafted in a way that would provide the broadest form of governance, the broadest ability for multijurisdictional approaches in the parks systems, and the broadest range of funding sources. She identified other pieces of legislation that were of interest, such as a residential construction tax, open space legislation, and the reauthorization of State Question 1 funding.

Mr. Slaughter summarized where things were with respect to timelines and the legislative process.

Katy Simon, County Manager, indicated she received an email in support of Ms. Mullen's concepts from Doug Doolittle, Director of Regional Parks and Open Space.

11-356 AGENDA ITEM 33 – 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).”

County Manager Katy Simon said she received a great suggestion from Commissioner Jung to list all of the boards and commissions that each commissioner served on under the Reports and Updates agenda item.

Commissioner Larkin announced the upcoming National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2011.

Commissioner Weber stated she would soon attend a meeting of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA). She said the National Day of Prayer was open to everyone. She noted she would be unable to attend an upcoming Board meeting for the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), and would instead travel to Gerlach for a meeting with the Gerlach General Improvement District and a lunch with the seniors. Commissioner Humke said he might be able to attend the NACO Board meeting.

Commissioner Jung said she and Commissioner Weber attended a recent dedication of the first ever Golden Valley Community Compost. She noted a very determined group of citizens spent more than nine years on the compost project.

Commissioner Humke hoped those participating in the National Day of Prayer would remember the citizens in Texas who were experiencing tremendous wildfires in which two volunteer firefighters had lost their lives.

Chairman Breternitz announced monthly meetings for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. He stated there was the potential for impact on Washoe County from the Boulder Bay project located near Stateline and Crystal Bay.

11-357 AGENDA ITEM 34 – CLOSED SESSION

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

5:28 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the Board of County Commissioners returned to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220. It was further noted that the meeting would be adjourned at the completion of the Closed Session.

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JOHN BRETERNITZ, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lisa McNeill, Deputy County Clerk*

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS BY DONATION TO WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE THE WASHOE COUNTY FIRE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Fire Suppression Program has determined that one ambulance in its fleet is no longer needed as part of it's service delivery program; and

WHEREAS, The Washoe County Fire Suppression program is proposing to dispose of one used ambulance, which is surplus to the County's needs, described as: One 1994 Ford E-350 MPV Ambulance VIN #1FDKE30MXRHB41862.

WHEREAS, The Western Nevada College is in need of this used ambulance to augment their Emergency Medical Service Training Program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** that Washoe County supports the Western Nevada College and their commitment to the provision of quality Emergency Medical Service Training and declares:

Section 1. NRS 244.1505(2)(a) empowers the Board of Commissioners to dispose of personal property of the County provided it is determined that the property is no longer required for public use and is determined to have reached the end of its useful life.

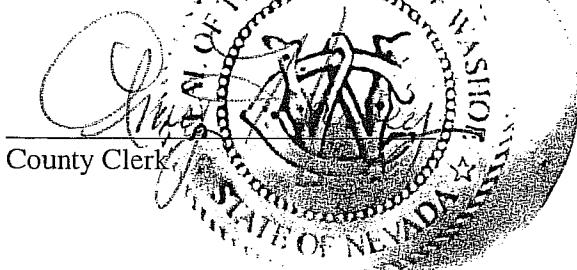
Section 2. The used ambulance described above is no longer required for its public use and has reached the end of its useful life for the County. This equipment is hereby donated in "as is" condition. All costs for registration, title transfer and smog fees will be the responsibility of Western Nevada College.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

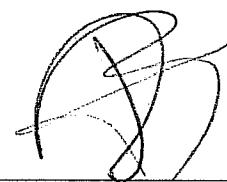
Section 4. The County clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller's Office, Finance, Purchasing and Equipment Services.

ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:



County Clerk



John Breternitz, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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