

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

MONDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 5, 2015

SPECIAL SESSION

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkgigler, Commissioner

Kitty Jung, Commissioner

Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner

Jeanne Herman, Commissioner Elect

Bob Lucey, Commissioner Elect

Nancy Parent, County Clerk

John Slaughter, County Manager

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:04 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:

15-0003 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Sam Dehne congratulated the people who worked really hard and got themselves elected to public office. He thanked all of the public servants who helped the County’s citizens throughout the years.

J. Edward Parker, American Radio Relay League liaison, reiterated the League’s pledge to provide assistance to the County and to all agencies during emergencies or whenever the League’s assistance was needed.

Garth Elliott spoke about the swearing-in process and how the newly elected officials do not swear allegiance to the people who put them into office. He felt that was a gross miscarriage of the oath, because he never forgot who put him into office and who he represented.

15-0004 AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Oath of office for newly elected officials by Chief Judge David Hardy.

Chief Judge David Hardy, Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada Department 15, administered the oaths of office to the newly elected County Commissioners and County Officers as listed below:

Commission Districts:

Jeanne Herman – Washoe County Commissioner, District 5
Bob Lucey – Washoe County Commissioner, District 2
Kitty Jung – Washoe County Commissioner, District 3

County Officers:

Chris Wilson – Justice of the Peace, Sparks, Department 1
Hans Keller – Constable, Incline Village
Chuck Allen – Washoe County Sheriff
Don Cavallo – Washoe County Public Administrator
Tammi Davis – Washoe County Treasurer
Michael Clark – Washoe County Assessor
Nancy Parent – Washoe County Clerk
Lawrence Burtness – Washoe County Recorder
Chris Hicks – Washoe County District Attorney

Chief Deputy Russ Peterson described the reason for doing the Change of Command Ceremony, which passed the duties of the Sheriff from Michael Haley to Chuck Allen. Chief Deputy Anthony Miranda, representing Sheriff Haley, passed the Sheriff’s guidon to Sheriff Allen. He said the moment Sheriff Allen accepted the guidon, he assumed command of the Sheriff’s Office and all of the responsibilities the position entailed.

Chief Judge Hardy administered the oaths of office to the newly elected Trustees for the General Improvement Districts as listed below:

Sandra Ainsworth – Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Susan Severt – Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Garth Elliott – Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Larry Johnson – Trustee; Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID)

There was no public comment on this item.

10:26 a.m. The Board recessed for refreshments.

10:50 a.m. The Board reconvened with all members present. As the most senior member of the County Commission, Commissioner Jung assumed the gavel.

15-0005 **AGENDA ITEM 5**

Agenda Subject: “Election of Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.”

Commissioner Lucey nominated Commissioner Berkbigler as Chair. Commissioner Hartung seconded the nomination.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Marsha Berkbigler be elected as the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chair Berkbigler assumed the gavel.

15-0006 **AGENDA ITEM 6**

Agenda Subject: “Election of Vice-Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.”

Commissioner Hartung nominated Commissioner Jung as Vice Chair. Commissioner Herman seconded the nomination.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Kitty Jung be elected as the Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chair Berkbigler noted this was the first time the Board of County Commissioners had a female Chair and Vice Chair, which made history.

15-0007 **AGENDA ITEM 7**

Agenda Subject: “Fix the terms of office of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board.”

Commissioner Jung said currently the term was for one year, and she suggested the term remain one year.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the terms for the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Board remain as one-year terms.

15-0008 AGENDA ITEM 8 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Garth Elliot said he was looking forward to having new people in the various offices to bring a new flavor to their office and to Washoe County, which would be a good thing. He stated during the new Sheriff’s campaign, he went to sit down and the chair scooted out from under him. He said Chuck Allen quickly lent him a hand in getting up, which was quite a task because of his size. He felt that was symbolic, and he expected Sheriff Allen to be there for Washoe County’s citizens and he expected Sheriff Allen would bring that flavor to his office. He said he would remember that incident for as long as Sheriff Allen was in office.

Reverend Augustin Jorquez congratulated the newly elected Commissioners and offered a blessing for the elected officials and for the Sheriff’s Deputies.

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10:59 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*