The attached document was submitted to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners during the meeting held on 12/19/17 by Jackie Bryant - District Court for Agenda Item No. 10 and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(8).
Second Judicial District Court
Pending Request

- No interim funding or long-term financial commitment
- No scope, design, or timeline commitment
- Include the new courthouse in list of approved projects within 2018 CIP Program
- Authorize county staff to work with Court to further develop scope of project and finance options
Current Courthouse
Courthouse Project History

- Formally identified as a County priority in 1999 when County purchased the Pioneer Casino and adjacent properties for $13 million.
Courthouse Project History

- Two master plans and a consultancy study in the past 20 years.
- Court has outgrown functionality of the building. Spatial, security, efficiency, environmental, technology, and code problems continue.
  - Court growth is approaching quickly
  - Maintenance and repair costs
Restricted Courthouse Account

• AB 64/65
  • Created by legislature in 2009

• Courthouse Pilot Project
  • Approved by BCC in 2012

Current Balance: $8 million
Security

- 2016 Security Assessment (National Sheriff’s Association)
  - Various findings below best practices
- 585,000 visitors this year
- 351 security incident reports in last seven years (average is 50 per year)
- Co-location of public, court employees, defendants, victims, and witnesses
  - Substation area
  - Elevators/hallways
Environmental

- Environmental
  - Radon = 2x permissible levels
    - Remediation Expenses: $200,000
  - HVAC
    - Space heaters, blown fuses, clothing adjustments
  - Water leaks and fire suppression
Ongoing Courthouse Project Efforts

- 2015 consultancy study by the National Center for State Courts identified two options:
  - Phased approach to accommodate current needs and defer long-term future needs, or
  - Single project to reflect current and future needs
    - Unify court divisions, operations, and economies of scale
One Placement Option
Ongoing Courthouse Project Efforts

- 2017 Addendum report from National Center for State Courts, to include conceptual designs
- Legal opinion letter examining construction and finance options
- Review of similar projects in Nevada and elsewhere
- Consultations with public/private professionals
- Retained real property development consultant
- Developed draft of critical pathway details, including request for qualifications, request for proposals, methods for public and stakeholder participation, and financing timelines
- Ordered preliminary cost estimate report
- Periodic status meetings with County staff to exchange information
- Funded downtown County space assessment
Short-Term Goals

1. Engage regularly with County staff
2. Continue to explore a hybrid of traditional and creative financing options
3. Develop plan to interact with other government agencies and public