

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 27, 2020

PRESENT:

**Bob Lucey, Chair**  
**Marsha Berkbigler, Vice Chair**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner (via phone)**  
**Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner**

**Janis Galassini, County Clerk**  
**Eric Brown, County Manager**  
**David Watts-Vial, Assistant District Attorney (via Zoom)**

ABSENT:

**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:01 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:

**20-0721      AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.**

A voicemail from Ms. Annemarie Grant was played in Chambers. She provided the names of Reno police officers and Washoe County Sheriff deputies who she alleged hogtied and asphyxiated her brother Thomas Purdy. She mentioned the recent COVID-19 (C19) cases at the jail and reminded the Commissioners of their duty under Nevada Revised Statute 211.020. She read comments from inmates who had been recently released from the jail. She believed there were issues at the jail, and she thought the Commissioners did not listen to the concerns of inmates. She noted many inmates were awaiting their day in court and had not been convicted of a crime.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read an email by Mr. Daniel Purdy. In it, Mr. Purdy expressed concerns about the treatment of jail inmates who had C19. He noted not everyone at the jail had been convicted of a crime. He believed the Commissioners had committed crimes against humanity. He thought the Board needed to help the community in ways other than providing funding for law enforcement. He asserted police officers were not held accountable for their actions. He expressed disdain for the Commissioners' inaction.

**20-0722**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown noted election day was one week away. He encouraged voters to vote early if they were able. He mentioned the County had been livestreaming video from the ballot intake area. The practice had been adopted by the County in 2018, well ahead of other jurisdictions. He recognized the Communications Division and SoSuTV for their innovation. He said camera placement was carefully considered to ensure voter identity was preserved.

Vice Chair Berkgigler stated Washoe County had reported all-time high numbers of COVID-19 (C19) cases for five consecutive days. She noted preparations for health care rationing had begun in Utah due to record high numbers of C19 patients being admitted to intensive care units. She wondered how rationing would occur in the County if it became necessary. She asked for the issue of rationing to be considered during the upcoming meeting with the Governor. She expressed concern about how County courts had coped with C19 to date. She requested a presentation by the courts during a future meeting. She wanted to know whether civil trials were being scheduled and whether the courts were able to hold jury trials. She wondered whether the courts needed assistance to navigate C19 constraints.

Vice Chair Berkgigler mentioned she received a donation from Harris Ranch for her re-election campaign. She asked the District Attorney to clarify whether she needed to recuse herself from Agenda Item 17 since it concerned Harris Ranch.

Vice Chair Berkgigler inquired about the costs to the County associated with Agenda Item 15. She understood the County had already contributed approximately \$26 million towards the Record Street shelter. She noted a significant amount of money had been invested in the Our Place facility as well. She asked for clarification on the figures associated with the Governor's Bowl Park site.

Commissioner Hartung congratulated Judge Peter Sferrazza on his retirement. He asked whether the Board would need to appoint someone to that seat. Vice Chair Berkgigler and Chair Lucey both believed they would. Commissioner Hartung asked for County and judicial staff to begin preparations for that appointment and determine a reasonable timeline.

Commissioner Hartung asked staff to present information to the Board about some traffic issues in Spanish Springs. He noted speeding had been an issue at the stop sign on Dolores Drive and Erin Drive. He said a Sheriff's deputy was posted there and speeds had slowed down but he believed it was only a matter of time before an accident occurred. He asked staff to perform a speed study on East Sky Ranch Boulevard. He said there were speed bumps on East Sky Ranch Boulevard from Pyramid Way to Cordoba Boulevard, after which the road narrowed and became treacherous. He wanted staff to research a solution which might be presented to the Regional Transportation Commission as discussed during a prior meeting.

In regard to Vice Chair Berkgigler's concern about hospital capacity, Chair Lucey said he received a report from the Nevada Hospital Association which indicated 66 percent of licensed hospital beds, 79 percent of staffed hospital beds, and 48 percent of all Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds were occupied; 20 percent of ventilators were in use as of the prior day. He said only 30 of the 96 confirmed C19 patients in the hospital were in the ICU. He acknowledged the fluctuations in the number of C19 cases had been challenging for local hospitals, but he understood the leaders of those organizations were prepared. He said the County would continue to monitor the situation and make it part of the upcoming discussion with the Governor.

Chair Lucey mentioned he toured the Our Place campus two weeks earlier. He noted the project represented a major investment for the County. He said it was uplifting to see such a beautiful place which had resulted from the efforts of the Commissioners and the County. He was heartened to see what the Community Services Department, the Human Services Agency, and The Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality had done to elevate the Our Place community. He said he toured the accommodations for families, which contrasted significantly with their accommodations at the Community Assistance Center (CAC) on Record Street. He noted children who had previously recreated in an alleyway between two buildings at the CAC now had a beautiful outdoor playground with grass at the Our Place campus. He recounted uplifting testimonials he received from two families at the facility. He considered the project a success for the County and asserted it was a professional model for addressing homelessness. He thanked the County and the Commissioners for their support on the project.

Chair Lucey agreed with Commissioner Hartung's request to advance road safety discussions. He understood the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) would make a presentation to the Board rather than speak to each Commissioner individually. He believed they would provide information about the Spaghetti Bowl as well as other projects. He expressed concern about the new Parr Boulevard bridge, noting he had observed line of sight issues at the northbound Highway 395 offramp. He wanted an explanation from NDOT engineers about that intersection because he thought it would only be a matter of time before an accident occurred. He said he received results from the Nevada Highway Patrol about Mount Rose Highway, noting there had been a recent increase in traffic there.

Chair Lucey mentioned he spent some time in Truckee, California the prior weekend. He observed the dramatic increase of people in Truckee and noted Vice Chair Berkgigler often mentioned the same issue affecting Incline Village. He imagined C19 had exacerbated the issue. Experiencing the influx of people had been overwhelming and he imagined short term rentals (STRs) were a significant concern. He asked staff to agendize the issue after the upcoming election.

Commissioner Jung highlighted that Our Place represented the County's different approach to social services, particularly for the most vulnerable populations including unsheltered families and seniors. She had been unsure of the possibility of success when the project was first presented because homelessness had not previously been

approached in that manner. She acknowledged a significant amount of work had been required because the County had not owned the property when the project was initially proposed. She recognized the project copied components from similar projects in other communities, but it had been customized to suit the County's individual needs, taking weather and culture into account. She applauded staff, the Commissioners, Chair Lucey, and community partners for this accomplishment. She acknowledged the efforts of Megan Lucey, who worked to place children into permanent adoptive families. She expressed pride in the success of the Our Place project.

Chair Lucey acknowledged Mr. Brown's tireless efforts towards addressing the needs of the community's vulnerable populations, including bringing Grant Denton's Karma Box to the County. He thanked Commissioner Jung for her comments.

Vice Chair Berkgigler agreed with Chair Lucey's conjecture about C19 increasing the influx of visitors to areas like Truckee and Incline Village, but she asserted STRs had been a concern for some time. She said the County would need to decide whether to keep those areas as communities where people lived, worked, raised a family, and retired, or whether they would be nothing more than vacation destinations. She thought the County would need to establish regulations and ordinances to curb the influx of visitors if those communities were to be maintained as places to raise families and retire.

Chair Lucey requested a legislative update from Government Affairs Liaison Jamie Rodriguez. He noted a new legislative session would begin in February 2021 and the Board would need to prepare.

Commissioner Hartung mentioned he and Chair Lucey were invited to discuss the Advanced Signal Warning System (ASWS) revamp. He asked for a future agenda item to discuss the ASWS from the County's perspective. Chair Lucey said an ASWS presentation would be agendaized to allow all Commissioners the opportunity to discuss the topic. Commissioner Hartung expressed concerns about the inconsistencies with the ASWS.

In response to Vice Chair Berkgigler's question about the cost of the Governor's Bowl, Mr. Brown responded the preliminary cost estimate was \$12.4 million, with the County's share being \$2.9 million. He noted negotiations were still underway, so those figures were not final.

Mr. Brown said credit for the Our Place project belonged to Human Services Agency Director Amber Howell and her team, who were all passionate and determined, as well as Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas.

**20-0723**      **AGENDA ITEM 5** Appearance by Ben West, Washoe County Security Administrator for discussion and presentation related to security measures and planning of voting locations throughout Washoe County. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Security Administrator Ben West noted the upcoming election was unique because of the culture surrounding the election and the challenges presented by COVID-19 (C19). He noted meetings with the Registrar of Voters (ROV) and Allied Universal Security (AUS) began in February. He also met with the Sheriff's Office (SO) during the summer to coordinate with them and other local law enforcement agencies. He indicated he monitored information from security industry resources, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center. He worked with AUS and the ROV to create resource guides for election poll managers specific to each polling location. The resource guides included information about dealing with different circumstances, such as suspicious items, medical emergencies, fire, and evacuation procedures. Emergency and non-emergency phone numbers for the appropriate law enforcement agency for each location were included in the guides. He noted the resource guides included information about protected activities at a voting location, including free speech, photography, video, and open carry. He stated AUS had patrol officers checking polling locations on a regular basis to identify possible public safety threats or suspicious activity. He noted the SO would be notified of any incidents. He indicated he was in daily contact with the ROV to help answer questions from the public.

Mr. West said security preparations were in place for election day, including monitoring polling locations. The SO and AUS would be at the Washoe County Administrative Complex all day on election day, both to provide security for voters and for the safe delivery of voting information from other locations. He inspected several of the early voting locations in person. He spoke with the polling location managers who felt they were provided with the information they needed to deal with possible incidents, and he answered questions surrounding COVID-19 issues.

Chief Deputy Greg Herrera thanked Mr. West and the ROV for their excellent communication throughout the process. He said the resource guides were turned into training tools for SO deputies. He stated training on the legal aspects would equip deputies with the tools needed to de-escalate possible incidents. He mentioned the SO would have extra roving staff on election day, the intelligence center would be staffed throughout the day and into the night, the SO would provide additional security and traffic control at the Washoe County Complex, and undercover assets would monitor activity. He thought SO staff had a well-equipped action plan.

Chair Lucey thanked staff for their efforts to establish security protocols. He received multiple reports from early voting locations about the excellent security. He noted the early voting locations would be open until Friday and they would all be opened again on election day.

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

**20-0724**      **AGENDA ITEM 6**      Discussion and recommendation to accept a presentation from staff on providing an update on the CARES Act federal assistance of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk, and reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County CARES Allocation; Regional Cost Share Agreement; Regional Expenses under Unified Command; CARES First Allocation; First Allocation Expenditure Plan; Second Allocation Planned Expenditures; Biggest Challenge in Spending the CRF Allocation; and CARES Funding Timeline. County Clerk Janis Galassini noted this presentation had been posted online.

Mr. Brown noted a regional, cost-sharing Interlocal Agreement was signed in April allowing the three jurisdictions to share the costs of COVID-19 (C19) related expenses. He said the reimbursement requests submitted by the County to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had not yet been approved, although staff was under the impression FEMA would fast track expenses related to C19. He understood the requests were in the final stages of approval. He stated the County was notified in June that \$20.2 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds would be available to the County in two allocations. The first disbursement for \$10.1 million would reimburse expenses already undertaken by the County.

Mr. Brown pointed out \$1.7 million of the planned second allocation expenses would cover technology and telework equipment. He said making telework arrangements for County employees made it clear the current technology was inadequate to support remote work. He stated County laptops, servers, and infrastructure had to be upgraded. He noted new requests for CARES Act funds would not be accepted after November 2, at which point the focus would shift to ensuring that initiatives were accomplished.

Commissioner Hartung asked about the progress of temporary housing for vulnerable populations who had to contend with the cold weather. Mr. Brown replied temporary shelter for men was in place on Fourth Street, where heaters had been installed. He said current efforts were focused on more permanent solutions, such as the Governor's Bowl or another location. He pointed out the Our Place campus offered housing for women and families, but additional shelter facilities would be explored because of social distancing requirements and the anticipated growth in those populations. Commissioner Hartung said he had urged the Nevada Department of Transportation to give the County the old Department of Motor Vehicle site because it could have been converted into an instant shelter location. He expressed disappointment that those discussions had not gone further.

Commissioner Hartung confirmed the County had only budgeted \$500,000 for small business assistance. Mr. Brown said the Board provided staff with that figure when the CARES Act Fund budget was established. He noted the small business assistance program had been in effect for approximately five weeks and enrollment had been slow;

only about \$85,000 had been allocated thus far. Commissioner Hartung believed it was essential to get people back to work, although the county's unemployment rate was not as high as in southern Nevada.

Vice Chair Berkbigler asked about the status of the Edison property. Mr. Brown replied the six-month lease for the Edison property trailers had elapsed, so the trailers had been decommissioned and returned to the vendor.

Vice Chair Berkbigler asked whether the temporary shelter on Fourth Street would take the place of the overflow tent used during previous winters or whether a tent would still be required. Mr. Brown said the temporary shelter would take care of the men who were at the Record Street shelter. Vice Chair Berkbigler hoped the tent would not be needed.

Vice Chair Berkbigler asked whether the potential expansion at Our Place, the temporary facility on Fourth Street, and the Record Street facility would be sufficient to accommodate everyone when the weather became colder. Mr. Brown said yes, but he reminded the Board that the pandemic was still present and the number of individuals who were out of work and unable to pay their mortgage or rent would continue to increase. He said staff would continue to monitor the situation.

Vice Chair Berkbigler asked whether another CARES Act from Congress was anticipated. Mr. Brown replied he had not heard anything recently; he thought everyone would wait to see the outlook after the upcoming election.

Commissioner Jung thanked Mr. Brown for the update. In reference to Commissioner Hartung's mention of available vacant land, she noted there was land available at the Sheriff's Office. She suggested staff consider that space if it was needed for warming tents or other temporary shelter. She asked whether the \$500,000 budgeted for small business assistance could be reallocated to unemployment or a bridge fund since small businesses were not applying for those funds. She conjectured there might be another way to get that money into the hands of people and business in the unincorporated County in a manner that would comply with federal requirements. She asked staff to provide information about which uses would qualify and what other states had done; she thought the National Association of Counties (NACo) and federal legislators should help with those questions. Mr. Brown said staff would continue to evaluate criteria used to allow individuals to access the business assistance fund. He said the County's experience had been similar to that of other communities including Southern Nevada. He stated the uptake was not immediate, so staff would continue to evaluate the program. He said staff would contemplate reallocating the \$500,000 if it looked as though those funds would not be fully utilized. He believed reallocation would be directed toward homelessness and contact tracing because those were the two most variable categories. He said staff would be happy to provide another update in a couple of weeks.

Vice Chair Berkbigler knew some Incline Village business owners had applied for funds. Mr. Brown believed Incline Village had utilized more of those funds than other communities.

Vice Chair Berkbigler expressed gladness to hear the funds would be reallocated to homelessness and contact tracing if they were not used by small businesses. She wondered how business assistance programs were proceeding in the Cities of Reno and Sparks. She asked whether the County's funds could be opened up to benefit businesses not in the unincorporated County. Mr. Brown responded the latest information he received from the Cities indicated their uptake was similarly slow.

Vice Chair Berkbigler wondered about progress in the rural counties. She understood Chair Lucey had been working with NACo. She asked what would happen to funds that were not spent. She inquired whether staff had spoken with the Governor's team about reallocating funds that might be needed in the two larger counties. Mr. Brown said he gave a presentation on October 16 to the legislative subcommittee that had oversight of C19 expenditures. One of the subcommittee's points was to ensure municipalities understood that any unspent funds could be reallocated by the State at some point. He said the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks were focused on ensuring all allocated funds were spent. He stated a request for additional funding would be submitted to the State for any needs not covered by the \$20.2 million allocated to the County.

Commissioner Hartung noted the Truckee River Flood Management Authority had authorized other entities to use the Edison property temporarily, so that property was an optional location for temporary shelter tents. He asked whether unspent funds could be used for rental or mortgage assistance. He said it was easier and less expensive to keep people in their homes than to put them into a shelter. Mr. Brown said all three jurisdictions had business assistance programs in place, but there was a limit to what could be done to encourage eligible businesses to participate. He said the Reno Housing Authority had separate funding to address rental and mortgage assistance needs. He stated staff could explore the issue with the other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Hartung reiterated his assertion that keeping people in their homes and preventing homelessness was the best solution. He thought providing housing assistance for individuals who lost their jobs due to C19 was a permissible use of CARES Act funds. He acknowledged the District Attorney's Office and the State might not consider it a permissible use, but he thought it was worth considering.

Chair Lucey acknowledged CARES Act funds were supposed to cover C19 support efforts directly. He noted the Board had talked about developing a messaging campaign to inform the residents of Washoe County about C19. In particular there were three zip codes within the County that had been most affected by C19: 89502, 89431, and 89512. He asserted a massive outreach effort was needed in those zip codes and throughout the community. He referred to Commissioner Hartung's statement about the need to keep people in their homes. He said C19 would continue to spread in greater numbers if people were pushed out of suitable dwellings and compelled to live with family members or



cohabitate in shelters with a large number of individuals. He reiterated the importance of providing information about testing, self-evaluation, and how to quarantine. He wanted outreach efforts to proceed as quickly as possible.

Chair Lucey said there had been an increase in 911 calls, so the Sheriff requested additional dispatchers. He stated the cost for five additional dispatchers would be approximately \$600,000. He understood Mr. Brown said staff would not consider new initiatives, but he thought the expense for new dispatchers to be worthwhile and asked for that allocation to be considered. He said he would continue working with the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) to develop more robust contact tracing. He acknowledged there had been some issues with technology functionality, and new platforms which would allow interwork with southern Nevada had been discussed. He said the County and the WCHD would continue working with the State. He wanted to ensure funds were available so Mr. Brown could move quickly with decisions as needed.

Vice Chair Berkbiger asked about the demographics of the three zip codes with the highest C19 cases. She asked whether there were insights about why those zip codes were the most impacted. Mr. Brown knew the Latino community was overrepresented in the number of C19 cases, and the 18 to 29 age group had the highest growth. He stated the outreach campaign focused on those two population groups. Spanish-language media would focus on masking, social distancing, and addressing multi-generational households, particularly during the upcoming holidays. For the younger audience, he thought the University of Nevada, Reno's move to online learning after the Thanksgiving break would help significantly. He said he would speak with the Communications team to see if more outreach could be done for those zip codes.

Commissioner Jung expressed pride in the Board and Mr. Brown for having all of that data readily available. She said the targeted examination of a topic followed the recommended best practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She believed the Board had tried to champion more local control so data-driven decisions about C19 could be made more quickly. She supported quick responsiveness with resources when new information became available.

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

**20-0725**      **AGENDA ITEM 7** Appearance by Heather Korbolic, Executive Director, Silver State Health Exchange to discuss the FY21 program planning.

Silver State Health Exchange Executive Director Heather Korbolic conducted a PowerPoint presentation via Zoom, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Who We Are; Why we are here today; Top Washoe County Enrollment by Zip Code; Who is eligible; What are the benefits; Nevada unemployment numbers; What's new for Plan Year 2021; Navigating COVID-19; Important Dates; and Questions.

Ms. Korbolic requested the Board's assistance in distributing information about Nevada Health Link to Washoe County residents in preparation for the open

enrollment period which would start on November 1. She said about 100,000 Nevadans statewide were uninsured prior to the COVID-19 (C19) pandemic; that number had increased dramatically as unemployment numbers grew as a result of C19. She noted the Nevada Health Link plans would cover all testing and care related to a C19 diagnosis during the pandemic period. She mentioned individuals could receive assistance with out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and co-pays based on their income.

Ms. Korbolic said individuals who recently lost their jobs would be targeted. Anyone who lost access to employer-sponsored coverage within the past 60 days would have a special enrollment period and would be eligible for coverage for the remainder of 2020. She mentioned individuals who received subsidy assistance would be minimally impacted by rate increases because the subsidies would be increased as well. She cautioned residents about fraudulent offers for additional insurance to cover C19. She reiterated all Nevada Health Link plans for 2020 and 2021 would cover testing and care related to C19. She urged residents to call and inquire about subsidy assistance before cancelling their health care plans.

Chair Lucey thanked Ms. Korbolic for the presentation. He said the Board would help make County residents aware of open enrollment and the availability of Nevada Health Link plans as much as possible.

County Clerk Janis Galassini noted Ms. Korbolic's PowerPoint presentation had been posted online and added to the record.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

**20-0726**      **8A** Proclaim October 2020 as Infant Safe Sleep month. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Berkbigler read the Proclamation and thanked the Nevada Rainbow Girls for their donation, which would be used to help children at the Kids Kottage shelter.

Using the Zoom app, Human Services Agency (HSA) Director Ryan Gustafson thanked the Board for recognizing Infant Safe Sleep Awareness month. He said the Infant Safe Sleep campaign launched earlier in the month would reach citizens in various ways including billboards, bus routes, television, and social media. He asked the community to help raise awareness on the importance of infant safe sleep by following the HSA on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtag #infantsafesleep.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8A be adopted.

## **DONATIONS**

- 20-0727**      **9A1** Acknowledge and accept donations of [\$9,218.07] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0728**      **9A2** Acknowledge and accept the donation of a 10-cell cubicle furniture system with chairs and chair mats [estimated value of \$16,500] from Keller Williams Group One, Inc and Associates for the Health Department COVID-19 Call-Center. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0729**      **9B** Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$1,150.00]; (2) accept a donation from Nevada International Order of the Rainbow for Girls to Washoe County Human Services Agency in support of children in foster care in the amount of [\$2,500.00]; (3) accept donations from various donors to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$1,544.80] retroactive for the period August 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts)
- 20-0730**      **9C** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$25,000.00, no cost to County] from the Sun Valley General Improvement District to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division to assist with abandoned vehicle removal and abatement efforts in the Sun Valley area and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (Commission Districts 3 & 5.)

Vice Chair Berkbigler thanked everyone who made donations to help the citizens of the County.

Chair Lucey thanked the Nevada International Order of the Rainbow for Girls for their donation.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 9A1 through 9C be accepted.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 10A1 THROUGH 10F1**

- 20-0731** **10A1** Acknowledge and accept the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Communications and Monthly Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0732** **10A2** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting of September 22, 2020. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0733** **10B** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 secured and unsecured tax rolls 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A and B and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$47,131.03]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0734** **10C** Recommendation to: 1) accept the Community Foundation of Western Nevada “Truckee River Fund #240-Truckee River Parks and Open Space Weed Management and Revegetation” grant [in the amount of \$45,000 with a Washoe County cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$15,000]; and 2) approve the Grant Award Letter with a grant period from issuance of the notice to proceed through July 31, 2022; and 3) authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Grant Award Letter and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and 4) direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0735** **10D1** Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for transitional living services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House in an amount not to exceed \$21,600 and The Empowerment Center in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, for a total not to exceed amount of [\$44,100] (no match required), to support the Specialty Courts programs, effective October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. District Court (all Commission Districts.)
- 20-0736** **10D2** Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreement for contagious disease services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Northern Nevada HOPES, in an amount not to exceed [\$5,265], to support the Specialty Court programs, effective October 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (All Commission Districts.)

**20-0737**      **10E** Recommendation to approve a subgrant of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund in the amount of \$57,744 to the Nevada System of Higher Education for distance learning training and support, grant period retroactive from October 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020, and if approved, authorize the County Manager to sign the Washoe County Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the Nevada System of Higher Education; and approve Resolution necessary for same. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

**20-0738**      **10F1** Recommendation to approve the NLTFPD Interlocal Agreement - RAVEN Fire Training, Monitoring and Suppression Personnel and Equipment between the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District in the amount of [\$10,000.00], for the period of execution by all parties through June 30, 2021, for the provision, when requested of a helicopter or other aircraft and personnel and approve reimbursement for services rendered throughout the year by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be paid in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Regional Aviation Unit (RAVEN). Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 10A1 through 10F1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 10A1 through 10F1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**BLOCK VOTE – 11, 12, 13, 14, 16**

**20-0739**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of Change Log attached as Exhibit A for the 2020/2021 Assessment Roll that results in a net increase of [\$477,688,627] in assessed values. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be acknowledged.

**20-0740**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation for the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to nominate Jason Geddes to the Board of Directors of the Nevada Clean Energy as the Washoe County nominee to submit to the Governor to fill a term of 3 years from the appointment. Manager's Office (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Jason Geddes be nominated to fill the three-year term on the Nevada Clean Energy Board of Directors.

**20-0741**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$160,000.00] in both revenue and expense to the FY21 Family Planning Program retroactive to April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 and direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved and directed.

**20-0742**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve a Master Consulting Software Agreement with Sivic Solutions Group to provide hosted support for automated IV-E claiming and random moment in time systems and technical assistance and strategic planning support for cost allocation plans within the Human Services Agency effective upon execution of the agreement and shall continue for a period of (2) years with an option to extend up to (3) additional one (1) year periods in a total amount not to exceed [\$1,469,531.00 (FY21 \$257,000; FY22 \$290,176; FY23 \$298,645; FY24 \$307,368; FY25 \$316,342)]; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to sign the Agreement. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved and authorized.

**20-0743**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve the purchase of one Hamilton STARlet robot with a Thermo Fisher Presto head to be used for the quantification and amplification set-up of forensic casework DNA samples at a cost of [\$200,355.50] using \$195,205.00 from the 2018 Capacity Enhancement Backlog Reduction (CEBR) DNA Grant (IO 11515) and \$5,150.50 from the restricted funding set up for DNA offender mandates per NRS 176.0911-0917 (IO 20391) under a sole source purchasing exemption. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be approved.

**20-0744**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Resolution in support of the acquisition of the Governor's Bowl Park site for an emergency homeless shelter site. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3.)

Chair Lucey said this Resolution would express the Board's support of using the Governor's Bowl Park as temporary shelter for the County's vulnerable populations and men experiencing homelessness. He understood the Board needed to discuss the best use of funds to address homelessness in the County.

Vice Chair Berkbigler thought finding a more stable location than the Record Street shelter was very important. She stated she had no opposition to the acquisition of the Governor's Bowl Park site. She wanted to ensure that the Board was cognizant of the costs and that tax dollars from the unincorporated County were used responsibly and with transparency. She noted most homeless individuals were from the Cities of Reno and Sparks, not from the County. She pointed out the cost for the acquisition of this site would be in addition to the funds used at the Record Street location and the Our Place campus. She inquired about the management of the Governor's Bowl Park site after it was acquired.

Chair Lucey asked whether the funds for the acquisition included the neighboring properties. He knew Governor's Bowl Park was federal land, but he wondered about the surrounding properties. Mr. Brown confirmed the Governor's Bowl was federal land, but there could be acquisition costs for adjacent parcels.

Chair Lucey reiterated Vice Chair Berkbigler's concerns about property management. He said the acquired property should be part of an Interlocal Agreement between the three jurisdictions. He expressed support for the acquisition because addressing the needs of the homeless within the community was required. He said the location was well-suited, near bus routes, and functional.

Commissioner Hartung acknowledged the State and the Nevada Department of Transportation for their help on the project. He noted a portion of the parcel would be taken up by the realignment of the Spaghetti Bowl Express. He said he supported acquiring the adjacent parcels and potentially creating a secondary Our Place campus to serve a different population. Chair Lucey agreed the acquisition was the first step towards moving in right direction.

Commissioner Jung said the County should continue being leaders in offering solutions for the homeless population in the community. She believed the County was due to receive money from suing opioid creators. She thought providing places for people to shelter from freezing temperatures was the least the County could do.

Vice Chair Berkbigler thanked everyone from the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks who worked on the project. She was gratified to see everyone in the community working together to help the homeless. She said projects like this demonstrated that the community cared about individuals who needed extra help, not only by housing and feeding them, but by providing training programs to help them become self-reliant.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be adopted. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**20-0745**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Hearing: Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 adopting a Development Agreement between (1) Washoe County and (2) Spanish Springs Associates Limited Partnership for Harris Ranch, a residential subdivision originally approved in 2016 (TM16-007), to extend the recording of the first final map from November 1, 2020 to November 1, 2022. The approved subdivision is a 610-lot, single-family residential, common open space subdivision as authorized in Article 408 of the Washoe County Development Code.

The location is southeast of Pyramid Highway and Alamosa Drive in Spanish Springs and is comprised of 9 parcels that total approximately 610.34 acres. The parcels are located within the Spanish Springs Area Plan. The property is located within the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and within Washoe County Commission District No. 4. (APNs 534-600-14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 ,20, 21 and 076-290-44). Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1659, Bill No. 1848.



Vice Chair Berkgigler said Assistant District Attorney David Watts-Vial responded to her inquiry about whether she needed to recuse herself from voting on this item because of the campaign contribution she received from Harris Ranch. Mr. Watts-Vial had informed her that, as per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 281A.290 she was not required to disclose any campaign contributions which had been reported in a timely manner pursuant to NRS 294A.120 or 294A.125, so she could vote on this agenda item. Mr. Watts-Vial confirmed Vice Chair Berkgigler could vote on the agenda item, a point confirmed by the Assistant District Attorney.

Commissioner Hartung noted COVID-19 had delayed this item, which should have been addressed at the beginning of the year.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Vice Chair Berkgigler, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1659, Bill No. 1848, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**20-0746      AGENDA ITEM 18 Public Comment.**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**20-0747      AGENDA ITEM 19 Announcements/Reports.**

Chair Lucey reminded everyone there were seven days left for early voting and he noted about 40 percent of registered voters had already voted. He said there was time for everyone to vote either during early voting or on election day. He encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

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**11:57 a.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**BOB LUCEY**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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**JANIS GALASSINI**, County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Carolina Stickle, Deputy County Clerk*