AGENDA

WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada

March 17, 2009

10:00 a.m.

NOTE: Items on the agenda without a time designation may not necessarily be considered in the order in which they appear on the agenda. Items may be moved to or from the Consent Agenda at the beginning of the Board Meeting or may be voted on in a block.

The Washoe County Commission Chambers are accessible to the disabled. If you require special arrangements for the meeting, call the County Manager’s Office, 328-2000, 24-hours prior to the meeting.

Public Comment during the Commission Meeting on March 17, 2009 will be for all matters, both on and off the agenda, and be limited to two minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of two minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Commission meeting.

The Chairman and 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.

The County Commission can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Commission. However, responses from Commissioners to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Commission may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: “*Commissioners’/Manager’s Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda”.
Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Commission Meeting has been posted at the following locations: Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A), Washoe County Courthouse-Clerk’s Office (Court and Virginia Streets), Washoe County Central Library (301 South Center Street) and Sparks Justice Court (630 Greenbrae Drive). At the meeting after salute to the flag and roll call, the Board of County Commissioners may vote on the following items as the Board and, ex-officio, as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, as the Board of Directors for the Sierra Fire Protection District, and/or the Board of Trustees of either the Lawton/Verdi or South Truckee Meadows General Improvement Districts.

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners is available to members of the public at the County Manager’s Office (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A, 2nd Floor, Reno, Nevada) and on the County’s website at www.washoecounty.us.

Unless otherwise indicated by asterisk (*), all items on the agenda are action items upon which the Board of County Commissioners will take action.

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners may take a short break every 1½ hours.

10:00 a.m.  *1. Salute to the flag.

*2. Roll call.

*3. 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.

*4. 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.)

5. Presentation of Budget Policy Committee recommendations for budget principles, budget balancing strategies and criteria for adoption and/or direction to staff--Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

6. Possible status report and direction to staff of Fiscal Year 2009/10 budget--Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

7. Discussion and 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--Government Affairs. (All Commission Districts.)
8. 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).

9. Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

10. Emergency Items.

Following Item #10 above, the Board of County Commissioners will recess and reconvene in the Washoe County Commission Caucus Room located at 1001 E. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Room A205, Reno, where Washoe County Department Heads will be discussing budget ideas for Fiscal Year 2009/10. The Commissioners may ask questions, and discuss and deliberate on matters presented but will not taking action on Item #11.

11. **Listing of departments and times the discussions will take place:**

   **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** - Assessor, Clerk, Finance, Human Resources, Manager’s Office, Purchasing, Recorder, Technology Services, Treasurer

   **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** - Building and Safety, Community Development, Health, Library, Parks, Public Works, Registrar of Voters, Senior Services, Social Services, Truckee River Flood Management, Water Resources

   **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** - Alternate Public Defender, Alternative Sentencing, District Attorney, District Court, E-911 Fund, Incline Constable, Justice Courts, Juvenile Services, Law Library, Medical Examiner, Public Administrator, Public Defender, Public Guardian, Regional Public Safety Training Center, Sheriff