

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 24, 2022

PRESENT:

**Vaughn Hartung, Chair**  
**Alexis Hill, Vice Chair (via Zoom)**

**Bob Lucey, Commissioner**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Janis Galassini, County Clerk**  
**Eric Brown, County Manager**  
**Nathan Edwards, Assistant District Attorney**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 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, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

**22-0378** **AGENDA ITEM 3** Appearance and Presentation by Dr. Krishna Pagilla, PHD and University of Nevada Reno team, with an update on Investigations of SARS-CoV-2 Prevalence and Variants through Wastewater Surveillance.

Dr. Krishna Pagilla conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Investigation of SARS-CoV-2 Prevalence and Variants through Wastewater Surveillance; Presentation Outline; Current Research Group; TMWRF Wastewater Monitoring; Trend Analysis; High Density Tourism Sites; Neighborhood and School Sites; Monitoring variants (SARS-CoV-2) through wastewater; Wastewater detects all circulating variants in the community; Omicron: detected in wastewater before the clinical cases; Current and Next Steps (2 slides); and Nevada Water Innovation Institute.

Dr. Pagilla said his team's work began at the start of the pandemic. He introduced his team noting Dr. Subhash Verma, from the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) College of Medicine, was helping with some leading-edge tools to understand how variants were evolving in the community. He said Dr. Lin Li and Dr. Laura Haak led the field and laboratory work and they had developed many of the analytical and sampling tools for monitoring water purification for COVID-19 (C19). He stated his team had been collecting data since June of 2020 when the pandemic was declared. He said the team developed the technology to monitor SARS-CoV-2, the virus that caused C19. He displayed the C19 data from October 2021 through May 4, 2022.

Dr. Pagilla displayed a figure showing the sewer sheds in the region, noting the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) was the largest watershed that served approximately 330,000 people. He said the team monitored the influent wastewater going into TMWRF every day; it provided a snapshot of the whole community in terms of how concentrations of the virus were changing in wastewater which reflected the prevalence of the disease. He noted several neighborhoods were also monitored. He said the vertical axis of the graph displayed the virus concentrations in a unit called gene copies per liter and it was in millions of copies per liter of wastewater. Early in the pandemic the team took data from the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and correlated that with data collected from TMWRF. He stated the analysis of data resulted in a predictive tool for the likely number of C19 cases in the community. The team had the ability to predict cases by approximately two weeks based on wastewater sampling. He said the data collected from TMWRF was provided to community agencies every Friday morning showing the previous week's results. He noted that wastewater monitoring was being performed across the country in several cities to provide an early warning of C19 cases; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was driving a nationwide effort to collect wastewater data across the nation. He said the team recently started monitoring tourism-related sites like casinos and hotels and some elementary schools because those sites were leading indicators of national trends. He believed the tourism-related sites provided a good way to see how the infection was coming into the community while the neighborhood and school sites demonstrated transmission within the community. He noted school and neighborhood sites provided a lagging indicator of C19 cases in the community.

Dr. Pagilla explained that Dr. Verma performed sequencing on wastewater samples to identify the C19 variants in the community. He noted the variants were detected in wastewater well before the first clinical cases of those variants were reported; an ability that had been widely reported in the media. He observed the prevalence of cases went from one variant to the next quite rapidly; Omicron went to Stealth Omicron in a matter of days which was unheard of in virology. He said the same tools and specimens collected from wastewater were now being used to screen for other respiratory viruses and pathogens such as influenza and bocavirus. His team was developing this tool to provide predictive intelligence for community health. He noted one big worldwide concern was antibiotic resistance in the community which could be determined by measuring antimicrobial genes through wastewater surveillance. He said several antibiotic-resistant genes were present in the community's wastewater. He noted wastewater monitoring was a non-intrusive means of collecting data for community health surveillance. He thanked the Board for its support in establishing the Nevada Water Innovation Institute (NWII) almost five years prior.

Chair Hartung said he had been impressed with Dr. Pagilla's work in water treatment as well as his work in American Flats in the North Valleys and possible future work in Palomino Valley, and thought wastewater monitoring was an added benefit.

Commissioner Lucey expressed astonishment over the progress made at the NWII in five years. He believed the innovation of using non-invasive wastewater monitoring for public health was wonderful. He asked whether the wastewater studies would be ongoing. Dr. Pagilla said yes. He said the NWII would continue work on cleaning

water noting that Dr. Haak was working with the Western Regional Water Commission to determine how to build frameworks for source control of contaminants. He said the team would go around to neighborhoods to collect samples and measure them for contaminants of emerging concern which might be relevant when reusing advanced purified water. He stated this tool would be used for a long time for water purification and public health aspects.

Commissioner Lucey asked how long the viral load remained in the wastewater and what it took to get rid of it. Dr. Verma stated the virus in the wastewater was not infectious, it was just genetic material that could be used as a marker and was no longer active. Dr. Pagilla explained that his team monitored the genetic marker concentrations in wastewater going into TMWRF and at every one of the four major steps of the existing water treatment process. He said the data showed that all traces of SARS-CoV-2 genetic markers were removed by the third step in the treatment process, so water going out of TMWRF had no trace of the genetic markers. Commissioner Lucey commended Dr. Pagilla and his team for their work.

Commissioner Jung acknowledged Chair Hartung for providing the seed money for the NWII five years prior. She said Chair Hartung was probably the first government official who paid attention to Dr. Pagilla's work. She observed the initial intention for the NWII was to accelerate work in water reclamation because the community was in the high desert but being able to pivot during the pandemic was a fortunate outcome. She believed this new tool would be useful for other contagious diseases, so it was a great step for overall community health. She expressed pride because the Board was the first to do some creative problem-solving in this constrained valley. Dr. Pagilla concurred with Commissioner Jung's statements, noting everyone in the County was very supportive of the NWII. He said UNR recognized the work performed at the NWII, which was really a community engagement project.

Chair Hartung said that supporting brilliant people was easy. He noted Dr. Pagilla could have gone anywhere in the world when he left Chicago; he was grateful that Dr. Pagilla elected to move to Reno. He asked whether wastewater surveillance could potentially be used to monitor other kinds of diseases. Dr. Verma said it was an interesting question. He stated other diseases could be detected if genetic markers for the disease were shed in wastewater. He noted the virus or bacteria involved with infectious diseases was known so it could be detected and monitored in wastewater. In other conditions, such as Alzheimer's, the biomarkers for the disease would need to be identified before they could be monitored in wastewater. He acknowledged future uses to monitor non-infectious agents were a possibility with continued research and support. He said the support from the County was instrumental in continuing this work. Chair Hartung stated the work performed by the NWII was another example of how impressive UNR was. He said UNR was an important resource for the community. Dr. Verma thanked Chair Hartung and the Board for their recognition.

22-0379

**AGENDA ITEM 4** Appearance and Presentation by Mitch Fink, P.E. of a quarterly update on traffic related items in Unincorporated Washoe County as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

Licensed Engineer Mitch Fink conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Traffic Calming & Traffic Engineering Policy Update; Traffic Policy; How Traffic Related Requests Are Received; Traffic Calming Requests; Traffic Engineering/Operational Requests; Examples of Traffic Calming Requests and Response; Examples of Traffic Engineering Request and Response; and Update.

Mr. Fink said the traffic calming and traffic engineering policy was adopted by the County in 2019. He explained that traffic calming requests were typically related to speeding and the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Traffic engineering requests mostly addressed traffic control devices such as striping, signage, crosswalks, school flashers, and traffic signals. He reviewed the traffic calming and traffic engineering request process. He explained that working with the Washoe County School District (WCSD) for the safety of school children in school zones was a priority. He displayed an image of a gate installed on Alena Way Emergency Access Road as an example of a traffic calming mitigation response. He showed images of rapid flasher beacons installed at Arrowcreek and Cold Springs and wild horse flasher signs installed on Geiger Grade and Toll Road as examples of traffic engineering responses.

Commissioner Lucey noted a number of roads presented unique challenges and development created additional needs on County roads. He was aware of the County's traffic policy, but he inquired how staff dealt with unique situations. He asked whether the Community Services Department (CSD) was being proactive and dynamic when finding solutions for certain situations. Mr. Fink said the CSD had installed several multiway stops at intersections that had not fully met the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), but which staff opined needed improved safety measures. He affirmed the CSD staff reviewed situations on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner Lucey acknowledged staff had been responsive when he worked with them to have stop signs installed, but he wanted to ensure each situation was evaluated for its unique needs. He asked whether the commissioner for the relevant district was contacted when a request was received through Washoe 311. Mr. Fink said staff typically went through Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith who then spoke with the commissioners once information was collected for a particular request. Commissioner Lucey said he wanted to see evolution in the process because there were some unique situations in the community which required a more dynamic and flexible response. He mentioned the precarious situation on Wedge Parkway when exiting the South Valleys Library as an example. He asked for a revision of the process used to assess roads in the County.

Vice Chair Hill agreed with Commissioner Lucey regarding the need for each commissioner to be made aware of progress on requests within their district. She said

the Board had previously requested quarterly updates, but she had not received an update for her district. She knew community members had expressed concerns within her district and she thought receiving an update on those requests would be beneficial. She noted the budget had been approved recently and it included \$1 million for pedestrian public safety improvements, and she wanted to know whether the CSD received the money needed to make improvements or whether additional funds were needed. She asked whether commissioners needed to allocate some discretionary funds to ensure public safety projects were completed in their districts. Mr. Fink said CSD staff was working on the funding for various projects found to require traffic engineering. He said completing projects took time and they required contractor availability as well. He expressed appreciation for the funding made available by the Board.

Commissioner Jung acknowledged a natural tension was created when citizens and elected officials suggested traffic signs for various locations. She understood that traffic engineers used their credentials and understanding to make decisions about traffic-related requests. She encouraged citizens to use Washoe 311 to make all traffic-related requests because it would provide full tracking of every request. She believed Commissioner Lucey and Vice Chair Hill wanted to ensure commissioners were kept informed about any requests in their districts and she agreed with them. She suggested Washoe 311 could be used to educate citizens about the process used to evaluate requests when they called in with an issue. She expressed concern about developers not being held responsible for conditions agreed upon for developments. She believed the County needed to hire someone to ensure developers met all the conditions for a development, particularly if the rate of growth continued to rise. She thought developers held significant responsibility for issues that the County then needed to mitigate.

Chair Hartung observed many neighborhoods in the community had issues related to poor planning over the years. He believed more residents had concerns about traffic in their neighborhood than those who called to submit requests. He said the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) earmarked \$300,000 to be split between jurisdictions to address some of those neighborhood projects; the City of Reno would receive \$150,000 and the City of Sparks and Washoe County would each receive \$75,000. He indicated commissioners were trying to obtain additional funding for the RTC to address more projects. He asked about the process used to prioritize traffic-related requests. Mr. Fink replied the requests were ranked by using a scoring system that considered various aspects such as traffic volume, speed, schools, parks, and pedestrians. He said traffic requests were prioritized based on the scoring system.

Chair Hartung noted he lived near a school and some of the worst offenders were parents dropping children off. He said he worked to have speed bumps installed on his street. He expressed frustration about the MUTCD because it was a national manual that did not consider local situations. He noted he was working with staff to control speeding on Dolores Drive. He said he had provided some of his district funds and some of the RTC's discretionary funds, but he would be willing to fight for more funds because one accident could cause turmoil. He looked forward to working on those difficult neighborhoods.

Mr. Smith thanked the commissioners for their critical feedback which he said staff would incorporate into their processes moving forward. He said staff was diligently looking at new developments for ways to incorporate traffic calming and safety. He noted those types of things had not been done before and the development code standards were being changed to reflect those traffic components. He thanked the Board for the budget needed to go back and work on projects in older existing neighborhoods.

Chair Hartung recommended staff start thinking about complete street design which the RTC had been using. In response to Commissioner Jung's comments, he suggested the County force a bond which would be released if developers met the conditions of approval but would be used to build any unmet conditions if necessary.

**22-0380**      **AGENDA ITEM 5** Public Comment.

Ms. Patricia Ann Bayless Berg stated she spoke to the Board several years prior and had gone to Carson City with a group of seniors to attend hearings at the Legislature regarding senior issues, fair housing, and the cost of living. She spoke about her community involvement, which included: residency in a senior village in the City of Sparks; work with the Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team; outreach services for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine in the Sanford Center for Aging; a member of the Community Foundation's steering committee; and work as a Seniors in Service volunteer. She shared that she married a Vietnam veteran who passed away four years ago from complications of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and he had never gone to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to seek help.

Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke about her child's emancipation and the Highland Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA). She believed the HOA had defamed and falsely accused her and expressed frustration about not being able to afford an attorney to represent her. She mentioned a young man who had plans for designing the City of Reno. She stated she would not support Mr. Kristopher Dahir or Ms. Angela Taylor in the election.

Ms. Hawah Ahmad shared that she was the Chair of the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board. She thanked the Board of County Commissioners for passing the budget last week and expressed excitement about the funds for senior services. She encouraged the Board to pass the Consent Agenda, particularly Item 7H1. She observed that she joined the Senior Services Advisory Board (SSAB) during the COVID-19 pandemic and it was brought to her attention that Washoe County was the only entity in Northern Nevada that was not designated as an American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) certified age-friendly community. She believed doing so was making a commitment to put senior services first. She thanked Commissioner Jung for the resolution and the Board for its consideration. She thanked the Senior Advisory Boards from all three jurisdictions, and Ms. Donna Clontz.

Ms. Marsy Kupfersmith indicated she was an AARP volunteer. She asked the Board to consider having Washoe County join the Cities of Reno and Sparks in

becoming an age-friendly livable community. She said these communities allowed for walkable streets and provided access to key services for seniors.

Mr. Roger M. Edwards provided a document, copies of which were provided to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He stated it was his third and final appearance on behalf of Golden Valley property owners, noting he would turn things over to the attorneys. He referred to the handout he provided which stated homeowners in Golden Valley paid over \$13,000 per month for the water treatment program that had been shut down since April 2016, stating this totaled over \$260,000 per year. Homeowners had paid over \$972,000 since the program had ended. He shared he attended a meeting the night before with Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith and listened to a presentation, but the assessment part of the recharge program was still active. He urged the assessment part of the program be shut down immediately.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon said he had come before the Board several times before to speak about provisional ballots. He noted he previously submitted documentation that indicated over 2,000 provisional ballots had been cast at Cold Springs Middle School on November 3. He displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file by the Clerk. He spoke about polling books, stating that votes would be entered into the books when a person registered and voted provisionally. He said he had an affidavit from an individual who claimed to have voted provisionally but did not appear in the books. He urged the Board to investigate issues with the polling books. He demanded the Board get rid of the metal detector outside Chambers as he believed it constituted an illegal search and seizure with no probable cause or warrant.

Mr. Tom Daly disclosed that he was a candidate for Nevada Assembly District 26. He referred to Mr. Mitch Fink's presentation, noting he was surprised that the issue of Mt. Rose Highway safety had not been discussed. He opined the number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities that occurred on the four-mile stretch from Wedge Parkway to Douglas Fir was unique and probably unprecedented in the County. He believed the Nevada Department of Transportation provided information almost weekly about changes that would occur at a particular time, but there were no details about what the changes would be. He said people had a right to know what was going on. He thought there had been enough deaths at the Thomas Creek Road and Melrose Highway intersection to warrant immediate action from the Community Services Department.

Ms. Donna Clontz shared that she had been active with the SSAB as an advisor for over eight years. She said the SSAB had been looking into the age-friendly community process for about five or six years and noted the process was started by the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO, she explained, had conducted research regarding ways a community could improve the quality of life and ensure healthy aging. She informed that AARP began looking into this in the U.S. in 2012. She expressed appreciation that this item was on the Consent Agenda and thanked Commissioner Jung for taking the lead. She thanked the Board for listening to her and others speak about ways to improve health and happiness for seniors in the community.

Ms. Pam Roberts informed that she was the Vice Chair of the SSAB. She requested the Board vote in favor of Resolution R22-58. She pointed out a few things: there was no fiscal note attached, no new staff would need to be hired, and the SSAB had voted unanimously to take on the project. She also noted that the SSAB was comprised of individuals of varying ages, not just those 60 and over. She believed this was a good example that people of all ages were working together to make this a better community. She encouraged the Board to support the resolution and thanked several County staff members for their work in helping make the community better for seniors.

Ms. Janet Butcher displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She wondered how she could trust the U.S. Postal Service, mentioning issues she had with a second-day piece of mail sent from San Diego, California. She opined that mail-in ballots could not be trusted and asked the members of the Board if they had seen the documentary *2,000 Mules*. She believed there were poll worker training deficiencies. She asked if there were enough poll workers and wondered if there were date and time stamps for polling locations. She expressed appreciation for fallen soldiers in honor of Memorial Day, especially her uncle.

Mr. Wayne Gordon spoke about high gas prices. He believed Washoe County had the most expensive gas in Northern Nevada. He thought another gas tax increase was scheduled for July 1 and he urged the Board to prevent this from happening. He expressed frustration about how the Board allocated funds. He shared that Fentanyl was one of the top causes of death, noting it was legal when prescribed but was dangerous and it killed people in the streets. He opined it was manufactured in China and then smuggled into the United States. He encouraged the Board to write to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and ask it to start controlling the borders. He expressed frustration that the Board had not done anything regarding election integrity.

Ms. Lilia Grajeda shared she was in attendance on behalf of Urban Roots. She thanked the Board for considering the proposal to fund the organization to build a teaching garden. She said she was a seed-to-table educator at Urban Roots and worked directly with the community providing bilingual support. She informed she worked with kids and older adults in both English and Spanish teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math and getting people interested in nutrition education and overall community health. She noted the funding would go towards engineering costs to bring a restroom and a kitchen into the organization's teaching farm.

**22-0381**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown pointed out that Agenda Items 10 through 14 were the first ratified agreements with the employee associations. He thanked the employee associations and Washoe County Human Resources Director Patricia Hurley for their work on the agreements.

Manager Brown shared that early voting would begin on Saturday and mail-in ballots had been sent out. He encouraged citizens to reach out to the Registrar of Voters



(ROV) if they did not receive their ballots by the following day. He asked anyone who received a ballot for someone who did not live at their address to write “not at this address” on the ballot and return it. He said the ballots indicated that there was adhesive tape that could be peeled to seal the envelopes, however that was not the case. The ballots could be licked, glued, or sealed by using clear tape. Early voting would begin on May 28 and end on June 10. He noted that people could visit polling locations rather than using the mail-in ballot, or they could turn the ballot in at a voting center. Same-day registration would begin on June 1, and the primary election would be held on June 14.

In response to Mr. Gordon’s public comments, Commissioner Jung said she was requesting that Fentanyl overdoses be considered Fentanyl poisonings and she wanted law enforcement to get involved. She observed that Fentanyl was inexpensive and was being added to other drugs including cannabis, therefore these were not overdoses but active poisonings. She said the addition of Fentanyl to other drugs would either lead to death or addiction and she wanted the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO), the Medical Examiner, and their partners to work together to provide free testing strips to individuals. She asked to see this item on an agenda once data was collected. She wanted Washoe County to be the leading county in the country to prosecute poisonings. She noted she would like to know where the Sheriff stood on this issue. Chair Hartung inquired if Commissioner Jung wanted possession of Fentanyl to potentially be considered attempted murder. Commissioner Jung did not think possession should be considered attempted murder but said it should be if an individual was poisoned with it.

In response to commenters who asked for fair elections, Commissioner Herman replied that it was the Board of County Commissioners’ (BCC) responsibility to provide safe, fair, and transparent elections. She requested the phone number for the ROV be provided at the meeting for anyone who did not receive their ballot by the following day.

Commissioner Lucey stated every member of the Board sat on several regional boards, which had been completing budget presentations so the budgets could be submitted to the State in a timely manner. He spoke about traffic and traffic calming through the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). He said there were many State roads in and around Washoe County that he would like to have transferred to the County and the other municipalities so they could be properly serviced and maintained. He mentioned the RTC’s budget and the fuel tax, noting the RTC did a lot of great work, and the tax was used for a number of initiatives. However, he informed that the RTC budget was different from the budgets of the other boards the members of the BCC sat on. He said the budgets for the other boards were what he would call service budgets as opposed to capital budgets. He observed it was the job of the BCC and County staff to make sure each of the 24 departments ran and staff was always available to members of the community. RTC, he explained, only had 67 employees and the majority of its budget went to capital improvement projects. He opined Washoe County did a better job maintaining its roads than the State of Nevada or other states. He spoke about the challenges of competing jurisdictions and municipalities, and he thought the County had always attempted to be a one-stop shop for infrastructure services. He expressed frustration that the Board had

continued to advocate for road safety, but the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) still would not respond quickly to make improvements. He observed the County would have to think about how to approach growth if it continued.

Commissioner Lucey shared that he and Vice Chair Hill met with staff at Lake Tahoe to discuss the improvements along State Routes 28 and 431. He stated one of the issues along that road was lighting, and NDOT Director Kristina Swallow had said the County could reach out to NDOT and those improvements would be addressed. He asked for the Board to follow up with Director Swallow about this request. He spoke about the draft study for the Mt. Rose Corridor, noting three roundabouts were being proposed on Mt. Rose Highway. He mentioned the gas tax and said the District Attorney's (DA) Office had provided the Board with an outline of its purview regarding the tax increase coming up in July. He observed the RTC-5 fuel tax was passed in 2010 by a vote of the people, which made it difficult for the Board to go back and make adjustments to the tax.

Assistant District Attorney Nathan Edwards stated that the DA's Office, in consultation with the County's bond counsel, had developed an overview of this issue. He spoke about the constitutional protection against impairment of contract. He explained that when bondholders made decisions about whether to buy bonds, they factored in the strength of the revenue stream that supported the repayment of those bonds. He pointed out that the indexing of the fuel tax itself and the indexing of its future increases happened on a formulaic basis and if the Board were to take action to reverse that, cap the tax, or eliminate it, this would amount to tinkering with the revenue stream or reducing the revenue stream that went into the evaluation of those bonds when they were sold on the market. It would impair the contractual rights of the bondholders. He said the County could pay off the bonds or try to find a replacement revenue stream. He noted paying off the bonds would be a massive outlay for the County and finding a replacement revenue stream would essentially be robbing Peter to pay Paul as the County would have to enact another tax elsewhere to replace the lost revenue stream.

Commissioner Lucey observed the outstanding RTC bonds were approximately \$373 million for road improvements within Washoe County. He reiterated the funds would have to come from another revenue source if the bonds were paid off. He understood it was challenging to pay \$5 per gallon for gas but noted this was a national issue and the voters of Washoe County put this into effect over 12 years prior. He believed it would be difficult for the County to change this based on global markets and it would continue to fluctuate.

Commissioner Lucey shared that meetings were held in April and the beginning of May regarding emergency medical services (EMS), fire, and dispatch related to boundary drops. He noted there would be a follow-up meeting and a round table discussion. He requested an update from Manager Brown and further discussion about how the Board could move forward effectively with the Cities of Reno and Sparks to address these growing concerns.

Chair Hartung informed that according to the RTC and the District Attorney the indexing of the gas tax would be less than two cents per gallon. He noted the indexing had been approved by voters.

Commissioner Jung suggested the RTC issue checks to citizens who purchased gas. She observed that California had a surplus and was sending out checks to get around the price increase for gas. She opined that unless an individual worked in the trucking industry, the amount they were now paying for gas per year was not a significant increase. She thought the RTC had the fiscal responsibility and the funds to consider issuing rebates.

Chair Hartung shared that over the weekend he attended a donor remembrance luncheon for the Donate Life group, where families set up tables for their loved ones who were donors and had passed. Stories were shared by families of donors as well as donor recipients. He thanked the Nevada Donor Network for the program.

Chair Hartung thanked Ms. Butcher for mentioning Memorial Day during public comment. He spoke about his family members who had served in the military. He thanked all veterans who served in any war for their service to this country. He also thanked staff for providing the update on the road issues, noting there was a lot more work to be done.

Commissioner Lucey observed constituents had contacted him regarding large haul trucks utilizing close aggregate pits in both the southern and northern parts of the County which were dragging dirt and rocks throughout the community to different construction zones. He said there was a regulation that required those individuals to cover the materials so they did not spread on highways or local arterial roads. He wondered if there was a way to reach out to those hauling companies to make sure the regulations were being adhered to. He thought the Board needed to address this issue and asked staff to look into it.

Manager Brown informed that citizens who did not receive a ballot should call Washoe 311. Chair Hartung requested this information be added to the County homepage.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 7A1 THROUGH 7I1**

**22-0382**      **7A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of April 12, 2022; April 19, 2022; and April 26, 2022. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0383**      **7B1** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 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 \$77,140.52]. Assessor. (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)

- 22-0384** **7B2** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 secured tax roll 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 \$2,830.19]. Assessor. (Commission District 4)
- 22-0385** **7B3** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 unsecured tax roll 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibit A and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$229,502.15]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0386** **7C1** Recommendation to approve adjustments ranging from \$1.25 to \$3.00 additional per hour to the current pay structure for non-represented Seasonal job classifications Seasonal Pool Manager (class code 4013), Seasonal Lifeguard (class code 4015), and Seasonal Sr. Lifeguard (class code 4014) within the Community Services Department (CSD), retroactive to February 1 of FY 21/22 and ending in FY 24/25, as a result of wage increases by other local municipalities; and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Salary increases will be absorbed within CSD Operations Division current fiscal year budget]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0387** **7C2** Recommendation, pursuant to NRS 278.0262(c) and related authorities, to appoint Francine Donshick, current member of the Washoe County Planning Commission, to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission for a term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2025; or until such time as a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. The current list of Regional Planning Commission alternates approved by the Board of County Commissioners are: First Alternate: Francine Donshick, Second Alternate: Larry Peyton; Third Alternate: Pat Phillips, Fourth Alternate: Michael Flick. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0388** **7D1** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$124,800; no county match] in both revenue and expenses to FY22 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Maintenance and Advancement retroactive to February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0389**      **7D2** Recommendations to approve the purchase of services for [\$125,900.40] with Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) to establish an implementation process for the County's behavioral health crisis response system for the period June 20, 2022 through June 30th, 2023. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0390**      **7E1** Recommendation to approve the appointment of Division Chief Chris Ketring to fill an unexpired term left by Deputy Fire Chief Alex Kukulus for the Washoe County At-Large position to expire on June 30, 2023 for the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0391**      **7E2** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$15,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to Urban Roots -- a non-profit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the program's efforts to connect community members to the food they eat through garden-based educational programming; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in the maintenance of the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial site featuring names of fallen police officers, support ongoing efforts to enshrine and memorialize fallen officers, and conduct annual memorial ceremonies; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.)
- 22-0392**      **7E3** Recommendation to approve the Gerlach Trail Initiative Technical Assistance Grant awarded by National Park Services (NPS), Rivers, Trails, and the Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program, which will be used to create a multi-use, year-round, trail that winds along the edge of the playa through dunes, wetlands and sagebrush, traversing from near Highway 447 to County Route 34 to Gerlach Road in the amount of [\$0, technical assistance, estimated value of \$15,000 (no county match)], with a project period from June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5.)
- 22-0393**      **7F1** Recommendation to accept a grant award amendment increasing the funding by [\$20,000 to a new total award amount of \$117,603 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award, and direct

the Comptroller's Department to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0394** **7F2** Recommendation to approve expenditures in excess of \$100,000 each to Brooklyn Forensics LLC, ML Forensic Consulting LLC, and Leonardo Roquero MD PLLC for forensic pathology services in both Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0395** **7F3** Recommendation to approve a resolution (R22-64) setting forth fees [estimated to generate an additional \$65,000 in Fiscal Year 2023], effective July 1, 2022, to be charged and collected for services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0396** **7G1** Recommendation to approve the sub-grant award # 2019-SAKI-04 between the Nevada Office of the Attorney General and Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division to allow the DNA Section to outsource the testing and analysis of sexual assault kits in the total amount of [\$100,000.00; \$92,638.00 for testing; \$7,362.00 for related reviewing overtime costs] for the retroactive period of April 7, 2022 through September 30, 2022. If approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0397** **7G2** Recommendation to approve Security Agreement between the Reno Rodeo Association and the County of Washoe on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [Estimated \$115,000 Annual Security Costs Reimbursed] during Reno Rodeo events occurring for the period of June 15, 2022, through the last day of the Reno Rodeo 2024 performance. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0398** **7G3** Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$16,978.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit to cover the cost of training for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0399** **7G4** Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$16,999.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018 project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special

Operations Division Cyber Crimes Unit for the purchase of a forensic workstation for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0400**      **7G5** Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$4,153.58, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada, Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, project number 97067.18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the Consolidated Bomb Team for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0401**      **7H1** Recommendation to approve a Resolution R22-58 in support of Washoe County joining the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Network of Age Friendly States and Communities; and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Letter of Commitment. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0402**      **7I1** Recommendation to approve and execute Resolution directing County Treasurer to give notice of the sale of properties subject to the lien of a delinquent special assessment in the following district: WCAD 32 - Spanish Springs Valley Ranch Rd, parcels: 076-310-31, 076-310-44, 076-391-23, 076-391-65, 076-690-45, 076-690-46, 076-690-47, 077-230-07, WCAD 37 - Spanish Springs Sewer Phase 1A, parcel: 089-243-07 (additional description of affected parcels contained in Exhibit "A" of attached Resolution.) No Fiscal Impact to the General Fund. Treasurer. (Commission District 4 and 5.)

Commissioner Lucey mentioned Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Deputy Chief of Operations Alex Kukulus would retire in July after many years of service to the community. He noted that TMFPD Operations Division Chief Chris Ketring would be promoted to the position of Deputy Chief of Operations. He said Chief Ketring would serve on the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee which looked at all the funding for emergency medical services in the community. He wished Chief Kukulus well on his retirement and looked forward to Chief Ketring serving in his new capacity.

Commissioner Jung noted Chair Hartung distributed special district funds in the amount of \$15,000; he granted \$5,000 to Urban Roots and \$10,000 for the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial. She said Urban Roots would help connect community members to the food they ate through bilingual garden-based education. She mentioned the James D. Hoff Peace Officer Memorial featured the names of fallen officers from the entire

State. She said the annual memorial for fallen officers was a beautiful but somber event. She thanked Chair Hartung for his generosity toward the community and his activism.

With regard to item 7H1 Commissioner Jung mentioned the Senior Services Advisory Board (SSAB) was the most active board in the County. She said the SSAB worked tirelessly to have the County designated as an age-friendly community. She thought the range of board member ages demonstrated the culture change in terms of honoring seniors. She expressed pride in the SSAB, noting it commanded and controlled Older Americans Month. She mentioned the Canine Rehabilitation Center and Cat Sanctuary which helped the most unhousable rescue animals in the County. She thanked everyone for their involvement in the SSAB and encouraged everyone to attend their meetings. She credited a former SSAB member for starting a similar board at the City of Sparks, so all three jurisdictions could work together to improve the lives of seniors and animals.

On the call for public comment, County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment from Ms. Cindy Kimball regarding Item 7H1, which she placed on the record.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7I1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7I1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

### **BLOCK VOTE – 8 THROUGH 20**

Commissioner Lucey thanked the associations and staff who worked diligently on the contract negotiations. He noted the contracts required many discussions and negotiations.

**22-0403** **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$272,727; no county match] in both revenue and expenses to FY22 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Capacity Building grant to build capacity for the Environmental Health Safety Food Safety Program retroactive to February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved and directed.

**22-0404** **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve the revised Pro Tem Justice of the Peace panel for the Justice Courts pursuant to NRS 4.032; and approve same to serve as a list of potential Administrative Enforcement



Code hearing Officers pursuant to Washoe County Code 125.225. Human Resources (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly said she had not investigated NRS 4.032, but she knew the members of the Board did their research before meetings. She spoke about two public officials who she said she would take action against. She said she planned to appear at the State of Nevada regarding those two public officials. She expressed gratitude for Agenda Item 14 and spoke about a pedestrian dragging his dog on Sun Valley Boulevard.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

**22-0405**      **AGENDA ITEM 10**      Recommendation to approve Cost of Living Adjustments in base wage of 5% effective July 1, 2022 [FY 22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$2,686,204], and 3.5% effective July 1, 2023 [FY 23/24 estimated impact \$2,793,594]; for Unclassified Management and Non-Represented Confidential employees, District Court employees, Justice Courts employees (excluding Justices of the Peace), Juvenile Services employees, and Truckee River Flood Management Authority's Executive Director and General Counsel; and bi-lingual pay changes for Non-Represented Confidential employees [estimated fiscal impact \$-0-]; and standby pay changes for Non-Represented Confidential employees (excluding Division Directors at salary grade T and above), District Court employees, Justice Courts employees (excluding Justices of the Peace), and Juvenile Services employees as outlined in their department Personnel Manuals [estimated fiscal impact \$26,296]. [Estimated total fiscal impact \$5,506,094]. Human Resources (All Commission Districts)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

**22-0406**      **AGENDA ITEM 11**      Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washoe County Alternative Sentencing Officers Association (WCASOA) for the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory bargaining units for the two (2) year period beginning July 1, 2022 including adjustment to pay grade structure for parity with Washoe County District Attorney's Investigator Association salaries; and cost of living adjustments in base wages of 5% effective July 1, 2022 [FY 22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$120,590]; and 3.5% beginning July 1 2023 [FY 23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$135,805]; including updated safety equipment allowance, shift differential, career incentive, instructor differential, POST pay; and approve same cost of living adjustments, and updated safety equipment, career incentive, and POST pay, and for the non-represented Chief

Alternative Sentencing Officer [FY 22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$10,434] and [FY 23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$13,289]. [Estimated total fiscal impact \$280,118.]. Human Resources (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved.

**22-0407** **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washoe County Nurses' Association (WCNA) for the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory bargaining units for the two (2) year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; including pay grade structure adjustments based on critical labor market study conducted by Korn Ferry [estimated fiscal impact \$53,791]; cost of living adjustments in base wages of 5% effective July 1, 2022 [FY 22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$123,977]; and 3.5% beginning July 1, 2023 [FY 23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$128,316]; and eight (8) hours of personal leave credit effective July 2022; and sixteen (16) hours of personal leave credit in January of each of the calendar years 2023 and 2024 [estimated fiscal impact \$-0-]; and updated agreement language regarding salaries and personal leave, holidays, leaves of absence, career development, bilingual differential, deferred compensation, and duration of agreement [estimated fiscal impact \$10,000]. [Total estimated fiscal impact for all fiscal years is \$316,084.] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved and updated.

**22-0408** **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washoe County Public Attorneys' Association (WCPAA) for a two (2) year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; and ratify same; including Cost of Living Adjustments in base wage of 5% effective July 1, 2022 [FY22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$822,486]; and 3.5% beginning July 1, 2023 [FY23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$851,273]; and update agreement language regarding salaries, leave of absence, holidays, bail reform pay, parking allowance, career incentive pay, grievance procedures, and term of agreement [estimated fiscal impact \$186,325]; and approve same for Confidential Attorneys [FY22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$186,171; FY23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$193,282] [total estimated fiscal impact \$2,239,537]. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved and updated.

**22-0409**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) with the Washoe County District Attorney's Investigator Association (WCDAIA) for the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory bargaining units for the two (2) year period beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024; including cost of living adjustments in base wages of 5% effective July 1, 2022 plus a one-time only lump sum payment of \$2,000 for Non-Supervisory, \$3,000 for Supervisory, effective July 4, 2022 (paid on July 22, 2022), for employees covered under this CBA in effect at the time of the payment [FY 22/23 estimated fiscal impact \$92,691]; and cost of living adjustments in base wages of 3.5% beginning July 1, 2023 plus a one-time only lump sum payment of \$2,000 for Non-Supervisory, \$3,000 for Supervisory, effective July 3, 2023 (paid on July 21, 2023), for employees covered under this CBA in effect at the time of the payment [FY 23/24 estimated fiscal impact \$95,164]; updated stand-by, safety equipment, and bi-lingual pay [estimated total fiscal impact \$5,600]; and updated agreement language regarding salaries, holidays, discipline and grievance, and term of agreement; and approve same salaries, \$3,000 lump sum payment, stand-by pay, bi-lingual pay, and holidays for the non-represented Chief Investigator (DA) [estimated fiscal impact \$26,808 for all fiscal years]. [Total estimated fiscal impact is \$220,263] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

**22-0410**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to purchase eight (8) Chevy Trailblazer AWD from Champion Chevrolet for use by Washoe County Human Services Agency's Senior Services Homemaker Program in an amount not to exceed [\$185,000.00]; approve the transfer of the vehicle to the Human Services Agency fleet managed by Equipment Services and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate asset adjustments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be authorized, approved, and directed.

**22-0411**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve the sole source purchase of the Clearpass Full-Body Security Screening System [\$164,357.12] from Adani Systems, Inc., to screen juveniles for contraband and weapons as they are admitted to the secure detection section of Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be approved.

**22-0412**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to 1) accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation from the City of Sparks in the amount of [\$704,408;], with a retroactive period from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, during which time all funds must be incurred and expended; 2) retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign sub-award document and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

**22-0413**      **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to approve allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in a total amount of \$2,902,258.66 and possible approval of recommended allocations of the funds and direction to the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and cross-functional budget appropriation transfers, for the proposed projects as follows:

26. Washoe County Sheriff's Office Security Upgrade - \$2,000,000
27. Regional COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Research - \$504,258.66
28. Wilbur D. May Museum (assistance for recovery of lost revenue due to closure on account of the COVID pandemic) - \$200,000
29. Recruitment & Retention Incentive Program - \$150,000
30. Washoe Wellness Center (an on-site fitness facility for use by county employees in connection with work) - \$48,000

The proposed projects fall within the American Rescue Plan Act (and the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund) eligible uses, include a proposed implementation process, and come with extensive compliance and reporting requirements. Final allocations may vary from those proposed based on information developed during this item. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved and directed.

**22-0414**     **AGENDA ITEM 19**     Recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Sharing of Costs for COVID-19 Research and, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve a subgrant of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), to the City of Sparks in an amount not to exceed \$504,258.66 for Washoe County's regional share of the research and monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 presence in wastewater and community prevalence monitoring due to the COVID-19 pandemic; with a grant period retroactive from September 1, 2021 through December 30, 2022, and if approved, authorize the County Manager to sign the Washoe County Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Sparks; and approve the Resolution necessary for same. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved and authorized.

**22-0415**     **AGENDA ITEM 20**     Recommendation to approve the Axon contract for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a fifty-five month term at a cost not to exceed [year one \$42,327.14, year two \$85,636.92, year three \$85,636.92, year four \$85,636.92, year five \$85,637.10] annually, or [\$384,875.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, and less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 20 be approved.

**22-0416**

**AGENDA ITEM 21** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 5 (Administration and Personnel) by revising provisions to clarify the duties of the county manager and chief information officer; and amending Washoe County Code Chapter 15 (County Finances; Purchasing) by repealing redundant provisions and the Washoe County Bond Bank ordinance; adding a section levying a \$25.00 handling charge for payments denied by a bank; and revising provisions related to: definitions pertaining to accounting systems and policies; the basis of accounting for various fund types; the creation and abolishment of county funds; definitions pertaining to property control; property control requirements; policies and procedures related to donations of property, cash contributions and grant funding; procedures for lost or abandoned property; procedures for receiving cash and negotiable instruments; the collections division; procedures for establishing new accounts; the composition of the investment committee; the time period between reviews of rates charged by the county for its various services; overpayments to the county and refunds; updating the responsibilities of the department of finance; removing references to the director of finance and creating the position of chief financial officer; the powers and duties of the comptroller; the position of budget manager; and the powers and duties of the purchasing and contracts manager, including increasing the limit for purchasing supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services from \$100,000 or less to \$300,000 or less; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. If supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the Ordinance for June 21, 2022. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1880.

There was no response to the call for public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1880 was introduced by Commissioner Jung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

**22-0417**

**AGENDA ITEM 22** Public Hearing: Appeal of the Washoe County Board of Adjustment's denial of Variance Case Number WPVAR22-0001 (Herz-Callahan Side Yard Setback Reduction) which sought a variance to reduce the required side yard setback on the north side of the parcel from five (5) feet to one (1) foot in order to enlarge the existing bedroom wing of the current home on the property and add a second level bedroom. The applicant is GilanFarr Architecture, and the property owner is Susan Herz-Callahan Family Trust et al. The project is located at 1710 Lakeshore Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 130-332-12. The parcel of land is approximately 0.192 acres in size with a master plan designation and regulatory zone of East Shore, within the Tahoe Area Plan. Variances are authorized in Article 804 of the Washoe County Development Code. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)

Chair Hartung opened the public hearing.

Planning Manager Trevor Lloyd conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County Board of Adjustment; WPVAR22-0001; Request; Vicinity Map; Site Plan; North Elevation; East Elevation; 1st Floor; 2nd Floor; Project Evaluation (2 slides); Exceptional Narrowness; Exceptional Shallowness; Exceptional Shape; Exceptional Topography (2 slides); Extraordinary & exceptional situation (3 slides); Project Evaluation (4 slides); Conditions of Approval; Public Notice; Variance Findings; BOA Action; Recommendation; and Possible Motions (2 slides).

Mr. Phil GilanFarr said the project involved an expansion to a home built in 1959. He observed the situation presented some unique challenges with those homes originally built as fishing cabins on a very steep slope. He believed the special circumstance of the property was not fully considered by the Board of Adjustment. He summarized the special circumstance was a severe 36 percent upslope which would not fit within the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) regulations. He said there was no other place to construct an addition while using the existing footprint. He indicated the project would utilize an addition built in 1962 which was the reason for the existing non-conforming encroachment into the setback. He noted an interior staircase would be incorporated so the property would provide more winter access. He said the TRPA used certain situations as recognition of hardship with respect to variances. He spoke about parcel classification based on soil type, slope, and property size. He said the TRPA had a strict policy on relocation to an undisturbed location. He noted other homes at that location had variances because of special circumstances of steepness or relationship to the highway. He said the neighbors sent letters of support because of the unique situation of the property. He requested the Board overturn the decision of the BOA, noting staff indicated they would accept the conditions.

Vice Chair Hill asked whether a letter of support from the neighbor who would have the one-foot setback had been received. Mr. GilanFarr said both the neighbors to the south and north of the property had provided letters of support.

Vice Chair Hill asked whether they could build up and not on the side of the property. Mr. GilanFarr indicated the existing building was from 1959, so if the structure was disturbed the International Building Code would go into effect and would require an almost complete rebuild. He said the project would utilize a small bedroom addition. He noted the structure could not be relocated because of TRPA's restrictions.

Commissioner Lucey noted the area was extremely constrained and he supported overturning the decision of the BOA. He believed overturning the decision was within the purview of the Board. He noted the State built a walkway behind the parcel to allow for foot traffic along the east shore of Lake Tahoe creating further constraints on the property.

On the call for public comment, County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment from Mr. Richard and Mrs. Lilian Dixon, which she placed on the record.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the decision of the Board of Adjustment be overturned with the conditions included in the staff report.

**22-0418**      **AGENDA ITEM 23**      Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of Washoe County Code Chapter 95, governing parks and recreation; repealing the entire existing Chapter 95, and enacting a new ordinance that revises and replaces Chapter 95 provisions governing parks and open space, including but not limited to the Definitions applicable to the chapter, Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, Powers and Duties of the Director, Enforcement of the chapter, use of vehicles and non-motorized vehicles, domestic animals, and visitor conduct. The proposed ordinance amends provisions regarding the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission to reflect applicable Nevada law; gives the Director power to designate employees as enforcement officials, appoint personnel authorized to collect fees, and approve special activity permits in certain circumstances; grants the Regional Parks and Open Space Commission authority to approve and establish a schedule of proposed fees for park facilities, recreation programs and special events and activities; establishes a requirement for a group use permit for activities involving more than 25 persons; expands provisions regarding concession/commercial operations in county parks, establishing a requirement for a permit; establishes a permit requirement for commercial/professional filming and photography to incorporate the previously enacted policy exempting small scale photography and filming from the permit requirement; allows use of unmanned aerial apparatuses (drones) if nondisturbing and nonthreatening, and allows the Director to prohibit use of drones in parks or portions of county parks; enacts provisions regarding use of operator-propelled vehicles including bicycles and electric bicycles in parks, granting the Director discretion to prohibit such use and requiring operators to restrict speed and safely operate the vehicle; expands the Director's ability to prohibit smoking, fires, or any open flames based on fire risk and weather conditions; prohibits pyrotechnics and liquid or solid fuel model rockets in county parks; generally prohibits smoking and vaping in parks, but allows the Director to designate specific smoking areas; clarifies provisions regarding camping, including granting the Director authority to limit or prohibit certain recreational vehicles based on conditions and characteristics of individual campsites; requires appropriate food storage on campsites; clarifies that persons lawfully camping may gather downed deadwood for lawful campfires; and establishes provisions regarding enforcement including that it is unlawful to violate a provision of the chapter, allows for an enforcement official to exclude a person violating the chapter from



county parks with appropriate notice, grants citation power to enforcement officials, establishes criminal and civil penalties with appropriate notice. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1687, Bill No. 1877.

There was no response to the call for public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1687, Bill No. 1877, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**22-0419**      **AGENDA ITEM 24** Public Comment.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon was called but was not present to speak.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated an email received from Ms. Elise Weatherly would be placed on file.

**22-0420**      **AGENDA ITEM 25** Announcements/Reports.

Vice Chair Hill informed that the Incline Mobility Hub meetings had begun. The next meeting would take place on June 27 at 5:30 p.m. and the topic of discussion would be the Request for Quote for consultants to help find a possible location for the Mobility Hub, and what the hub could look like for the community. She thought the meeting the night before had gone well, and she hoped people would get involved. She also shared that the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Citizen Advisory Board would hold a meeting on June 6 and the agenda was robust.

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**1:01 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**VAUGHN HARTUNG**, 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 Stickley & Lauren Morris, Deputy County Clerks*

Pending Board Approval