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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 21, 2024

DATE: May 1, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to appoint Clinton Hohenstein and James Phoenix to the two open Washoe County seats on the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC) for a partial two-year term ending on June 30, 2025, pursuant to Assembly Bill 236 (2019) (now codified at NRS 176.014). The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council advises and assists the Nevada Sentencing Commission in making data-driven policy recommendations to Nevada's Legislature by providing input on and recommendations regarding various criminal justice issues and matters that are important at the local level. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The 80th Nevada Legislature recently passed Assembly Bill 236 (AB 236) which became effective on July 1, 2020. AB 236 created the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council. The committee consists of 19 voting members, 2 members from each county in this State whose population is 100,000 or more, which is Washoe County.

Clinton Hohenstein and James Phoenix are the only two applicants to apply for the two open positions on the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council and are therefore the only considered applicants.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 14, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Elliott Sattler and Jeff Clark to the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council for a two-year term ending on June 30, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The 80th Nevada Legislature recently passed Assembly Bill 236 (AB 236) which became effective on July 1, 2020. AB 236 created the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council. The Council advises the Sentencing Commission on matters related to any legislation, regulations, rules, budgetary changes and all other actions needed to implement the provisions of AB236. This includes (1) identifying county-level programming and treatment needs for persons involved in the criminal justice system for the purpose of reducing recidivism, (2) making recommendations to the Sentencing Commission regarding grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations from the

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State General Fund, (3) overseeing the implementation of local grants, (4) creating performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the grants, and (5) identifying opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services at the state and county level for treatment services and funding,. Each member serves a term of 2 years and may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointment. If a vacancy occurs a new member must be appointed not later than 30 days after the vacancy.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for making appointments to or participating on the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordination Council.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to appoint Clinton Hohenstein and James Phoenix to the two open Washoe County seats on the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC) for a partial two-year term ending on June 30, 2025, pursuant to Assembly Bill 236 (2019) (now codified at NRS 176.014). The Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council advises and assists the Nevada Sentencing Commission in making data-driven policy recommendations to Nevada’s Legislature by providing input on and recommendations regarding various criminal justice issues and matters that are important at the local level. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the appointment of Clinton Hohenstein and James Phoenix to the two open Washoe County seats on the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCC) for a partial two-year term ending on June 30, 2025.”*