

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Chair, Alexis Hill, District 1  
Vice-Chair, Jeanne Herman, District 5  
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Mariluz Garcia, District 3  
Clara Andriola, District 4



### NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

COUNTY MANAGER  
Eric P. Brown

**WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
- 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada 89512

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
Nathan Edwards

**January 21, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

COUNTY CLERK  
Janis Galassini

**NOTE:** Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, removed from the agenda, or moved to the agenda of another later meeting. The Consent section is a single agenda item and is considered as a block and will not be read aloud. Items on this agenda may also be moved to or from the consent section. Items not voted on in the Consent section may also be voted on in a separate block or blocks. Items designated for a specified time will not be heard prior to the stated time but may be heard later. There will be only one period of public comment on any block vote. Any public comment made during that period may pertain to any of the items being voted on in the block, but there will not be separate public comment periods for each item within the block.

**Location.** This meeting will be held at the physical location designated on this agenda, but one or more of the County Commissioners and/or County staff may attend and participate by a remote technology system. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting may do so at the designated physical location or may otherwise participate as stated in the Public Comment section. The Chair or their designee will make reasonable efforts to ensure that members of the public body and members of the public present at the physical location can hear or observe each member attending by remote technology system, and each member of the public body in attendance can participate in the meeting.

**Accessibility.** Washoe County, in compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will make its public meetings digitally, physically, and language accessible to the public. For limited English proficient and hearing-impaired individuals, the Wordly application is available to members of the public attending the meeting in-person. Persons who require special accommodations or assistance in attending this meeting may contact the Office of the County Manager at least two working days before the meeting, if possible, by dialing 311 from any phone or (775) 328-2003.

**Public Transportation.** Public transportation is available to this meeting site. For eligible RTC ACCESS reservations call (775) 348-5438 or visit: <https://www.rtcwashoe.com/public-transportation/>.

**Public Comment.** Public comment is welcomed during public comment periods and is limited to 3 minutes per person per public comment period. Unused time may not be allocated to other speakers. A speaker's viewpoint will not be restricted; however, reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place, and manner of speech. Irrelevant statements, unduly repetitious statements, and personal attacks that would objectively antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited. All comments are to be directed to the Commission as a whole.

During the general public comment periods at the beginning and end of the meeting, speakers may address any matter either on or off the agenda. Items voted on in the Consent section or in a separate block or blocks shall have a single public comment period per block, and public comment will only be heard about the specific items being considered by the Commission in the block. For the remainder of the agenda, during items designated "for possible action" that are considered individually, public comment will only be heard about the specific item being considered by the Commission. Members of the public that wish to share documents or make a brief presentation within their public comment period must provide ten (10) printed copies of each document. Please note that USB drives or any other digital media will not be accepted due to the risk of introducing viruses or malicious code, which could potentially compromise the County's systems.

Members of the public may also submit comments by mail (1001 E. Ninth St., Reno, NV 89512), by eComment at <https://washoe-nv.granicusideas.com/#>. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all such comments received by 4:00 pm one working day prior to the meeting in the record. Mail and eComment will not be read by the Clerk.

Although not required by the Open Meeting Law, in order to accommodate persons residing in populated areas substantially outside the vicinity of the commission chambers, additional public comment may be given by remote technology system on agenda items concerning Districts 1, 5, or "All Commission Districts" (as specified in the subject line of the respective agenda items as "Virtual Public Comment Eligible") from the following locations: Incline Village Library: 845 Alder Ave, Incline Village, NV 89451 and/or Gerlach Community Center: 510 Cottonwood St, Gerlach, NV 89412.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business.** The Board of County Commissioners carries out the business of Washoe County and its residents during its meetings. The presiding officer may order a person be removed if the person's conduct or statements disrupt the order or safety of the meeting. Warnings about disruptive conduct or comments may or may not be given prior to removal.

**Responses to Public Comments.** The Board of County Commissioners may only deliberate or take action on matters that have been properly labeled "for possible action" and listed on a properly noticed Agenda. While the Open Meeting law allows discussion of public comments by members of the Commission, responses to matters not listed on the agenda could become deliberation without notice to the public. To avoid this situation and to ensure the public has proper notice of all matters, members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for staff to provide information, or ask that the matter be listed on a future agenda for consideration.

## Board of County Commissioners Meeting - January 21, 2025

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners has been posted at the following locations: Washoe County Administration Building (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A), Washoe County Courthouse-Second Judicial District Court (75 Court Street), Reno City Hall - Clerk's Office (1 E. 1st Street); Sparks Justice Court (1675 East Prater Way); [www.washoecounty.gov/bcc/board\\_committees/](http://www.washoecounty.gov/bcc/board_committees/) and <https://notice.nv.gov>.

Although no longer required under NRS 241.020, the agenda has been physically posted at the following locations: Washoe County Courthouse-Second Judicial District Court (75 Court Street), Reno City Hall - Clerk's Office (1 E. 1st Street), Sparks Justice Court (1675 East Prater Way).

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) Washoe 311 ([washoe311@washoecounty.gov](mailto:washoe311@washoecounty.gov)), (775) 328-2000 and on Washoe County's website [www.washoecounty.gov/bcc/](http://www.washoecounty.gov/bcc/).

We begin by acknowledging that we gather today on the ancestral homelands of the Waší·šiw (Washoe), Numu (Northern Paiute), Newe (Western Shoshone), Nuwu (Southern Paiute), and Pipa Aha (Mojave), the original caretakers of the land that we now call Nevada. Washoe County, formally named after the Washoe people in 1861, continues to be a gathering place and home for Indigenous Peoples, and we recognize their rich history and deep connections to these lands. May we honor their past, present, and future stewardship by remembering that the health of the land and its people are inextricably linked.

### 10:00 a.m.

1. Salute to the flag.
2. Roll call.
3. Invocation. - Craig Dyson, CONVO Church

4. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three 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 three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole. Virtual Public Comment Eligible when facilities are available.

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5. Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

**6. Proclamations. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- 6.A.1. Proclamation to acknowledge and honor the essential work of homeless services front-line workers. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [1.21.2025 Acknowledging and Honoring the Essential work of Homeless Services Front-Line Workers.docx](#)

**Presentations. (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

7. UNR Extension Meeting, Abbey Pike and Holly Gatzke, to present the Washoe Extension's Annual Impact Report. They will share details of activities in the County relating to the 4H Youth Development, SNAP-Ed, Horticulture, and Living With Fire programs. (All Commission Districts.) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

**Attachments:** [UNR Washoe Report 2023 - 2024 Presentation](#)

8. Presentation regarding Reno Justice Court's Housing Court Program by the Honorable Judge Kendra Bertschy, Reno Justice Court, Jayna Litz, Housing Manager, Housing & Neighborhood Development, City of Reno, & Jeremy Wilson, Assistant Court Administrator, Reno Justice Court. (All Commissions District.) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

**Attachments:** [Housing Court Presentation 1-21-2025 BCC](#)

9. Presentation and update by Dwayne Smith, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects, regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain risk map projects within Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

**10. Consent Items. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

*eComment to be provided here. The Consent section is a single agenda item and is considered as a block. Individual items in the Consent section will not be eComment eligible. When providing eComment, please note the specific item being addressed.*

- 10.A.1 Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting of December 10, 2024. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [2024-12-10 W](#)

- 10.A.2 Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Monthly Statements/Reports and Annual Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [C&R Staff Report 2025-01-21](#)  
[C&R List 2025-01-21](#)

- 10.B.1 Recommendation to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$30,000.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant retroactive to January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. The purpose of this grant agreement is to provide funding for the Air Quality Management Division to purchase and deploy air pollution sensors along the I-80/I-580 interchange to better understand air pollutant trends in disadvantaged communities. Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [01-21-25 BCC Staff Report EPA Air Quality Sensors Grant](#)  
[5U-97T03301-0 Washoe County Award](#)

- 10.C.1 Recommendation to accept the grant award for the Nevada State Opioid Response (SOR) III Project [amount not to exceed \$54,871.00, no County match required] administered through the State of Nevada, Division of Public & Behavioral Health to be used for the continued support of the Opioid Treatment Program within the Washoe County Detention Facility, for the retroactive grant period of September 30, 2024 - September 29, 2025, and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 1-21-25 - Sheriff - DPBH SOR 3 Yr3 Grant \[\\$54,871\]](#)  
[SOR 3 Yr 3 DPBH Subaward SG-2025-00817 -](#)  
[11-27-2024 FE](#)

**End of Consent Items**

11. Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Riverbend Trailhead Project, PWP-WA-2025-024 [staff recommends Frank Lepori Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$403,287.85 (base bid in the amount of \$380,932.85 plus bid alternate 1 in the amount of \$20,000.00 and bid alternate 2 in the amount of \$2,355.00)] and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund in the amount of \$56,000.00, for a total Project cost not to exceed \$459,287.85. The Project is located at 2555 Highway 40 West 13, Verdi, Nevada, and the scope of work includes construction of a new public trailhead and access path. Community Services. (Commission District 1.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 1-21-25 - Staff Report - Riverbend Trailhead](#)  
[BCC 1-21-25 - Exhibit A - Public Works Construction](#)  
[Indemnification and Insurance Specification](#)  
[BCC 1-21-25 - SAM - Frank Lepori Construction exp.](#)  
[12-06-2025](#)  
[BCC 1-21-25 - Construction Agreement](#)

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**Adjournment**



## Board of County Commissioners Meeting - January 21, 2025

Various boards/commissions the Washoe County Commissioners may be a member of or liaison to:

### Chair Hill

Community Homelessness Advisory Board  
Downtown Reno Business Improvement District (alternate)  
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority  
Tahoe Prosperity Center Board of Directors  
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board  
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors  
Tahoe Transportation Commission  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board  
Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association Board  
Truckee River Flood Management Authority  
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee (alternate)  
Washoe County Investment Committee  
Washoe County Legislative Liaison  
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)  
Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) – TMWA Appointed

### Vice-Chair Herman

Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO)  
Nevadaworks  
Regional Transportation Commission (alternate)  
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC)  
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)  
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)  
Vya Conservation District (Diane Stobiecki—alternate)  
Washoe County Debt Management Commission  
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee  
Washoe County Legislative Liaison  
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee  
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel  
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)  
Washoe Storey Conservation District  
Western Nevada Development District (WNDD) (alternate)

Commissioner Clark

Community Homelessness Advisory Board  
EDAWN (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada) (alternate)  
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO) (alternate)  
Regional Transportation Commission (alternate)  
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)  
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)  
Washoe County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee  
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison  
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)  
Washoe Storey Conservation District (alternate)  
Western Nevada Development District (WNDD)

Commissioner Garcia

Community Homelessness Advisory Board (alternate)  
Downtown Reno Business Improvement District  
EDAWN (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada)  
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors (alternate)  
Regional Transportation Commission  
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board (alternate)  
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors (alternate)  
Tahoe Transportation Commission (alternate)  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)  
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)  
Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission (liaison)  
Washoe County Stadium Authority  
Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) – TMWA Appointed

Commissioner Andriola

District Board of Health  
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO)  
Regional Transportation Commission (alternate)  
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board  
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board  
Truckee River Flood Management Authority  
Washoe County Investment Committee  
Washoe County Regional Animal Services  
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison (alternate)  
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee  
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel  
Washoe County Stadium Authority  
Western Regional Water Commission