

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 18, 2024

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Chair*

Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair

Michael Clark, Commissioner

Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner

Clara Andriola, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk

Eric Brown, County Manager

Mary Kandaras, Chief Deputy 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:

24-0363 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Invocation.

Mr. Rob Pierce provided the invocation.

24-0364 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Public Comment.

Mr. Geoffrey Knell introduced himself as the Nevada Director of Mass Resistance, an organization that fought against the LGBTQ+ community. He read from the Bible and discussed communist literature and ideologies.

Ms. Janet Butcher spoke about Agenda Item 8E1. She pointed out that the Library Board of Trustees (LBT) had three members from District 1 and no members from Districts 4 or 5. She requested that the incumbent not be reinstated for the open LBT position. She mentioned Agenda Item 8E2 and wondered why the County needed another tax. She asked for details on costs related to special events hosted at the libraries. She discussed elections and declared she was unable to check online to see if her vote was counted. She remarked that the Registrar of Voters (ROV) Office informed her the website would be updated after the Canvass of the Vote, which she speculated was inconsistent with previous elections. She said that the County spent \$400,000 to improve the election process and opined there had not been an improvement.

Mr. Terry Brooks read an original poem about social interaction helping people adapt to situations of homelessness.

Mr. Roger Edwards mentioned the decommissioned Golden Valley water recharge program. He divulged he had an outstanding bill for the program because he refused to pay for a non-operational service. He spoke about elections and wondered who was responsible for the 24,000 duplicate ballots that were mistakenly mailed out. He alleged the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) was the most powerful governing body in Washoe County and declared election integrity should be its paramount concern.

Chaplain Chaz Blackburn said he served on the command staff for the Great Basin Chaplain Corps (GBCC). He thanked Chaplain Pierce for his invocation. He declared he was the Vice President of the board for the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation (COL). He expressed appreciation for the discretionary funds the Board allocated to the foundation and encouraged continued support. He announced the COL guesthouse had officially opened and was Nevada's first social model hospice guest house. He asserted the program serviced patients of all ages and had a positive impact on their lives. He thanked the Board and the community for its support of the program.

Mr. Bruce Parks provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He thanked Vice Chair Herman for the honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the document he distributed concerned Agenda Item 8E2 and expressed consternation that it was on the Consent Agenda. He asked the Board to pull the item for discussion and opined it contained disingenuous language. He alleged the item was a new tax and should be introduced as such. He thought a library tax was unnecessary and believed the libraries were already adequately funded by the Commission. He suggested the Board consider the potential consequences of the implementation of a new tax during an election year.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He noted his name was spelled incorrectly for the record as he wished to be referred to as Nicolette and asked the Board to address him by his proper pronouns. He read from his distributed document. He asked the District Attorney (DA) to point out where the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) indicated that County Commissioners were exempt from having a bond.

Mr. Troy Regas of the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (NNVCOC) discussed the Reno Toy Run. He recalled that the event began in 1980 when a motorcycle club traveled through Reno and Sparks to distribute toys to children who could not afford them. He remarked that in 1996, his chapter of the Hells Angels took over the event and subleased it to the NNVCOC so all the motorcycle clubs in Northern Nevada could come together to participate in the toy run. He said the first year that the NNVCOC was responsible for the toy run, it raised about \$2,000 and it had grown since. He thought the event was efficient and helped a lot of families.

Mr. Derek Shawk mentioned the Reno Toy Run. He remarked that in 2019, the Reno Toy Run became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. He noted the initial goal for the nonprofit was to donate \$50,000 within five years; however, the target was met in the first year. He reported the second year as a nonprofit, the Reno Toy Run donated \$75,000,

and in 2023, the organization donated over \$120,000. He declared the Reno Toy Run was a volunteer-based program, and any money not put towards expenses was given back to the community. He asserted the organization was the sole reason some families were able to have Christmas presents.

Mr. Dan Lewis thanked Commissioner Clark for inviting the NNVCO to speak during the meeting. Mr. Lewis asserted he was the Treasurer of the NNVCO. He declared that since the Reno Toy Run became a 501(c)(3), it had donated over \$50,000 and benefitted at least 10,000 families in Northern Nevada. He claimed the organization had donated \$355,000 back to the community and read a list of the different organizations the Reno Toy Run had donated to.

Mr. Nick Martin provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He declared government spending was out of control and asserted that at \$1 million per day, it would take 96,000 years to pay off the Country's \$96 trillion debt. He thought political leaders were allowed to stay in office for too long, which allowed them to amass copious amounts of power. He opined power had been taken from the states and vested in the federal government, which could be reversed if states banded together to create a convention of states. He remarked Article 5, Section 2 of the United States (US) Constitution allowed for such a convention if two-thirds of the states joined. He stated the document he submitted was a boilerplate item the Board could send the State Legislature to request Nevada join the convention of states movement.

Ms. Katie Knepper displayed a document that was placed on file with the Clerk. She expressed her appreciation for the security personnel outside the Commission Chambers who helped her husband, who used a mobility scooter. She noted it had been six months since the Board awarded a special use permit (SUP) to Safe Embrace. She claimed that Safe Embrace sued the neighbors for attorney fees, but the case was dismissed by a judge. She alleged Safe Embrace had not made efforts to comply with County code requirements or weekly neighborhood meetings, despite reminders from Commissioner Clark. She pointed out several issues with the property. She speculated the Board approved the SUP because it would have been political suicide to do otherwise.

Ms. Brooke Westlake spoke about Agenda Item 8E1. She remarked that she had served on several government boards that she was appointed to by three different Nevada governors. She requested the Board not reappoint the incumbent and allow a new person to serve on the LBT. She declared there were many people who wanted to serve the community, as made apparent by the last appointment to the LBT, which received over 80 applicants. She appreciated the members who volunteered to serve on the LBT and opined the opportunity should be shared with others in the community.

Ms. Beck Marko said she was a volunteer at the Cold Springs Family Center (CSFC) and thanked the Board for its donation to the CSFC's senior outreach program.

Ms. Joni Hammond expressed opposition to any tax dollars being spent on Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH), Rainbow Fest, or any other special interest groups. She

remarked that on June 15, 2024, the North Valleys Public Library was only accessible for the scheduled Rainbow Fest event. She said it was advertised that no County money was used for the event, which she alleged was untrue because there were County employees and extra security present. She wondered why such events could not be held at private locations rather than public libraries. She mentioned she was a poll worker and reported that numerous people came in with ballots for deceased spouses, duplicate ballots, and ballots addressed to people who did not live in their households. She asked the Board to clean the voter rolls.

Mr. Matthew Wilkie expressed support for the donation to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). He pointed out there was only one week left in the second fiscal quarter and recalled a Commissioner's request for quarterly progress updates after approving the urban camping ordinance. He hoped an update would be placed on the next BCC agenda.

***10:44 a.m. Chair Hill arrived at the meeting and assumed the gavel.**

Mr. Cliff Nellis read from a document he distributed to the Board that was placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett displayed a document that was placed on file with the Clerk. She requested Agenda Item 8E1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. She spoke about an email she sent to Board members with information about Mr. Al Rogers's initial appointment to the LBT. She discussed elections and alleged the chain of custody was broken when poll workers dropped off the ballots to the County. She declared the ballots were not removed from the transportation bags and counted in front of poll workers, and certain forms were not filled out completely. She alleged the voting machines at the North Valleys Library were hooked up to Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi). She remarked that County Manager Eric Brown was at the polling location with his laptop to inquire about the number of ballots received, and she wondered why he needed that information. She reported that patrons of a recent DQSH event at the North Valleys Library were locked inside for the duration of the event. She said the fire department was called and deemed it was safe because someone was stationed at the front doors. She stated her granddaughter and another child were unlawfully denied exit from the building because there was not an adult to go outside with them even though their grandfather was outside waiting for them.

Mr. Jake Maynard discussed the Community Assistance Center (CAC) building on Record Street. He stated the City of Reno's 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) did not mention the CAC. He recalled the City's 2020 AAP indicated it planned to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds toward the CAC. He asked the County to revive the building and its services. He stated the facility was built specifically to support the unhoused community and opined it had great potential. He declared the Cares Campus could not support the growing unhoused population on its own.

Ms. Lily Baran spoke about the CAC. She pointed out that the facility was supposed to reopen after COVID-19 (C19). She noted the building had a known roof leak

that was not addressed. She said the Reno City Manager released a memo in September of 2023, that indicated it would cost \$2.75 million to repair the CAC. She stated more recent reports estimated closer to \$10 million to fix the structure. She displayed photos of the CAC that were placed on file with the Clerk. She noted the facility had medical stations and staff prior to its closure. She did not think the building was irreparable. She asserted the other shelters in the community were regularly at capacity and opined the CAC could be an asset to people in need of permanent supportive housing and wraparound services.

Ms. Lillian Henry of the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association (VRWPA) thanked the Board for its consideration of a donation to the organization. She said the VRWPA worked to control birth rates of local wildlife and performed range clean-up. She remarked the organization would put the donation funds to good use.

10:57 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:10 a.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

24-0365 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown reminded that the Canvass of the Vote would occur on Friday, June 21, 2024, in the Commission Chambers at 10:00 a.m. He asked that Items 13 and 20 be pulled from the Agenda.

Commissioner Garcia wished everyone a happy Father's Day. She announced that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) offered a program from June 8 through August 11 for anyone 17 years old and younger to ride the bus for free. She noted children aged six and younger must be accompanied by an adult. She spoke about the RTC Ed-Pass, which allowed college students and faculty to ride certain routes for free if they provided identification from their university.

Commissioner Clark provided a list and brief descriptions of the organizations to which he intended to donate discretionary funds. He spoke about elections and disclosed that he received a ballot from an individual who no longer lived at his address; however, he did not receive his own ballot. He wondered if there was any language in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) that limited the number of people who could be registered to vote in each household. He discussed methods in which people could commit voter fraud. He expressed consternation that the sample ballots were printed with all the candidates for all districts because he thought it could be confusing to voters. He reported there were 25,000 ballots returned to the Registrar of Voters (ROV) because the addressee no longer lived at the address the ballot was sent to. He inquired about the cost of mailing 25,000 sample and mail-in ballots. He recalled in previous election years, the ROV provided periodic updates on the vote tallies, and he wondered why that had not happened for the most recent election. He asked how the Board could canvass the vote when there had been so many problems. He referred to Mr. Roger Edwards's public comment and wondered when the County would stop billing for a decommissioned program.

24-0366 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation by Commissioner Support on a wrap-up of the 2023-2024 Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) and the WCLA Class of 2024 participants on their class project, which focuses on increasing and retaining foster care families through business resource recruitment. (All Commission Districts.)

Washoe County Manager's Office (WCMO) Community Outreach Coordinators Candee Ramos and Alexandra Wilson conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County Leadership Academy; Mission; About; Year 2 Results; A Look Ahead (Year 3); Applications are now open through June 21; Foster Connect; Did you know...; Challenges of Fostering; WCLA, in partnership with Have a Heart Washoe, Our Vision; Our Mission; Making a Difference; Engaging Business Partners; Outreach Card; Business Welcome Kit; Educating Foster Families; Foster Family Outreach; Project Launch Event; Media Coverage; Foster Connect Update; Project Sustainability; Measurement & Evaluation; Washoe County Leadership Academy 2024 Team Members; Thank You!

Ms. Ramos provided an update on the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA). She acknowledged that she and Ms. Wilson were part of the Commissioner Support Team that facilitated the WCLA, which she advised was in its third year. She noted that the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Community Development Specialist Dr. Marlene Rebori and WCMO Office Supervisor Marc De La Torre helped create the program. Ms. Ramos reviewed the WCLA's mission and the importance of the relationships that were built among the participants, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), County staff, and the community. She relayed that the program strove to instill trust in local government by inviting citizens to learn about processes that took place behind the scenes. She said applications were open until Friday, June 20, 2024, and encouraged anyone who was interested in participating to apply. She reported that the first two years of the program produced 47 graduates, which contributed to a pipeline of people who wanted to become more engaged. She informed that 15 WCLA graduates had applied to various boards and committees over the past two years, six of whom were appointed. She shared there were three new County hires from the pool of WCLA graduates.

Ms. Ramos reviewed the projects designed by each WCLA class, which were the Master Gardener program at Rancho San Rafael, an art program at Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center (JEJC), and the Foster Connect program for the Human Services Agency (HSA). She divulged that the WCLA was offered without cost for selected non-employee residents of Washoe County. She remarked they had participants from as far away as Gerlach and Incline Village. She hoped for a lot of interest and participation in the fourth year of the program.

Ms. Wilson spoke about the successful results from the second year of the program, which resulted in new hires for the County, participation in boards and committees, and overall confidence in the expectations of the program. She reported that UNR Extended Studies facilitated a survey of all participants after every session and at the end of the entire program. She said 96 percent of all participants evaluated scored the

WCLA as having either exceeded or greatly exceeded their expectations. The remaining four percent responded that the WCLA matched their expectations. She highlighted that 100 percent of graduates expected to increase their involvement in the community as a result of participating in the WCLA. She described a partnership with Western Industrial Nevada (WIN) that was initiated based on survey responses. She informed the purpose of the WIN partnership was to provide additional networking opportunities with individuals throughout the community and elevate leadership skills training.

Ms. Wilson mentioned the program was comprised of nine days throughout 2024 and 2025, during which participants were scheduled to visit locations across the County and learn about that area. She said each day highlighted aspects of Washoe County government and helped situate how Washoe County fit in with other government entities and local jurisdictions. She added that opportunities for leadership skills training were provided through the UNR Cooperative Extension at multiple points during the WCLA program. She advised most of the work on the required class project was done after hours and was intended to be something that would give back to the community. Ms. Wilson mentioned the replication of the WCLA in other communities, which she thought pointed to the success of the program. She mentioned the County planned a Washoe Tahoe Academy for Incline Village and Crystal Bay residents. She said there was interest from Fernley, Nevada, and Papua New Guinea in replicating the County's program. Ms. Wilson introduced two graduating members of the 2024 WCLA cohort, Ms. Allison Anderson and Mr. Bruce O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien remarked that Washoe County has an average of 600 foster children and receives over 6,000 calls in an average year from Child Protective Services (CPS). He reported that foster children spend an average of 650 days in foster care and that the average age of children looking for adoptive homes is 12. He deemed there was a need to respond to those numbers and increase the number of foster families in the County.

Ms. Anderson spoke about the challenges of fostering and introduced the Foster Connect initiative of the 2024 WCLA class. She conveyed that Foster Connect was designed in partnership with Have a Heart Washoe to offset some challenges experienced by families who chose to foster children. She said the program was live, and more information could be found on the Have a Heart website. She described the vision and mission of Foster Connect as detailed in the PowerPoint slides accompanying the presentation.

Mr. O'Brien highlighted the project's focus on the basic needs of every family. He summarized how Foster Connect sought out business partnerships that could provide resources to help foster families meet those needs. He discussed the simple recruitment and application process for participating businesses. He communicated that after the signup process was complete, the business received a welcome kit with information. He reported that benefit information was then added to the Have a Heart website to keep foster families apprised of services being offered. He said the WCLA class members used a two-sided outreach card. He informed that one side contained information

to recruit businesses for participation in the Foster Connect program, and the other side was designed to help recruit foster families and mentors.

Ms. Anderson described the contents of the Business Welcome Kit, which she disclosed were designed to drive traffic to the Have a Heart Washoe website. She hoped the increased visibility of the need for foster families would positively impact the decisions of people interested in fostering, as well as create more community among individuals and families who were already fostering. She said the 2024 WCLA graduates were working with HSA on their new application (app), which would provide a centralized platform to educate foster families about the Foster Connect program, update available discounts, and create opportunities for a community of foster families who accessed offers and services. She predicted utilizing the app to evaluate and expand the program. She provided examples of companies and businesses that had already signed on as program partners.

Mr. O'Brien described that in conjunction with National Foster Families Month in May, the WCLA kicked off the Foster Connect program at Foster Families Night at a Reno Aces game. He said the Reno Aces donated 40 tickets to foster families and invited a foster child to commemorate the occasion by throwing the first pitch of the game. He noted that HSA staffed a table at the game to spread the word about the Foster Connect program and support the recruitment of foster families. He thanked the Reno Aces for their participation. He informed that the launch of the Foster Connect program was featured on all local news stations. He said over 100 local businesses were contacted about joining the program, and the 2024 WCLA graduates were excited about the receptivity and discounts offered by all the businesses they approached.

Ms. Anderson said the business partners were key to making the program a success, but ultimately the goal was to recruit and retain foster families. She reported the intent was to make the program sustainable for HSA so it could grow to fit the needs of HSA and the foster family program. She advised the program was developed in a way that would not require many resources for continued growth. She spoke about the program's evaluation tools, including website traffic and the number of families joining the program and participating.

Mr. O'Brien said the project would not have been possible without help from County staff, and he thanked everyone for their work on the project. He mentioned he had some extra recruitment cards for Commissioners to share with businesses they frequented who they thought may be good partners.

Chair Hill applauded the WCLA's efforts on their community service project. She thought the efforts helped recruit new families and made community members realize that everyone was responsible for supporting foster families.

Commissioner Garcia commended the work on the project and observed the high need in the area for foster families. She praised the efforts of the WCMO in creating the WCLA. She offered to provide support to the WCLA in any areas that proved more difficult, especially business recruitment. Mr. O'Brien said all the businesses had been very

receptive to supporting the program, but he acknowledged it took follow-up to get people to complete the signup process. Commissioner Garcia noted the website and Business Welcome Kit materials were all beautiful and asked if the County was taking over all the materials moving forward. Mr. O'Brien affirmed that HSA was taking all of that over and thanked them for their support of the program.

Commissioner Andriola stated that she was aware of the crisis in finding foster families in the County but did not think most people understood the extremity of the situation. She noted the problem existed in other counties as well. She thought the discounts were a helpful motivator to amplify the broader awareness campaign. She wondered if the WCLA had reached out to the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) and suggested they could be an excellent resource for developing additional partnerships. She said there were many organizations that supported foster children and highlighted the unique opportunity created by the WCLA. She thanked the 2024 WCLA class for putting all their talent and brainpower together to create an impactful, sustainable community service project.

Commissioner Clark affirmed the importance of supporting foster children, whom he theorized were a truly vulnerable population. He thanked the WCLA for their good work.

Chair Hill thought the County was lucky to have deeply passionate community members who were willing to give up their time to serve. She commended the WCMO staff for their creation and support of the WCLA, and the staff of other County departments for their participation in the WCLA program.

DONATIONS

- 24-0367** **7A1** Recommendation to accept monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$39,119.64] and donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$7,085.70], and recognize numerous citizens who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$1,069.62] (see attached donor lists) to Washoe County Regional Animal Services retroactive for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0368** **7B1** Recommendation to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Sun Valley General Improvement District to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be used for the removal of abandoned vehicles within the Sun Valley area. Sheriff. (Commission District 2.)

Commissioner Garcia stated that vehicle abandonment, illegal dumping, and graffiti occurred in many County neighborhoods, especially in Sun Valley. She was pleased with the donation in Agenda Item 7B1 and appreciated the strong partnership between the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7A1 through 7B1 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 5A1 THROUGH 5F1 EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEMS 5C1 AND 5D3 HEARD SEPARATELY

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8K1

- 24-0369** **8A1** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Communications, Monthly Statements/Reports, and Annual Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0370** **8B1** Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Deployment of the RTC ITS Strategic Master Plan between the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC), the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County, to collaborate on the deployment recommendations contained within RTC's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Master Plan. The ITS program and strategic master planning is a regional effort to identify and enhance the safe and efficient planning of projects to support safe traffic movements in Washoe County and across individual jurisdictions. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0371** **8C1** Recommendation to accept additional funds for existing National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$136,507.00, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the NCA to fund chapter activities including professional services, supplies, registrations, dues, and travel; extend the award period through to December 31, 2024; and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

24-0372

8F1 Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$77,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised; and a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging-- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting the foundations programs; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of providing affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all; and a [\$3,000.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support scholarship program for children in the community; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic

Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the We the People: Civil and Constitution program to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Guitars for Vets, a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the music therapy program for veterans; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Veteran's Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency - a government entity -- to support the Sparks Senior Center water filling station; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 2.)

- 24-0373** **8G1** Recommendation to accept a grant award amendment increasing the funding by [\$36,302] for personnel and toxicology expenses to a new total award amount of \$141,060 [with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program (which supports the state in getting high quality, comprehensive and timelier data on opioid prescribing and mortality, and to use those data to inform the state's prevention and interventions efforts), retroactive from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award amendment, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0374** **8H1** Recommendation to approve the reclassification of a Justice Court Division Supervisor position, pay grade J160, and a Court Clerk position, pay grade J140, to two Court Clerk Lead positions, pay grade J150 effective 07/01/24; increase overtime budget (GL #701300) by \$15,747; and authorize Human Resources, the Comptroller's Office, and Budget to make the necessary changes [Net Fiscal Impact \$0]. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0375** **8I1** Status Report of Commissary Fund set up per NRS 211.360 to be utilized for the welfare and benefit of the inmates for items such as counseling, chaplaincy services, vocational training, and certifications programs for inmates in the jail, submitted by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Commissary Committee for First Quarter for Fiscal Year 2024. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0376** **8J1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending May 31, 2024, of payment of refunds and interest since last update

in the amount of \$2,808.73 on certain property tax overpayments for residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

24-0377 **8K1** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed Employment Agreement in effect as of September 11, 2023 between the Truckee River Flood Management Authority, Washoe County, and Debra Crowley to perform services as the TRFMA Chief Financial Officer for a salary amount of \$139,505.60, not including benefits; and to direct Washoe County Human Resources to create the new pay grade; the new classification of Chief Financial Officer (TRFMA); and to delimit the classification of Sr. Financial Analyst (TRFMA) retroactively to implement the terms of the agreement. TRFMA. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Marc Picker thanked Commissioner Clark for his grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement. He stated that the center ran the program called We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Program (We the People), as well as National History Day for elementary, middle, and high school students. He reported that teachers throughout Nevada, Utah, and Idaho were currently at an event in Carson City to learn how to teach the We the People program curriculum. The program taught fifth-grade students, seventh-grade students, and high-school students how to be more thoughtful and engaged citizens, as well as how to participate more fully in the Country's future. He pointed out that Chair Hill was an alumna of We the People, which demonstrated the program's importance as it encouraged people to become involved. He announced he was the Northern Nevada Chair of the State Board for Jewish Nevada, and he thanked Commissioner Clark for the grant to that organization. He explained that all monies received in Northern Nevada for Jewish Nevada stayed in the region, even though it was a statewide organization. He noted that Mitzvah Day occurred the prior month, which involved the performance of good deeds for others. It included park cleanups and community projects like assembling sanitary health packets for the Women and Children's Center of the Sierras (WACCS) and collecting diapers for Baby's Bounty. He commented that Jewish Nevada supported other outreach programs such as the Northern Nevada Jewish Film Festival, the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Sierra Senior Services, PBS Reno, and the Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. He said Jewish Nevada's signature event, a cultural festival called Milk and Honey, would occur on September 15 at the McKinley Arts and Culture Center. It would be the event's fourth year. He encouraged the Board to attend and mentioned there would be food, music, and art. He stated it was a celebration of Jewish culture and an educational program that fostered a deeper understanding of the Jewish religion and its people.

Mr. Blake Vander Well announced he was the Executive Director of Senior ResQ, and he thanked Commissioner Clark for his grant to the organization. He explained Senior ResQ was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provided rental assistance to Washoe County seniors and senior veterans who experienced rent increases within the previous 12 months. Senior ResQ assisted for up to 12 months when the seniors still resided at the residence where the rent increase occurred. During that timeframe, Senior ResQ provided referrals to services such as the Opportunity Alliance, Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN Inc.) for seniors who wished to reenter the workforce, Washoe County services, Catholic charities, AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons), and others to provide sustainable solutions. He remarked that the 12-month timeline provided seniors sufficient time to find more affordable housing if they chose to. He said seniors and senior veterans faced a difficult time in Washoe County with rising rents, and they needed to know that organizations like Senior ResQ existed to help. He stated Senior ResQ assisted individuals who made 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) or less for a one-person household. He opined many seniors were unaware they made less than that amount. A majority of Senior ResQ's current clients were at 50 percent AMI and below, which was \$35,450 per year for a one-person household. He posited programs like Senior ResQ had to become more sustainable in the region, as they were extremely valuable to seniors. He declared that even \$40 per month could change a senior's life. Senior ResQ could not help seniors alone; it would take participation from the entire community. He encouraged each Commissioner to consider supporting Senior ResQ with their discretionary funds. He thanked Senior ResQ's board members and Mr. Mark Campbell of Southwestern Investment Group.

Ms. Michelle Hoehn announced she was with the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program (MAP) Emergency Food Pantry. She mentioned that Northern Nevada MAP was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the Northern Nevada Central Labor Council (NNCLC). She thanked Commissioner Clark for his donation and Chair Hill for her support. She stated the most basic way to begin work in public service was to serve the public's basic need for food, as food insecurity was unfortunately present in the community. She said the Emergency Food Pantry had no eligibility or identification requirements. All that was needed to enter the pantry was a name, birthdate, and Washoe County address. She commented that the gratitude expressed by people who accessed the services was unexplainable. She shared a story about a woman who came to the food pantry after she left an abusive relationship and was extremely grateful for the ability to pick any items she desired to cook for her children. With the support of the Board, various individuals, and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the organization distributed 101,513 pounds of food to 4,638 households since it opened in August.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1, with the exclusion of Agenda Items 8D1, 8E1, and 8E2, be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1, with the exclusion of Agenda Items 8D1, 8E1, and 8E2, are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0378 **8D1** Request for Board of County Commissioner approval for changes made to the Washoe County Audit Committee's charter pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.545(6). Changes made to match updates to Washoe County Code. Changes include: removing the term limit for the Board of County Commissioner representative for the Audit Committee; explaining the role of the alternate member from the Board of County Commissioners; updating requirements for public members to serve; adding a provision that current Washoe County employees may not serve as public members; adding role of a vice chair; changing reviews of charter and Washoe County Code to biannual instead of periodic; adding the Chief Financial Officer as a participant; and adding professional standard that the Audit Committee complies with. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Scott Finley read from a document, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk.

Vice Chair Herman desired to postpone the agenda item until the Board discussed it with the Audit Committee.

Chair Hill believed the Board previously approved the code and asked Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras for clarification. CDDA Kandaras advised that the Board already accepted the amendments to the Audit Committee code. She referred to the agenda item as a more specific document that would be incorporated into the code. She advised that the topic could be considered separately. Chair Hill confirmed that Vice Chair Herman wished to bring the agenda item back to the Audit Committee.

Commissioner Andriola mentioned that she was unable to find the length of the term the Chair of the Audit Committee served within the agenda item.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8D1 be continued.

24-0379 **8E1** Recommendation to reappoint Al Rogers as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until a successor Trustee is appointed. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed. She clarified that Agenda Items 8E1 and 8E2 would be heard separately.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Geoffrey Knell stated he belonged to Mass Resistance, an organization that fought against the LGBTQ+ community. He claimed Mr. Al Rogers desired to follow a Communist agenda and had strongly recommended

Library Director Jeff Scott. Mr. Knell remarked that he lived in Nevada and participated in activities that fought against Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) events. He inquired about preaching the Bible in libraries and was told he could not. He declared that the agenda item was a political move, and he encouraged the Board to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment. He suggested the Board appoint an individual who did not follow a political ideology or philosophy, as he felt it was not appropriate in a library setting. He said he was responsible for preventing DQSH from occurring in his home county of Churchill County due to its political nature. He read a quote from the book *The Naked Communist* by W. Cleon Skousen. He thought Mr. Rogers did not take steps to ensure children and community members were properly considered, and he declared that Mr. Rogers did not respond to emails or calls.

Ms. Joni Hammond requested that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) examine representation on the Library Board of Trustees (LBT). She said she lived in District 4, which was not represented on the LBT. She asked the BCC to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment and to consider other applicants. She read from the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 379.022(1). She stated that NRS implied equal representation from each District was desired. She implored the Board to review the existing applicant list and select a candidate from District 4.

Mr. Cliff Nellis thanked Commissioner Andriola for pulling the agenda item for discussion. He said he previously commented that Mr. Scott was accused of burning books in California. Chair Hill advised that personal attacks were not acceptable. Mr. Nellis opined that certain LBT appointees had various political agendas and that libraries did not have proper representation within the County. He declared that libraries contained hostile environments and were not equal. He stated there were many qualified LBT candidates. He believed someone with a passion for books and learning should be appointed.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett thanked Commissioner Andriola for pulling the agenda item for discussion. She read texts between Mr. Rogers and Chair Hill from April 2023, claiming collusion had taken place. She also read an email between Mr. Scott and Mr. Rogers and said she believed Mr. Rogers should be required to reapply for the LBT.

Mr. Alan Munson thought it was important that the Board did not reappoint Mr. Rogers to the LBT, and he urged that a District 4 candidate be selected. He spoke about Mr. Roger Edwards from District 5, who he believed would reflect the concerns of certain citizens. He said he spoke to many of his neighbors who could not attend BCC meetings, and he stated there was prevalent concern about DQSH in libraries. He asserted that the Bible spoke about loving people and understanding sin. He thought DQSH supported sin and did not want his tax dollars spent on the event.

Vice Chair Herman wanted other community members to be able to apply for the LBT position. She questioned the appointment process, specifically why there was an agenda item for a reappointment instead of opening the position for new applicants.

Chair Hill clarified that the policy stated a singular candidate was considered for reappointment, and the Board could decide not to reappoint the candidate.

Vice Chair Herman moved that Mr. Rogers's reappointment be denied.

Commissioner Andriola stated it was standard practice to consider a reappointment, and if the reappointment was denied, other applicants were considered. She noted that she pulled the agenda item for multiple reasons. She observed there were four members on the LBT from District 1 and one from District 3. She remarked that her previous nominations consisted of eligible applicants from District 4. She did not think consideration of a candidate's District should be prioritized above eligibility, qualifications, and LBT balance. She said NRS granted the Board authority to appoint trustees and establish representation for the County, a premise on which she pulled the agenda item for discussion. She thought previous applicants and new applicants, including Mr. Rogers, should be considered. She stated collusion was a very serious implication and she asserted that the BCC did not hold separate meetings or participate in walking quorums. She added that those actions were illegal and that every Commissioner took responsibility for properly representing each item. She pointed out that regarding LBT and other board appointments, the Board examined the makeup of the board, reviewed candidate requirements, and considered who the most qualified applicant was.

Commissioner Andriola seconded Vice Chair Herman's motion.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras advised that the only consideration before the Board was Mr. Rogers's reappointment. She stated if the reappointment did not occur, County staff would follow the standard process of opening the position for applications and then return it to the Board.

Chair Hill announced she would not support Vice Chair Herman's motion to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment because she felt consistency on the LBT was crucial and Mr. Rogers possessed familiarity with the Washoe County system. She clarified that she would give an opportunity to anyone who reached out to her for an LBT appointment. She consistently advised interested individuals to reach out to the Commissioners. She stated everyone in the County needed to be treated equally, and she did her best to honor that.

Commissioner Clark said he supported Vice Chair Herman's and Commissioner Andriola's positions. He was a long-time advocate of fresh ideas and new people. He thanked Mr. Rogers for his work and stated it was appropriate for the County to open the position up to new applicants.

Commissioner Garcia thanked Mr. Rogers for his service and declared it was a difficult time to be on the LBT. She thought he was extremely qualified and had proven himself to be well-rounded. She was disheartened that people who often spoke about LBT appointments claimed they did not want it to be a political or polarizing issue, but that was exactly what it became. She mentioned an agenda item from the previous year

to retroactively approve a simple library expenditure. She said the agenda item turned into a two-hour ordeal filled with hate speech. She stated that public comment became lopsided, and she did not think it accurately reflected what the entire community stood for. She believed the library system operated beautifully and provided inclusivity for many populations, so it was unfortunate that it was attacked and misrepresented in Chambers. She was saddened by the comments she heard year after year. She posited there would be more awareness of ethnically and racially diverse candidates if representation was truly the issue, but the issue was the polarization of the library system.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Chair Hill and Commissioner Garcia voting no, it was ordered that Mr. Al Rogers not be reappointed as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees.

24-0380 **8E2** Discussion and possible adoption of resolution R24-62 designated as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution", and thereby approve the submittal of a question to the registered voters of Washoe County at the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, concerning the imposition and effective date of a renewal of certain taxes for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for Washoe County. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Andriola believed clarification on the agenda item was necessary because a misunderstanding had occurred. She asked Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras if the agenda item asked the Board to approve a tax or to approve a procedure. She indicated that Washoe County voters would make a determination at the general election on November 5. CDDA Kandaras specified that if the agenda item was approved, it would enact a resolution that allowed a submittal of a question to registered voters regarding a tax for the library system, which she believed was 2 percent of every \$100 of assessed value. The Board could approve the resolution pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 295, which would place the question on the ballot to be decided by voters at the general election. Commissioner Andriola supported the agenda item. She thought registered voters should decide on the tax.

Vice Chair Herman said she would not support the agenda item.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Cliff Nellis declared that he did not support the agenda item and asked the Board to vote against it. He stated that property taxes were intended to pay for libraries, and he questioned why more taxes were needed. He suggested that charities be required to raise matching funds if they received Board donations in the future. He believed charities should acquire their funds from community members because that was how people voted, and he asserted that charities should not solely receive money from the Board. He stated people were overtaxed and that the federal government overspent. He posited the voting system was not honest, and he speculated the agenda item would be approved if put on the ballot.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Vice Chair Herman and Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8E2 be adopted and approved.

BLOCK VOTE – 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, AND 24

24-0381 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the annual report of the Assessor’s Technology Fund (IN20280), a fund created by NRS 250.085 and Washoe County Ordinance 1300 for the acquisition and improvement of technology in the Assessor’s Office, which has projected expenditures in Fiscal Year 2025 of \$3,475,000. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be acknowledged.

24-0382 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2023/2024, 2022/2023, 2021/2022 and 2020/2021 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 \$763,837]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved, authorized, and directed.

24-0383 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve an increase in project reimbursement costs to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), in the amount of \$164,243.00 [total reimbursement amount of \$354,243.00], for construction and project management cost overruns associated with certain completed capital improvements associated with the Kietzke Lane and Morrill Street tetrachloroethene (PCE) remediation facilities, pursuant to the Washoe County, Nevada, District Number 24 Groundwater Remediation Agreement for Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of Certain Remediation Facilities and for Reimbursement of Certain Expenses between Washoe County and the TMWA. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved.

24-0384 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Regional Public Safety Training Center Heating Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) Upgrade Project, PWP-WA-2024-085 [staff recommends Mt. Rose Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$491,500.00 plus bid alternate 2 in the amount of \$54,900.00 for a total amount of \$546,400.00]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$31,317.00] for a total project cost not to exceed \$577,717.00. The Project is located at 5190 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, and the scope of work is to replace 27 rooftop heating and air conditioning units. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be awarded and approved.

24-0385 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Savini Group, PLLC, to provide construction management services during construction of the South Truckee Meadows Steamboat Lift Station and Force Main Project, within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [in the amount of \$558,420.00 plus \$10,000.00 in project contingency] effective July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. The scope of work includes construction field inspections, preparing daily inspector reports, directing special inspection field activities and reviewing contractor pay applications for the Project. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

24-0386 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., to provide professional engineering services during construction of the South Truckee Meadows Steamboat Lift Station

and Force Main Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [in the amount of \$690,674.00 plus \$50,000.00 in project contingency], effective July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. The scope of work allows for the necessary engineering submittal review, requests for information, change order review, work change directives, factory test witnessing and cultural resource monitoring for the Project. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved.

24-0387 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Information and acknowledgement of receipt by the Board of County Commissioners of contracts and purchases that have exceeded or are expected to exceed [\$300,000.00] that may include services and supplies for all County departments. Pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.490, the purchasing and contracts manager is authorized, subject to the provisions of Washoe County Code and the applicable provision of state law, to approve purchases and contracts up to [\$300,000]. As a matter of best practices, the purchasing and contracts manager will keep the Board of County Commissioners informed of all contracts and purchases for all county departments that have been previously approved that have exceeded or are expected to exceed the threshold amount. A full list of specific contracts, vendors, and amounts is viewable in the staff report. The aggregate amount of known expenditures under these contracts to date is \$1,457,802.32. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be acknowledged.

24-0388 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to approve Resolution 24-61 to augment the Risk Management Fund in the amount of [\$500,000] to increase fiscal year 2024 budget authority for workers' compensation claim expenses due to an increase in the volume of claims and costs of claims, that include, but are not limited to, employee on the job injuries; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved and directed. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Agenda Item 18 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0389 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Recommendation to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [\$397,000] to 1. Increase expenditure authority for pooled drug screener positions [\$180,000]; and for professional services for electronic monitoring [\$106,000]; and for various operating expenditures [\$86,000] needed to support the Department of Alternative Sentencing and 2. Increase expenditures authority for professional services for the District Attorney's Office for activity related to all legally viable claims to obtain declaratory, mandamus, and/or injunctive relief in federal court against the United States Postal Service and its representatives [\$25,000] for unbudgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005 and; if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers [Total fiscal year 2024 impact \$397,000; net fiscal impact \$-0-]. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved and directed.

24-0390 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Recommendation to (1) accept subaward funding in the amount of [\$2,488,421.00] from the State of Nevada intended to support the transfer, staffing, and ongoing operational costs of transferring the northern Nevada unit of the Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program from the State of Nevada to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) effective July 01, 2024 including all necessary fiscal and program operating authority, (2) authorize the creation of up to 18 new 1.0 FTE positions in County job classifications as approved by the Washoe County Job Evaluation Committee and in accordance with accepting the subaward effective July 01, 2024; all 18 new positions created are 100% funded by the MCRT grant award, and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured, (3) authorize staff to fill the 18 FTE positions via any combination of the standard merit selection process and/or the acceptance of existing MCRT staff from the State of Nevada under the terms described herein effective July 15, 2024, and (4) authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents, direct the Comptroller's Office to make all necessary budget adjustments, and direct the Human Resources

Department to make all necessary staffing adjustments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 21 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

24-0391 **AGENDA ITEM 22** Recommendation to approve Amendment #2 between Washoe County and Northern Nevada Legal Aid (previously Washoe Legal Services) to provide for the legal representation of children in the Child Protective Services system and minors and adults under proposed or full guardianships, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 [not to exceed \$1,676,000 per fiscal year]. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 22 be approved.

24-0392 **AGENDA ITEM 23** Recommendation to approve payment for the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025) renewal of the Aumentum Technologies/Manatron Service Level Agreement ("SLA") for Maintenance and Support Services, in the amount of [\$357,832], for the Treasurer's Tax System software maintenance and support. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 23 be approved.

24-0393 **AGENDA ITEM 24** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on March 21, 2024, and May 16, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$2,754,814.21] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 24 be approved.

24-0394 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County 2024 Manhole Rehabilitation, PWP-WA-2024-296, [staff recommends SoCal Pacific Construction doing business as National Coating & Lining Company, in the amount of \$577,938.00]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the total construction cost not to exceed \$652,938.00]. The scope of the project is to repair and rehabilitate 88 existing sanitary sewer manholes at various location in the South Truckee Meadows and Unincorporated Spanish Springs area of Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 2 and 4.)

This item was pulled.

24-0395 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Recommendation to award Request For Proposal (RFP) 3239-24 for the Programs Facility Operator at the Kids Kottage Campus to the only responsive and responsible bidder, Adams and Associates, Inc. (formerly Core Dynamics, LLC), for the term of 12 (twelve) months commencing July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed [\$4,375,000], with the provision for up to four (4), one (1) year renewals; and if approved authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

This item was pulled.

12:40 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

1:30 p.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

24-0396 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040, the appointment of one (1) applicant to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large South of the Truckee River (generally includes all areas of unincorporated Washoe County south of the Truckee River and includes Incline Village and Crystal Bay); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as the member no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Eligible applicants include: James I. Barnes, Philip C. Gilanfar, Thomas Keiffer, Arthur O'Connor, and

Robert D. Parker. Community Services. (Commission Districts 1, 2, 4, & 5.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Thomas Keiffer discussed his background and experience, which he believed qualified him for appointment to the Planning Commission (PC). He shared that he truly cared about the Washoe County community. He moved to the region four years prior, and he loved the community, people, land, resources, and governance, which he thought all worked very well. He wanted to give back to the community and stated he served on the Board of Directors for the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA). The community's layout and planning inspired him to join the HOA board because it was an excellent example of responsible real estate development. He noted that he had a young family, and he wanted to develop the County in a safe, smart, and responsible manner for future generations. He believed his experience as a real estate developer differentiated him from other candidates because he could understand and assess the desires, needs, and interests of applicants who came before the PC. He said he would be able to decipher when interests aligned with the County's interests and when they did not. He noted his experience in all stages of real estate development including design, planning, tentative and final maps, construction, leasing, and operations. He mentioned he had good relations with many agencies in Washoe County and the State that he wanted to use for the County's benefit.

Mr. James Barnes distributed a document, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He stated he worked with the PC for about 30 years, first as an attorney for 7 years and then as a Planning Commissioner for 8 years. He shared that he worked on the Envision Washoe 2040 project after he left the PC four years prior. He believed the role of a Planning Commissioner was to be fair and balanced and to properly consider every interest. He declared that he learned a lot in the 30 years he worked with the PC and had worked well with County staff. He brought up his long history with various leaders of the Planning and Building Division (PBD).

Mr. Art O'Connor stated he had been a Washoe County resident since 1971 and was a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor. He previously served on a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) for two terms, the limit allowed at that time. He discussed his familiarity with the entire Washoe County Development Code (WCDC). He desired to serve on the PC because he wanted to help the County. He noted his service on the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He believed he could help the County with his knowledge of the planning process and ability to analyze projects with respect to the WCDC.

Community Outreach Coordinator Alexandra Wilson advised the Commissioners to select their top candidate on the ballot distributed by the Clerk. She mentioned that up to three additional rounds could be completed in the event of a tie.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that James Barnes be appointed to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large South of the Truckee

River to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as the member no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

24-0397 **AGENDA ITEM 25** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 approving a development agreement between Washoe County and Mesa View Reno, LLC, for Sun Mesa, a residential subdivision (Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. WTM04-001). The purpose of the development agreement is to extend the deadline for recording the next final map from April 28, 2024, to April 28, 2025, and to adopt amended conditions of approval (WAC24-0005). The project is located along the eastern terminus of Sun Valley Drive and Rising Ridge Drive in Sun Valley. The project encompasses a total of approximately 70.28 acres, and the total number of residential lots allowed by the approved tentative map is 207 with 149 lots recorded and 58 lots remaining to be recorded. The parcels are located within the Sun Valley Planning Area and Washoe County Commission District No. 3. (APN: 504-460-03). And, if approved, schedule a public hearing, second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024, and authorization for the Chair to execute the Development Agreement. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1916.

Planner Timothy Evans conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Request; Vicinity Map; Background; Highland Village – Existing Site Plan; Highland Village – Phase 4 and Future Phases; Amended/Additional Conditions; Findings; Recommendation & Motion.

Mr. Evans stated the proposed development agreement was between Washoe County and Mesa View Reno LLC for the Sun Mesa subdivision. The agreement's purpose was to extend the deadline for recording the first final map.

Mr. Evans referred to the slide titled Vicinity Map and said the entire subdivision contained over 200 lots, which were highlighted on the slide. He explained the development agreement applied to the unshaded section in the bottom right portion of the highlighted area. The shaded area in the northwest portion of the highlighted section was already recorded, and the development agreement would allow for the recording of the remaining 58 lots. He stated the applicant asked for additional time for various reasons, one of which was the Sun Valley General Improvement District's (SVGID) additional requirements during Phases 3 and 4.

Mr. Evans displayed the previously recorded lots on the slide titled Highland Village – Existing Site Plan and mentioned there were over 140 lots. He displayed the remaining 58 lots to be recorded on the slide titled Highland Village – Phase 4 and Future Phases.

Mr. Evans reported that part of the proposed development agreement was sent to Washoe County Engineering for review, which recommended amending seven conditions. He stated that the conditions ensured conformance with the Washoe County Code (WCC). Washoe County Engineering also requested an additional condition be added, specifically related to an operations and maintenance manual for the subdivision.

Mr. Evans stated that all the findings could be made. He noted that updated information was not provided on the slide titled Findings. He said staff made all four findings in relation to the development agreement set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Staff Report.

Chair Hill asked for a motion

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1916 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0398 **AGENDA ITEM 26** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) by modifying various sections in Division Two-Area Plan Regulations, Division Four-Development Standards, and Division Nine-General Provisions, in order to update regulations related to allowed residential uses in the Spanish Springs planning area, maximum height restrictions in the Sun Valley planning area, multifamily parking minimums, bike parking, turf requirements, common and private open space, and definitions. these updates include deleting a section and a subsection limiting structures in the Sun Valley planning area to two stories in height and modifying various sections to: remove table C-1 which modifies allowed residential uses in the Spanish Springs planning area; update minimum off-street parking space requirements for multifamily housing; update requirements for bicycle storage by removing requirements for bicycle parking spaces, by adding design standards for short and long-term bicycle storage, by adding design requirements for bicycle racks, and by removing Figure 110.410.15.2 which shows bicycle parking space dimensions; remove the requirement to provide turf areas in multifamily developments of a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the required landscaping area; modify minimum size and dimension requirements for private open space in multifamily developments; add standards for turf areas provided as common open space for multifamily developments; and add definitions for short and long-term bicycle parking; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto; and if supported, set a public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1917.

Community Services Department (CSD) Senior Planner Katherine Oakley conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: WDCA24-0002 (Affordable Housing Package 2); Overview; Housing – Background (3 slides); Planning Area Modifiers; Article 410 - Parking and Loading (2 slides); Bicycle storage; Article 412 - Landscaping; Article 432 - Open Space Standards (Multifamily); Community Meetings; Findings; Recommended Motion; Thank you.

Ms. Oakley mentioned Bill No. 1917 was the second set of affordable housing-related amendments to the Washoe County Code (WCC), Chapter 110 of the Development Code. She explained that the amendments were directed at reducing barriers to diverse types of housing in the Development Code. She stated that the first set that the Board reviewed earlier in the year was focused on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). She indicated that the amendments applied to seven different Code areas, but because they all shared the characteristic of being barriers, they were connected.

Ms. Oakley summarized the background information contained on the first slide titled Housing – Background. She stated the statistics demonstrated the magnitude of housing affordability and attainability and emphasized the 145 percent increase in median home value between 2010 and 2022. She informed there was a 58 percent increase in median household income between 2010 and 2022. Additionally, the Washoe County Consensus Forecast predicted the unincorporated County would have to absorb and create 6,840 dwelling units through 2042 in addition to the existing 7,350 affordable units identified in the 2019 Truckee Meadows Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability (TMRSHA) to accommodate the population growth. Ms. Oakley reported the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) indicated that 50 percent of a typical family's income in the region was needed for a mortgage payment. She said over 30 percent was considered cost-burdened, and low-income families needed 100 percent of their household incomes for a mortgage payment. She informed Reno was the tenth most burdened housing market in the Nation and referenced graphs that were located on the second slide titled Housing – Background. Based on the data depicted on the graphs, Ms. Oakley noted that while all age groups were spending more than 40 percent of household income on rent, it was especially an issue for younger and senior residents in the County.

Ms. Oakley stated the housing amendment package would span six articles within the Development Code, and many of the codes proposed for amendment had not been updated since the 1990s. She indicated the proposed changes were not applicable to the Tahoe Planning Area, as it had its own section in the WCC. She outlined the proposed amendments to the Development Code, including the removal of Table C-1 from Article 216 to modify the allowed residential uses. Table C-1 currently requires a special use permit (SUP) for detached ADUs in addition to applying other restrictions on different housing types. By removing the table, the area would be brought into alignment with the permitted residential uses in the rest of the County. Removal of Table C-1 would also eliminate the barrier, particularly to ADUs. Ms. Oakley highlighted the proposed removal of the existing two-story height limit in Sun Valley from Article 218. She pointed out the height limit appeared in section 110.218.20 and subsection 110.218.45(f). Subsection

110.218.45(f) was identified after the Planning Commission (PC) meeting, but it was necessary to modify it to satisfy the intent of removing the two-story height limit throughout Sun Valley, so it was added to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Oakley informed that every County regulatory zone had a maximum height limit, which had been and would continue to be applicable if the two-story height limit was removed. No changes were proposed to zoning or multifamily allowances in Sun Valley. She noted members of the community voiced concerns regarding the removal of the two-story height limit and offered to share some alternatives that were prepared.

Ms. Oakley indicated the standards outlined in Article 410 of the Development Code had not been updated since 1993, and based on research conducted at the regional and national levels, the standards were relatively high. The proposed modification was intended to reduce the overall required number of parking spaces for multifamily dwellings in order to make the requirement more reasonable as well as lower the costs of development incorporated rents. She said reducing parking requirements could be beneficial. The proposed parking space numbers were still high compared to Reno and Sparks, which generally required one parking space per dwelling unit in a multifamily complex, but the numbers corresponded with the national average. Ms. Oakley referenced a table on the first slide titled Article 410 - Parking and Loading, which showed the current and proposed number of parking spaces. Ms. Oakley revealed that covered parking could be a significant cost that increased barriers to developing multifamily housing. She assured that the staff had evaluated existing trends in the County to confirm the numbers were reasonable and that the staff was serving the community effectively. Referencing a bar chart on the second slide titled Article 410 - Parking and Loading, she noted most renter-occupied households had one or no vehicles available to them, meaning most of the households had parking needs that were lower than what was currently required by the Development Code. Ms. Oakley affirmed the proposed numbers would continue to serve the community while decreasing the existing barrier to developing housing.

Ms. Oakley reported that changes were introduced to enhance the robustness of the bicycle storage and bicycle rack standards to support residents without access to a vehicle. She acknowledged that standards were in place; however, there were not many requirements ensuring that bicycle infrastructure served those who used it. The staff proposed the addition of standards related to bicycle rack type, placement, and installation, as well as requirements for short-term and long-term bicycle storage.

Ms. Oakley pointed out a requirement in Article 412 of the Development Code. It indicated that in a multifamily project, at least 50 percent of the total landscaped area, which was about 10 percent of the project site, must be turf or grass. She said this was not consistent with Envision Washoe 2040, which prioritized water-wise landscaping, and it was not compatible with the Northern Nevada climate. The staff proposed removing the requirement, and Ms. Oakley clarified its removal did not prohibit turf as an amenity.

Discussing the proposed modification to Article 432 of the Development Code, Ms. Oakley informed there were private and common open space standards for multifamily housing. The staff observed that the County's private open space standards,

which applied to such features as balconies, decks, and patios, greatly surpassed regional and national standards. She said the current requirements could generate significant engineering costs, which was a barrier to the development of housing in the County. The staff proposed applying both regional and national standards to multifamily open space requirements, including an option to forgo the private open space in exchange for more common open space at a rate of two to one. Additionally, the staff recommended adding standards for turf areas, which could be used as common open space amenities, to ensure dimensions were large enough to be useful to people.

Ms. Oakley read from the slide titled Community Meetings, noting two community meetings were organized. There were approximately five attendees at the April 1, 2024, meeting and roughly seven attendees at the April 3, 2024, meeting.

Ms. Oakley reported the Planning Commission heard the matter in May 2024 and made all four findings, one of which was required in order to advance the agenda item.

Chair Hill expressed excitement about the second set of affordable housing amendments being presented before the Board. She conveyed the Board's enthusiasm for supporting more affordable housing in the community.

Commissioner Clark questioned how garages for bicycles would result in more affordable houses. Ms. Oakley replied that the purpose of bicycle-related amendments was to be supportive of the reality that people in affordable housing might not have access to a car or public transit or might be under-resourced in those areas. She stated that by adding those additional standards to support residents of affordable housing, the County was also supporting multimodal transportation. She further explained the County was supporting a diverse type of housing development that expanded housing opportunities for people in deed-restricted affordable housing as well as housing in general. Commissioner Clark spoke about the lack of individuals riding bicycles in the region, other than near the Truckee River, and mentioned instances of bicycles being disassembled and abandoned. He was uncertain that requiring developers to construct bicycle garages would be useful for building affordable housing. He asked how much the cost per square footage was to construct a bicycle garage compared to a traditional garage. Ms. Oakley could not recall the information related to the cost estimations. Commissioner Clark indicated the cost per square foot was a factor to him and anybody who was interested in developing. Based on the affordable housing and overall housing shortages, he encouraged exploring methods to increase the ease of developing properties to house people instead of peddled vehicles.

Commissioner Garcia thanked the staff for presenting the first affordable housing set. She recalled speaking to many of her constituents in District 3, and the ADUs were notably well-received, especially for families that wished to house aging family members or multi-generational family members. She commended the staff for the community's reception of the amendments. She acknowledged the efforts put forth by the staff to assess the six articles of Code and identify creative solutions. Commissioner Garcia

voiced her overall support for the second set of affordable housing amendments. She recalled that when she was first elected as a Commissioner, the Board discussed labeling affordable housing as a strategic priority during a meeting in January or February and said, as a Commissioner, it was rewarding to be entering the second phase.

Commissioner Garcia talked about the series of Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meetings and thanked the staff for attending the meetings. She said approximately 35 to 40 people were present for the meetings and recognized nuanced conversation and understanding were necessary when such ideas as those proposed by the staff were communicated. She revealed she initially did not understand many of the underlying zoning requirements, complexities, and historical context in Sun Valley. Commissioner Garcia stated she learned a lot from the staff and thanked them for taking the time to educate her. She shared information provided to her by the staff with some of the Sun Valley CAB members and other residents. She and Vice Chair Herman were well acquainted with the Sun Valley residents. Because Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman were accessible by phone and email, they participated in many discussions. Commissioner Garcia summarized the general consensus of the CAB attendees was support for the proposed amendments. She participated in other conversations in which concerns about the lack of infrastructure and traffic congestion were voiced. Furthermore, some residents were opposed to the addition of more large multifamily apartment buildings in Sun Valley and losing some of the scenic qualities, rural feel, and small-town charm of the area. Commissioner Garcia stated the feedback was understandable and resounding. She was uncertain how to proceed with the Sun Valley amendment due to the opposition.

Commissioner Garcia asked Ms. Oakley to share the other alternatives that the staff were considering. Ms. Oakley displayed and read from documents that were placed on file with the Clerk. They outlined the text changes to section 110.218.20 and subsection 110.218.45(f) of the Development Code and the benefits and drawbacks of each possible option. The first option would allow structures to be constructed up to four stories in height with discretionary approval through the SUP process. Ms. Oakley mentioned the downtown Sun Valley corridor was intended for mixed-use development and redevelopment, but the two-story height limit in the area was an impediment to accomplishing those types of projects. She said the area would be impacted by requiring an additional discretionary review, but it would not change anything for multifamily dwellings because they already required a discretionary review. She noted discretionary review had financial impacts on developers that might be discouraging for investing in developing housing in Sun Valley. The second option would keep the height limit in Sun Valley outside of the downtown corridor and eliminate it inside the downtown corridor.

Ms. Oakley displayed and read from an analysis of the land area of different zoning districts and height restrictions in Sun Valley, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She stated most of the County's zones imposed a maximum height of 35 feet. She noted the analysis provided some context on Sun Valley and indicated that with the mandatory two-story height limit, a majority of the impacted land had the 35-foot height limit, which impeded the different types of attached housing. Ms. Oakley displayed a map of the downtown Sun Valley corridor.

Commissioner Garcia indicated her proposal would have been the same as the second alternative option that Ms. Oakley shared. She wished to hear the feedback of any constituents who attended the meeting, as she wanted to ensure everyone was comfortable with the matter.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Pat Davison provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk and read from one of the documents. She thanked the Board for listening.

Chair Hill thanked Ms. Davison for her activism related to housing.

Referencing Ms. Davison's public comment, Commissioner Garcia expressed appreciation and said she and Vice Chair Herman had been hearing similar solutions and creative ideas. Based on prior discussions with residents, she believed the general sentiment was that the constituents were not comfortable with removing the two-story height limit in the residential areas of Sun Valley, which was largely medium-density suburban. She conveyed the constituents' overall disinterest in making such changes as removing the height limit. Commissioner Garcia indicated the constituents were receptive to the idea of lifting some of the restrictions in the downtown corridor in order to procure some potential investment or development that would benefit the community members by providing them more access to amenities and services. She remarked the Sun Valley residents were fortunate to have a robust fixed-route transit system, grocery stores, and small businesses. She talked about the ease at which senior residents could travel within the area and noted a senior center was available in the community. Commissioner Garcia complimented the community and added that there were individuals who indicated the community would support removing the height restriction from the downtown corridor.

Vice Chair Herman complimented Commissioner Garcia's recollection of the residents' feedback.

Commissioner Andriola noted the application of 35 feet as the maximum height limit in conjunction with the two-story and three-story building levels. She pointed out that a definition for a story did not exist in terms of an equation of feet and wondered what the definition of the height in feet was because of the primary use of story levels. Responding to Commissioner Andriola, Ms. Oakley indicated each regulatory zone in the Development Code generally had a maximum height of 35 feet, which was not measured in stories. She added the story measurement was area specific. She informed a definition of height was included in Article 902 of the WCC, which stated buildings with a sloped roof were measured to the middle of the roof. She mentioned a definition of a story was also provided in the WCC. Ms. Oakley explained in areas where a two-story height limit was applied in addition to the 35-foot height limit, such as Sun Valley, the staff would ensure the building was under 35 feet and verify there were only two stories per the definition of a story. She said a two-pronged review was conducted in Sun Valley, and both height limits needed to be satisfied for a building to be approved. Commissioner Andriola thought clarification on the terms would be helpful.

Chair Hill asked if it was correct that the Chocolate Drive Project previously presented to the Board involved three-story buildings, and Ms. Oakley clarified that, per the definition of a story, those buildings were proposed to be two stories in height. Chair Hill wished to support Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman on what was best for their district. She recognized there was some opposition pertaining to the Chocolate Drive Project but noted it would provide vital housing in the Sun Valley area. She expressed concern regarding the Board's actions potentially preventing that project from advancing, and Ms. Oakley assured her that the Board's actions would not hinder progress.

Commissioner Clark acknowledged the need for affordable housing and was pleased that the height restrictions were being discussed. He had intended to inquire about the potential installation of elevators in the event the buildings were to reach four stories in height, but it seemed as though there was no intention to construct them to such heights. He supported Commissioner Garcia's stance on the matter since it was relevant to her district.

Commissioner Andriola thanked the staff, notably Planning and Building Director Kelly Mullin, for her extensive efforts. Regarding Spanish Springs, she said the proposed amendments were adjusting standards to comply with the applicable code. She indicated she would defer to Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman. She wanted to make sure everyone was aware that Spanish Springs was being brought into compliance.

Chair Hill believed the staff settled on a reasonable balance related to addressing affordable housing needs and acknowledged their efforts in working with the communities where the changes would occur. She stated the Lake Tahoe amendments would eventually be presented to the Board. She agreed with Commissioner Andriola's input and praised the staff's work.

Bill No. 1917 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0399 **AGENDA ITEM 27** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 approving a development agreement between Washoe County and LC Highland, LLC, for Highland Village, a residential subdivision (Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. WTM20-004). The purpose of the development agreement is to extend the deadline for recording the first final map from November 16, 2024, to November 16, 2026, and to adopt amended conditions of approval (WAC24-0004). The project is located north of Highland Ranch Pkwy. and north of Midnight Drive in Sun Valley. The project encompasses a total of approximately 54.6 acres, and the total number of residential lots allowed by the approved tentative map is 215. The parcels are located within the Sun Valley Planning Area and Washoe County Commission District No. 5. (APN: 508-020-41 and 508-020-43). And, if approved, schedule a public hearing, second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16,

2024, and authorization for the Chair to execute the Development Agreement. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1918.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Ken Krater announced he represented the project's owner and applicant. He spoke about recent zoning changes and informed that the property in question was purchased three years prior when interest rates were between 2.5 and 3 percent. He explained they had been two weeks away from closing on the property with a national builder to develop the entire site. He said interest rates increased as they worked with staff on a signal contribution agreement to signalize Midnight Drive and Highland Ranch Parkway. He noted the signals would positively contribute to the community's pedestrian accessibility. He stated the market was now very different, with 7 percent interest rates. Therefore, they scaled the project back and reduced the number of units from 215 to 194. The first final map for the 194 units was submitted the prior week. He reported the project would be completed in three phases instead of one. They had widened the lots, altered the depth, and eliminated half of the rockeries and all the side yard retaining walls. He said the wider lots allowed for a greater mix of one-story units, which were important options for seniors and young families who did not want stairs. He mentioned developers were aware they needed to respond to the needs of the community, and work was done to align the project with the community's needs. The changes eliminated approximately \$2 million in site improvement costs, which would enable better affordability for first-time home buyers.

Bill No. 1918 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0400 **AGENDA ITEM 28** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 20 (Revenue and Taxation) by amending various sections to: change bidding increments from \$300 to \$500 for base bids in excess of \$5,001 for sales of tax delinquent properties; require the completed winning bidder form be submitted along with payment; change the contribution to the county general fund from ten percent of the next \$2,000 of the excess proceeds to ten percent of the next \$10,000; change the time period in which a claimant may make a claim for excess proceeds from two years to one year; update a statutory citation; and amend sections to gender-neutral language. If supported, set the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1919.

Commissioner Clark stated he did not oppose the entire agenda item, only the reduction in the period a claimant may make a claim for excess proceeds from two years to one year. He spoke about his personal experiences with people who were unaware that they lost their property. He believed two years was an appropriate timeline for people to come forward and make claims if there were excess proceeds and he was uncomfortable with reducing that. Deputy Treasurer Linda Jacobs explained that the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) altered the timeline from two years to one year. Therefore, the Washoe County Code (WCC) was being updated to align with the NRS. Commissioner Clark acknowledged the necessity to comply with the NRS and stated he was still displeased with the effect. He recounted an instance where someone died on their property, and Washoe County sold the property with the skeleton in it. He said many people were unaware of that situation, and a longer timeline would allow relatives to come forward. He understood the change complied with State law.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1919 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0401 **AGENDA ITEM 29** Initiation of a proposed ordinance amending Washoe County Code (WCC) Chapter 45 (Public Welfare) to set the matter for an introduction and first reading of the ordinance on June 25, 2024, and if supported, set a public hearing for second reading and possible retroactive adoption of the ordinance on July 16, 2024. The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services will be taking over all child care licensing activities for Washoe County effective July 1, 2024. If passed, the proposed ordinance will: (1) reflect that change in WCC; (2) allow for consistent statewide enforcement of NRS and NAC 432A; and (3) streamline federal reporting requirements for child care licensing activities and funding. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras advised that the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) previously performed childcare licensing, and there was a mechanism for hearings. Childcare licensing then moved to the Human Services Agency (HSA). She mentioned there were standards that dictated who could have a license and how many licenses were issued. She explained that the State would take over that function with the intent that the process would become more uniform throughout the State.

Chair Hill expressed her hope that the change would allow for more childcare facilities, which she believed was the policy's intent.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 29 be initiated and directed a first reading be set.

24-0402 **AGENDA ITEM 30** Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1000 in order to change the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation); AND, Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance imposing a fee on the parcels of land in Washoe County, Nevada, District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation. The Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District was formed in 1997 to address the tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area. The District is tasked with remediating PCE contamination and annually updates both the Service Area boundary and Contaminant Area boundary based on continuous analysis and modeling efforts. There is no impact to the General Fund. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1724, Bill No. 1914.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1724, Bill No. 1914, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

2:37 p.m. **After Agenda Item 31, minute number 24-0403, Chair Hill reopened Agenda Item 30.**

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1725, Bill No. 1915.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1725, Bill No. 1915, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0403 **AGENDA ITEM 31** Public hearing and possible action to: (1) consider a report of each property delinquent on its utility charges and the amount of each property's delinquency, along with any objections to the report; and, (2) After considering the report and any objections to it, determine whether

to adopt the report and correspondingly adopt Resolution 24-038 to collect certain delinquent utility charges on the tax roll. All Assessor Parcel Numbers of affected properties are listed in Resolution 24-038 accessible as a linked attachment on the agenda on the county commission's webpage [total delinquent amount of \$202,441.80]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 31 be adopted. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Agenda Item 31 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0404 **AGENDA ITEM 32** Public Hearing: To approve an Outdoor Festival Business License (pursuant to Washoe County Code Chapter 25 and related provisions) and associated license conditions for an application submitted by Red White and Tahoe Blue II, to hold a fireworks show on July 4, 2024, at the Incline Village Beach (APN: 127-280-01) on a barge in Lake Tahoe off the beach area. This permit is for spectator viewing of the show only. Set-up for traffic control will begin at 5:00 a.m. on July 4, 2024, and the fireworks event will occur from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Event take-down and cleanup will begin immediately following the fireworks show. A community clean-up day is scheduled for July 5th. Event organizers estimate 6,000 spectators. If approved, authorize the Director of the Planning and Building Division, Community Services Department to issue the license when all pre-event conditions have been met. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing. She asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed. She commended the community and staff for coming together to make the event possible.

On the call for public comment, Mr. John Eppolito alleged that the Washoe County School District (WCSD) placed certain items last on an agenda so attendees would leave before the item was heard. He encouraged the Board to approve Agenda Item 32.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 32 be approved and authorized.

24-0405 **AGENDA ITEM 33** Public Comment.

Mr. Geoffrey Knell discussed Communism and claimed communist ideologies had infiltrated Washoe County. He mentioned God and quoted the Bible.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras called for a point of order and cautioned people about the use of hate speech which was not protected under the First Amendment. She opined the Board had given people a lot of latitude during their comments regarding homosexuality and asserted it bordered on hate speech.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett discussed comments made by Commissioner Garcia during the meeting. Ms. Tibbett asserted she was part of a community group that did not want drag queen story hour (DQSH) in the publicly funded libraries. She declared they were not a hate group and that they would not comment about DQSH if it stopped being hosted in the libraries. She mentioned that the Reno Punk Rock Flea Market recently hosted DQSH, which her group was not bothered by because it was a private event. She believed people could do what they wanted in the privacy of their own homes or privately funded establishments. She alleged Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Herb Kaplan led the Library Board of Trustees (LBT) to believe they had no purview over the programs hosted in the libraries, and she wondered what the LBT was supposed to do if it did not oversee programming. CDDA Kandaras called for a point of order and asked Ms. Tibbett not to make personal attacks against County staff.

County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment which was placed on file.

24-0406 **AGENDA ITEM 34** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Clark expressed appreciation towards the approval of the fireworks show at Lake Tahoe and said he would not be present as it was a heavily attended event. He reiterated his earlier request to know the cost of mailing 25,000 sample and mail-in ballots. He mentioned Ms. Katie Knepper's public comment regarding Safe Embrace. He recalled the Board approved a special use permit (SUP) for Safe Embrace on the condition that the organization meet with the surrounding neighbors on a regular basis to address community concerns. He divulged that he spoke with Safe Embrace's attorney to remind them of that condition, yet the organization still failed to meet with its neighbors. He reiterated his discussion about Mr. Roger Edward's public comment. He spoke about Ms. Joni Hammond's report of numerous ballots being sent out for deceased relatives and people who had moved residences. He addressed Mr. Jake Maynard and Ms. Lily Baran's comments about the Community Assistance Center (CAC). He remarked that he traveled to Miami, Florida, to learn how it addressed homelessness and thought Washoe County could learn from Miami's model. He suggested the County turn the CAC into a facility that provided services to the unhoused community.

Commissioner Andriola wondered if the Board would receive an update on any progress made as a result of the Board's approval of its urban camping ordinance. She gave an update on the presentation given to the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

(CAB) by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding sound panels that were installed incorrectly. She invited the public to visit NDOT’s website and vote for their favorite applique design which would cover the existing panels. She asserted that the panels were still functional and the error was cosmetic.

Commissioner Garcia thanked the County staff and volunteers who helped process the election. She noted it was a tenuous and difficult job, and while there was always room for improvement, people’s hard work should not be questioned.

Chair Hill wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and looked forward to the Canvass of the Vote.

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2:59 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

JANIS GALASSINI, County Clerk and
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