

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 16, 2018

PRESENT:

Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Bob Lucey, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:20 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, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Vice Chair Jung assumed the gavel as Acting Chair in Chair Berkbigler's absence.

18-0759 AGENDA ITEM 3 Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Maggie Lazzari, Treasurer's Office
Diana Altura, District Attorney's Office
Cherie Williams, Community Services Department
Jennifer Slavin, Human Services Agency
Jayni Bloomquist, Library
Michael Chavez, Registrar of Voters' Office
Jaimee Olson, Sheriff's Office
Debbie McLaughlin, Health Services
Kevin Costa, Community Services Department

Vice Chair Jung congratulated the employees and said the Commissioners could not do their job without employees being subject matter experts.

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

18-0760 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

County Manager John Slaughter said the Excellence in Public Service program was a series of certificates designed to support employee development and performance. The courses took over two years to complete and showed employees' commitment to personal and professional improvement.

Mr. Slaughter recognized the following employees:

Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program
Dee Ayala, Human Services Agency

Essentials of High Performing Teams
Christina Felix, District Attorney's Office
Laura Martinez, Juvenile Services

Essentials of Management Development
Cindy Doak, Animal Services
Brian Farmer, Community Service Department
Nicole Klitzke, Public Administrator

Essentials of Personal Effectiveness
Dee Ayala, Human Services Agency

Vice Chair Jung thanked the employees who received certificates along with their department heads who gave them the time to earn those awards.

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

18-0761 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Washoe Leadership Program, Recognition Committee - Shining Star Recognition Award

County Manager John Slaughter stated this was the first time this award was being presented. He noted it was a part of the Washoe Leadership program and each recipient was being recognized for a third time. Nominations for Shining Star Awards could come from peers, supervisors, managers, department directors, or the public. Vice Chair Jung added Commissioners could make nominations as well. Mr. Slaughter explained the first recognition resulted in a certificate from the department director and the second resulted in the individual receiving a lapel pin. The third level saw the individual recognized at a Board of County Commissioner meeting.

Mr. Slaughter presented certificates and recognized the following individuals:

Amber Ballam - Animal Services
Brandon Vanassche* - Animal Services
Jackie King* - Animal Services
Angelina Phillips* – Assessor’s Office
Dan Ross - Assessor’s Office
Doug Dufva - Assessor’s Office
Shannon Scott - Assessor’s Office
Stephanie Martell - Assessor’s Office
Ariel Lester - Community Services Department
Brian Farmer - Community Services Department
Eva Krause* - Community Services Department
Evelyn Weir - Community Services Department
Hannah Sugui - Community Services Department
Joanna Schultz* - Community Services Department
Kelly Mullin - Community Services Department
Scott Martin* - Community Services Department
Sophia Cardinal - Community Services Department
Donna Fagan - Community Services Department
Katy Stark - Community Services Department
Terry Cass* - Community Services Department
Dillon Watt* - Community Services Department
Jeff Cooper* - Community Services Department
David Hardy* - Community Services Department
Kirk Braunstein* - Community Services Department
Trevor Lloyd - Community Services Department
Brittan Hess *- Community Services Department
Amy Santos - Health
Blair Hedrick - Health
Dianna Karlicek - Health
Elena Varganova* - Health
Holly McGee* - Health
Janet Smith - Health
Judy Medved-Gonzalez* - Health
Laurie Griffey - Health
Lorena Solorio* - Health
Nick Florey - Health
Samantha Beebe - Health
Steven Thalacker - Health
Susan Hopkins* – Health
Victoria Stebbins - Health
Kim Tran Franchi - Health
David Kelly* – Health
Lisa Lottritz – Health

* was not present to receive the award.

Mr. Slaughter pointed out the program had been going on for two years and these recipients accounted for just over one percent of the employee base. He congratulated the individuals.

Commissioner Jung added many of those individuals interacted with the public in sometimes unfortunate circumstances. She expressed pride in the recipients and thanked the Recognition Committee who understood the importance of recognizing employees' great work.

18-0762 AGENDA ITEM 6 Public Comment.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still presented a petition with nearly 200 signatures requesting a copy of the conditional letter of map revision regarding Prado Ranch North. A copy of the petition was placed on file with the Clerk. She indicated the issue would be in judicial review. She said she was told she would receive all correspondence between the Commissioners regarding the development but had not yet received it. She thanked Chair Berkbighler for ensuring a fire hydrant in Lemmon Valley was being fixed. She said ditches in the area were being cleaned but workers were not raking out debris from Waste Management that clogged up the ditches.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar stated she could not find anything in the Nevada Revised Statute which allowed the Community Services Department to use code enforcement for aesthetic purposes. She expressed frustration with specific County employees.

After reminding Ms. Snedigar to address the Board as a whole, Vice Chair Jung asked Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial for direction about Ms. Snedigar's criticism of specific employees. No response was made.

Ms. Snedigar said the Board did not have the authority to make a violation of the Development Code a misdemeanor. She claimed the Legislature determined a violation of the Truckee Meadows Planning Agency's codes was a misdemeanor. She alleged a developer in Palomino Valley was building homes in phases to usurp infrastructure.

Mr. Jeff Church provided cards which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He said he was a candidate for the at-large position for the Washoe County School District. He expressed concern about Washoe County Question 1 (WC-1), which would be on the ballot in November, and felt people in Lemmon Valley who were flooded should not have to pay to protect people along the Truckee River. He mentioned citizens already paid \$100 million for flood control, which he said was working. He pointed out gas was cheaper outside of Washoe County because of a Regional Transportation Commission tax and he felt that money should be used for flood control. He remarked the Truckee Meadows Water Authority advocated for additional reservoirs upstream, which he thought would help prevent flooding.

As Mr. Church began commending Vice Chair Jung and Commissioner Hartung, Vice Chair Jung stated Mr. Church should not name specific names. He commended two Commissioners for opposing WC-1 and another for supporting a light rail system to Fernley.

Ms. Vicky Maltman stated she received a ballot in Spanish, adding it was not the first time she had issues with the Registrar of Voters. She expressed frustration that her tax dollars were used to celebrate County employees' completion of certificate programs and said it should not be done during Board of County Commission meetings. She spoke about errant code violations and a ditch near her home that had not been fixed in 18 months.

Ms. Emily Reed, Law Library Program Manager for the Second Judicial District Court, provided documents which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. She promoted a Judicial Court open house for the protection order help center on October 30. Initial remarks would be made at 5:15 p.m. and tours would be given. She thanked the Washoe County Bar Association for its continued support of the law library.

Ms. Kathy Phenix provided documents which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. Speaking about Quartz Lane, she stated homeless people were sleeping in abandoned vehicles and there was a burned out vehicle left behind by the fire department. She said it was a serious hazard that was getting worse every day and she wanted the appropriate departments to get involved.

18-0763 AGENDA ITEM 7 Announcements/Reports.

County Manager John Slaughter promoted the Washoe Impact Awards on October 18 at 4:30, which would highlight various services in the County. He stated some people received a mistaken email reminder that the event was cancelled but he confirmed it was not. He said nearly 200 employees would attend the morning employee development portion, which would feature speeches by the prior year's winners as well as keynote speaker Kim Cook. He said he was looking forward to the awards event and pointed out it would be streamed online.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Code Enforcement Officer Brian Farmer for his work in Spanish Springs and Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro for his work on several traffic projects in the area. He thanked Planning Manager Trevor Lloyd for his guidance and hard work.

Commissioner Herman asked for an update on what the County was doing regarding Quartz Lane.

Vice Chair Jung requested an update on where ditches flowed and how they were prioritized for cleaning. She asked for a presentation about how ballots were sent out and wondered whether staff could correct the concerns voiced by Ms. Maltman

during public comment. She felt the Quartz Lane concerns would require involvement by the Health District and the Sun Valley General Improvement District. She suggested leaving notes on vehicles warning they would be removed if no action was done. She admitted it was a difficult situation because the road was privately owned but she thought there had to be a solution.

Mr. Slaughter said the Registrar of Voters would make a presentation at the October 23 meeting. He confirmed she would be ready to address concerns about receiving ballots in the wrong language.

Commissioner Lucey asked how the Community Service Department identified roads which needed repair, expansion, or paving. He said the Regional Transportation Commission used a regional transportation plan to identify such roads but he wondered how the County identified those roads and how to obtain funding to fix them.

Mr. Slaughter announced the County received a petition regarding Quartz Lane and, pursuant to a statutory requirement, they were scheduling the item for a future agenda within the next month.

DONATIONS

- 18-0764** **8A** Accept cash [\$11,280.49] and in-kind donations [estimated value \$25,144.00] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0765** **8B** Recommendation to accept monetary donations from REMSA to Washoe Risk Management totaling \$1,500.00 for the purchase and maintenance of automated external defibrillator (AED) devices; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Risk Management. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0766** **8C** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$4,410.00] from the Washoe County Bar Association for the Washoe County Law Library and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0767** **8D1** Accept cash donations to Senior Services in the amount of [\$3,613.22] retroactive for the period April 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

- 18-0768** **8D2** Accept cash donations to Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$2,400.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0769** **8E1** Accept one-time in-kind appreciation gift donations [estimated value of \$380.00] from private citizens to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff (All Commission Districts)
- 18-0770** **8E2** Recommendation to accept a retroactive donation of a HH-1H Huey Helicopter [estimated value of \$922,704.00, no charge to the County], from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to be utilized to support the Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit (RAVEN), WCSO Search and Rescue, and Wildland Fire Suppression Operations performed by WCSO. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Lucey read the donations and reviewed some of the programs and services these donations would benefit.

There was no public comment on the donations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Berkbighler absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A to 8E2 be accepted.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 18-0771** **9A** Proclaim the week of October 17-27, 2018 as National Friends of Libraries Week.

Commissioner Herman read and presented the Proclamation to Library Director Jeff Scott and the Friends of Washoe County Library (Friends).

Dan Erwine, President of the Friends of Washoe County Library, thanked the Book Sales Steering Committee, fellow Friends' Board Members, the Endowment Committee, the Library Board of Trustees, Washoe County Library staff, Mr. Scott, and the Commissioners. He said they were successful because they were all a team.

Mr. Scott thanked the Friends, saying he had never seen a more active group who raised more money. He indicated the Friends donated \$125,000 every year, without which there would be no summer reading program, technology, or books.

18-0772 9B Proclaim October 2018 as National Community Planning Month.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Planning Managers Bob Webb and Trevor Lloyd.

Mr. Webb thanked the Board for this recognition and said Washoe County was firmly dedicated to community planning. He praised planning and support staff for helping ensure livable communities and for fostering economic development.

Mr. Lloyd thanked the Board for recognizing the importance of planning in the community and for appreciating the many volunteers who dedicated their time and energy in support of that planning.

18-0773 9C Proclaim the week of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Vice Chair Jung corrected the Proclamation was for the month of October.

Commissioner Lucey remarked cancer was a serious issue which affected people across the County and the nation. He read and presented the Proclamation to Chelsea Robinson, the Executive Director for the Susan G. Komen Foundation of Northern Nevada.

Commissioner Lucey applauded the employees who stood with Ms. Robinson and promoted a bake sale hosted by the Human Resources department.

Marilyn Kramer, Assistant to the County Manager, thanked Washoe County and said she had a great support system when she was undergoing treatment.

Ms. Elaine Anagnostou stated she was a County employee for 20 years and a survivor for 10. She promoted the bake sale and said they were well on their way to meeting or exceeding the prior two years' donations. She thanked Harrahs Hotel and Casino for their support. Vice Chair Jung added the bake sale was open to anyone.

Ms. Robinson commented five people were diagnosed with breast cancer and one died every day in Nevada. She believed where a person lived should not determine whether that person lived. She thanked the Board and Washoe County employees for their support.

Ms. Patricia Morrow stated for every \$129 dollars raised, one person could get a free mammogram. She said she ran a nacho bar fundraiser, which raised more than \$570.

Commissioner Hartung said he had a family member who was a 30-year survivor and, though treatments had advanced, it was a very arduous process. He thanked the women present for their hard work and perseverance, saying early intervention was essential.

There was no public comment on the Proclamations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Berkbigler absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 9A to 9C be adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 10A1 THROUGH 10A3

18-0774 **10A1** Cancel the November 20, 2018 and December 25, 2018 Board of County Commissioner meetings. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

18-0775 **10A2** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 1 Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler recommends a [\$4,000] grant to the Human Services Agency to support the development of the Incline Community Center, and a [\$1,000] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library to support the Summer/Winter Reading Program, approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary cross-functional, cross-fund budget appropriation transfers and disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 1.)

18-0776 **10A3** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$2,677] for Fiscal Year 2018-2019; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends [\$1,500] grant to the Knights of Columbus Ponderosa Charities to support Matthew Cummings' Eagle Scout Project, and a [\$1,177] grant to the Children's Cabinet to support the Art of the Childhood event, approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 4.)

Commissioner Hartung asked that Mr. Matthew Cummings be allowed to speak about Agenda Item 10A3.

Mr. Cummings indicated he was a senior at the Coral Academy of Science, which he said was rated the number one public school in Nevada by the *Washington Post* and the number one high school in Northern Nevada by the *US News and World Report*. He added he was an Eagle Scout candidate. He thanked the Board and Commissioner Hartung specifically for helping to improve the safety of local educational facilities. He said his project would be employed at Coral Academy and he hoped it would serve as a model for the Washoe County School District and other charter schools.

Mr. Cummings explained armed assailants on school properties were a threat to students and staff. He said his project involved the assembly of lockdown emergency kits to be placed in every classroom; the kits would also support all crisis situations, such as earthquakes. He reviewed the contents of the kits and said the Board's

support would allow him to finish the kits. He hoped all Washoe County students would eventually benefit from the project.

Commissioner Hartung said this was an extension of the Youth Engaged in Service grant, though he circumvented the application process because Mr. Cummings' project was so compelling. He thanked Mr. Cummings as well as his mother, Digital Communications Supervisor Tammy Cummings, who first told the Commissioner of the project.

Commissioner Hartung suggested acknowledging Eagle Scouts and Gold Scouts at Board meetings. Vice Chair Jung pointed out the Regional Parks and Open Space District did that but she agreed it should be done at these meetings.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Berkbighler absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 10A1 through 10A3 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 10A1 through 10A3 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

18-0777 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

County Manager John Slaughter indicated a closed session was needed for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, and that would happen at the end of this meeting.

18-0778 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Public Comment.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar stated if something was not enumerated in the Washoe County Development Code, it was prohibited in any regulatory zone. She felt the County could not regulate what a person could do on their property. She claimed the Development Code did not apply to her since she was not a person and misdemeanors could not be issued for violations of the Development Code.

Mr. Jeff Church asked the Board to support mass transit including a study on a light rail system to Carson City. He expressed gratitude for the electric vehicle charging stations at the County but said they were always full. He requested increasing the number of stations and having the County look into a code prohibiting non-electric vehicles from parking there. He wanted citizens to have input on a Community Homelessness Advisory Board survey. He expressed concern that the Board allowed Mr. Matthew Cummings to thank a specific Commissioner when he was not allowed to. He thought it was important for citizens to be able to commend and criticize the government as long as they were not antagonizing or inciting; it was the purpose of free speech.

18-0779 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Hartung expressed concern about areas where the County Code remained silent. He remarked it was common in the southwest to allow bale houses yet the County did not allow one because the Code did not mention it. He wished to have that addressed when the Code was revisited.

Commissioner Jung asked about the process to determine the necessity for more electric vehicle charging stations. She indicated she thought staff was working on an ordinance about non-electric vehicles parking in those areas.

Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial said a motion was needed to recess into a closed session. The Commission would then adjourn to the Caucus Room where the closed session would be held. After the session, there would be one more opportunity for public comment, at which point both the Board of Fire Commissioners' and the Board of County Commissioners' meetings would adjourn.

11:47 a.m. On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Berkbigler absent, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

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12:13 p.m. There being no further business to discuss and no response to the final call for public comment, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Prepared by:
Derek Sonderfan, Deputy County Clerk