

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 24, 2025

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Chair

Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair

Michael Clark, Commissioner

Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner

Clara Andriola, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk

Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager

Michael Large, 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:

25-0432 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Terry Brooks shared an original poem about racial discrimination and the value of diversity.

Mr. Patrick Caldwell greeted the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and introduced himself as an advocate for the Board of Adjustment (BOA). He stated that he lived in Sparks but grew up in Cupertino, California, which he described as a rural and formerly agricultural area. He recounted having witnessed Cupertino transform from a valley of delights into Silicon Valley. He described experiencing the challenges associated with development and land use during his time in that region. He noted that he had spent 25 years working in the biotechnology industry for two public corporations, where he ultimately served as Vice President of Finance and Corporate Officer. He explained that in his former positions, he dealt with complex accounting of financial issues, sometimes involving matters of the Supreme County of California (SCC) guided by regulatory agencies such as the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), which provided the framework for public companies. He noted that he had been additionally responsible for overseeing his company's facilities purchasing, finance, and financial accounting matters. He explained that he moved to Sparks in 2021 to live near his two daughters. He noted that he had heard stories nearly every week from two members of his family who were involved in commercial development and construction in the area. He opined that the County had its challenges and wanted to be part of the solution. He believed in a common-sense approach to solving matters. He explained that he had appeared before the Board as he listened to,

read, and sought guidance from experienced professionals. He thanked the Board for considering his application to the BOA and expressed his anticipation for the Board's decision.

Mr. Justin Cercone greeted the Board and introduced himself as a proud Men's CrossRoads program member. He wanted to speak earnestly about what the Board's generous investments had done for the community. He noted that the personal meaning of the contribution went far beyond a matter of numbers, as the CrossRoads program changed lives, including his. He stated that the incredible support from Commissioner Garcia's investment had helped to create more activities in the CrossRoads program's gym. He described that gym as much more than a place to work out, as people went there to heal, connect, and find their strength again. He explained that the kitchen was similarly expanded to become a space that brought people together around meals, conversations, and comfort. He noted that real and powerful growth, new spaces and support systems, and renewed energy were seen throughout the CrossRoads community. He explained a personal story of feeling lost while struggling with alcohol addiction, not seeing a way out of that situation, and feeling alone until he found the CrossRoads program. He explained that he could rebuild himself through the care offered by those at the CrossRoads program and the opportunities brought to participants with support from investments. He emphasized that the CrossRoads program gave him more than treatment, as it provided him with hope and a reminder that he had a life worth living. He expressed pride that he could appear before the Board and report that he was sober for a year and a half. He noted that he was deeply grateful, as investments like Commissioner Garcia's did not just help him to build a gym or a kitchen, they helped to rebuild himself and many others like him. He felt incredible about receiving another generous donation, as program participants were not just looking back at what they had built but could also think about what was possible to create together and what more they could offer to their youth, family, and neighbors in recovery. He opined that there was so much more potential ahead, and the new investment meant those in the program could dream even bigger for the future. He thanked Commissioner Garcia, the CrossRoads program, and everyone who believed in the CrossRoads community for their faith, partnership, and help keeping program participants going. He emphasized that the investment was not only a matter of money. He opined that it was about hope, healing, and a future full of possibility. He indicated he could not wait to see what would be built collaboratively.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Cercone for sharing his story, and those in attendance applauded him.

Mr. Isaac Holden noted that he was relaying comments from the Men's CrossRoads Program Community Coordinator Scott Weist. He mentioned that he was a graduate of the CrossRoads program and was grateful for the kind and heartfelt support. He indicated that the CrossRoads community experienced the harshest side of life, and that community was the key to sustaining a lasting life in recovery. He explained that it was important to never give up on yourself or those around you. He recalled that he experienced support over the years and that unwavering kindness provided him with a unique

experience. He commented that individuals were always welcome to the CrossRoads family to build a community and thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Cody Young introduced himself as a resident of the Men's CrossRoads program, which he specified was affiliated with the Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality (RISE). He noted that he was also a mentor and member of the steering committee within the leadership team of the CrossRoads program community. He attended the BCC meeting to speak about what it meant to him to have reached 517 days of sobriety, how he came to be in his position, and why the Board's support meant more than they might think. He thanked Commissioner Garcia for her generous donation to the Men's CrossRoads program and RISE. He remarked that such contributions directly impacted the program participants' ability to grow, rebuild, and support one another. He emphasized the importance of the collaborative support he experienced, as it helped him reach the point he was at. He described that when he entered the Men's CrossRoads program, he was at a low point in his life and faced legal issues that resulted in him losing the trust of his family after causing harm to innocent strangers. He recounted that he had isolated himself from anyone who ever tried to help him, was dealing with the consequences of his decisions, and did not know where he could begin to remedy things. He reflected that during that time, recovery was no longer simply a matter of not using illicit substances, but rather becoming a person he could respect again. He explained that the first thing he noticed at the Men's CrossRoads program was that while nobody would do the work to recover for him, none of the participants would let him do it alone. He remarked that real change began after he was surrounded by those who held him accountable, told him the truth regardless of whether he wanted to hear it, and showed up daily while expecting him to do the same. He noted that he had the opportunity to do much more than stay sober while participating in the program. He took on leadership roles within the community, helped rebuild the program's orientation committee, and restructured intake so every participant was treated with respect, received clear expectations, and was given access to support from their first day. He recounted how difficult his first month in the program was and used that knowledge to improve the experience for those who joined after him. He opined that without donations like Commissioner Garcia's, programs like CrossRoads would not have the means to achieve everything they had. He noted that donations contributed toward funding new additions to the program's property to improve it for participants by remodeling units and providing resources for sober activities. He stated that the Board's contribution allowed the Men's CrossRoads program to create a space that was safe, stable, and built to last. He remarked that program participants were not just surviving within the program but were developing skills, discipline, confidence, and purpose. He noted that participants were earning their way back towards being considered dependable sons, fathers, employees, and citizens. He opined that it made a significant difference when an individual in a leadership position, like Commissioner Garcia, saw, acknowledged, and invested in their effort to improve. He remarked that the recognition from leaders reminded participants that they were not invisible or written off, that others believed they were worth the effort and had something to offer, and that people outside of the program were willing to help them recover. He emphasized how seriously he took the contribution, as he represented the Men's CrossRoads program daily when he spoke publicly, interacted with his peers, cleaned common spaces, assisted new participants, and took the time to talk to someone through a

difficult day. He opined that real change happened due to actions like those he had mentioned. He emphasized that he was not alone in those actions, as he belonged to a network of men learning to care about more than just themselves. He thanked Commissioner Garcia for investing in the program.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Young, remarked that 517 days of sobriety was an impressive achievement, and congratulated him.

Mr. Steven Markley greeted the Board and explained that he was speaking on behalf of the Men's CrossRoads program, which was very significant to him. He opined that the donation given to the program was wonderful. He emphasized the value of the Board's continued support. He noted the personal importance behind the Board's belief that a program could reinvest in those who were considered lost and that the participants could become active members of the community. He explained that he had graduated from the program and had since obtained his own apartment. He reiterated the importance of becoming established in the community and helping those similar to him who had not yet found a solution. He opined that he would have never gotten to where he was without those at the Men's CrossRoads program understanding his potential and believing in him even when he questioned himself. He explained that the program changed his life by showing him where to begin to involve himself in the community and teaching him how to do so. He commended the program for its focus on establishing meaning and purpose in participants' lives. He described the value that came from most of the Men's CrossRoads program staff having lived through similar experiences as participants, or who had become successful staff members after participating in the program themselves. He explained that it had given him hope to talk with staff members who had been in a similar position yet went far in life, treated him with dignity and respect, and allowed him to grow without pressuring him to settle. He noted that he had a clear career path in mind while in the program, and the staff helped him achieve his goal and exceed what he believed was possible. He thanked the Board for supporting the program and anticipated developing a relationship with each Commissioner.

Mr. Richard Stave remarked that there was something special about fostering self-growth. He expressed that he would be forever grateful to the Men's CrossRoads program for bringing out the best in him and helping him discover his passion and potential. He opined that each individual desired to experience love and joy despite their personal differences. He noted that the program participants would remain committed to investing love into themselves and each other. He emphasized their gratitude towards all who invested in the program and thanked Commissioner Garcia for supporting the growth and healing of the program participants.

Mr. Malcolm Chappel introduced himself as the Operations Director of RISE and indicated that he had been homeless before his position with RISE. He recalled frequently hearing many people say nobody cared about such issues, but he noted that an individual could watch where someone spent their money to learn what they cared about and what a person protected to know what they valued. He explained that he used to believe nobody cared, though he had since learned such a belief was untrue. He expressed his

gratitude for having benefited directly from the decisions made by the Board since joining the career field of helping others. He opined that it was evident that the Board believed that people mattered. He mentioned Mr. Markley's previous comments regarding the continued support offered by the BCC and noted that such remarks were emotionally impactful to him. He thanked Commissioner Garcia for her contribution to RISE. He expressed his anticipation of continuing to develop the programs RISE was involved with because of his belief that people mattered. He emphasized that the BCC was comprised of Commissioners who truly cared about the region.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Chappel and affirmed his statements by reassuring everyone in attendance that they mattered.

Ms. Maggie Stack introduced herself and her baby to the Board. She noted that she attended the BCC meeting on behalf of the Reno Dance Festival as the event's co-producer and co-founder. She explained that she had worked as a professional dancer in northern California for most of her life before moving to the County with her husband to start a family. She explained that she had fallen in love with the community and the area's geography. She noted that she taught dance at The Loft Dance Theater Arts and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). She reiterated her love for the area and asserted that she would not be moving elsewhere for a long time. She thanked the Board for their public service. She described their actions as incredible and expressed gratitude to Commissioner Garcia for her support. She explained that the Reno Dance Festival had occurred for four years and had grown immensely since its first year. She noted that the festival was always held in local venues, which was first held at The Alpine before being hosted at The Theatre near Keystone Avenue. She explained that the event held the year prior was hosted at the J Resort's Glow Plaza. She reported that the event had sold out of all its tickets that year, had over 300 people in attendance, and saw appearances from guest artists from Las Vegas. She reported that the Reno Dance Festival was scheduled to perform again on September 19, 2025, at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater in the Bartley Ranch Regional Park. She noted that the deposit for the event had been paid, an announcement had been made, and a website had been built with the volunteer help of two local artists, Ms. Melissa Ennis and Ms. Erica Wilson. She noted that Ms. Ennis and Ms. Wilson were occupied with work and could not attend the BCC meeting, but she reported that they had wanted to thank the Board. She explained that she, Ms. Ennis, and Ms. Wilson had recently finished sorting through approximately 35 applications from local artists who applied to participate in the festival. She noted that 21 applicants were accepted, which she expressed excitement about, as the festival had never previously received enough applications. She explained that she was trying to encourage Ms. Natasha Adorlee Johnson to appear at the event as a guest artist with her company, Concept O4. She expressed her intent to bring outside arts into the community and to create a platform for local artists to perform and dance. She invited everyone attending the BCC meeting to visit the event on September 19. She explained that the festival would host five workshops covering dance forms, including ballet, hip-hop, tap dance, belly dancing, and contemporary work. She noted that each choreographer for those workshops was creating something beautiful for festival attendees to watch. She invited those who did not enjoy watching dance to participate themselves instead, and she

assured those who did not like either activity that she could convince them to feel otherwise. She reiterated her gratitude and opined that dance could transform people's lives.

Ms. Diana Hoffman displayed a document, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. Ms. Hoffman introduced herself as the founder and president of Music With Confidence. She described that her organization began utilizing the performing arts as tools in 2018 to counteract bullying and assist in the development of children from the ages of 5 to 17 with autism, emotional challenges, or who were specially gifted. She stated that she had been blessed by being exposed to music her entire life, noting that during her childhood, her father had a concert orchestra beside his medical practice. She expressed the privilege she felt by having performed as an opera singer. She explained that she had played the piano since the age of 4, danced since she was 3, and played the violin since she was 11. She noted that although she had owned a law firm for 20 years in Silicon Valley and had held the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at national and international businesses, her involvement with Music With Confidence was the most rewarding thing she had ever done. She explained that autism had become substantially more common, as the national statistics for individuals with autism nationally indicated that every 1 in 31 people would be diagnosed with the condition. She noted that 20 years prior, it had been found that 1 in every 10,000 individuals had autism. Ms. Hoffman emphasized that children needed to be protected and encouraged to grow positively. She opined that her efforts would not have been possible without her team assisting her and requested they stand to identify themselves. She identified one of her students in the audience, Mary, who was cast to play Snoopy in Music With Confidence's production of the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. She introduced other individuals with Music With Confidence who were in the audience, including Mr. JC Clark and Mr. Ed Chevalley. She explained that Mr. Chevalley taught piano and guitar, while she taught voice, violin, piano, and other instruments. She thanked Commissioner Clark and stated that without his support, the organization could not provide all the services and programs they offered to children in need. She explained that Music With Confidence never had and would never turn children away due to financial difficulties. She hoped the Board would attend Music With Confidence's upcoming show at The Rock Church from July 23, 2025, to July 26, 2025. She introduced the organization's future therapy dog, noting that it had helped extensively with the children since the passing of a previous pet in October. She reiterated her thanks to the Board.

Chair Hill thanked Ms. Hoffman for all she had done and expressed anticipation for Music With Confidence's upcoming show.

Mr. Pat Cashell greeted the Board and introduced himself as the CEO of Sky Tavern. He thanked the Board for all they had done for Sky Tavern over the previous years and acknowledged Commissioner Garcia for her generosity. He explained that Commissioner Garcia's donation would provide scholarships for two new children to attend Sky Tavern's program that year. He noted that Sky Tavern gave scholarships to nearly 500 children yearly, providing all their lessons, 8 weekends of skiing, and full skiing instruction. He indicated that skiing had become a costly sport, and few communities had an organization or opportunity to teach children how to ski. He explained that such factors

made Sky Tavern a very special place. He noted that he had been with Sky Tavern for nearly a year, and prior to that, he did not fully understand what the organization did aside from teaching skiing to children. He stated that Sky Tavern offered a life-changing experience, noting that his engagement with the outdoors had saved his life from years of addiction. He explained that the organization recently expanded to include a mountain bike park to teach those skills in addition to skiing, as many of the participants in the program were children in the community who belonged to low-income families that had never seen snow, despite living in Reno. He noted that Sky Tavern also had an adaptive program, accommodating students through equipment such as sit-skis. He described an example of parents who had approached the adaptive program for their child who had been non-verbal for several months. He explained that when the child used the sit-ski in the adaptive program, they began laughing throughout the entire experience. He described Sky Tavern as a magical place and invited everyone to attend to witness what the program did as the biggest city park in Reno. He opined that the community underutilized Sky Tavern. He hoped to expand Sky Tavern to accommodate everyone who wanted to come and enjoy it. He explained that Sky Tavern was hosting its first fundraiser and concert on August 9, 2025, and noted that he would ensure everyone on the BCC would receive invitations to the event. He explained that the event would last the entire day with food trucks, live music, a chair lift to take patrons to a DJ waiting at the top, and hiking trails for families. He hoped to keep the event affordable and attributed that desire to why he named the event the *Why We Sky Anti Gala*. He noted that he did not like galas as they were stuffy and would be unaffordable to most of their clients. He wanted everyone to be able to attend the event to enjoy the mountain, reiterated his invitation to the Board, and extended his offer to the entire community. He thanked the Board for the donation and noted that two exceptional children would be on the mountain due to the contribution. He appreciated the Board and community support for Sky Tavern and what the organization did for children.

Mr. DeAndre Burlison displayed documents regarding recent expenditures, a cellular phone bill, a monthly Reno Transportation Commission (RTC) bus pass, personal health appointment information, and two incident reports from recent assaults he was involved in. No copies were submitted for the public record. He explained that he had a Community Court appointment the following day and that he was without money, food, or shelter. He noted that he understood that his Reno Housing Authority (RHA) file was complete and that the RHA was waiting for information regarding three potential property openings.

Ms. Kayla Peck mentioned that she was a Women's CrossRoads resident and expressed support for the Men's CrossRoads program. She thanked Commissioner Garcia for the generous donation and indicated that the Women's CrossRoads program changed her life and allowed her to reunite with her children. She thought it was incredible that men could reunify with their children through the Men's CrossRoads program as well.

Ms. Shawn Pennell thanked Commissioner Garcia for the donation to support Sparks High School. She explained that Young Life was a non-profit that focused on building positive relationships with youth and their families. She noted that Young Life's goal was to know each adolescent by name. She mentioned that the donated funds

would help facilitate opportunities to work with Sparks High School students year-round through weekly hangouts, monthly gatherings, and summer camp. She pointed out that she was Sparks High School's Club Advisor and that Young Life was a faith-based organization that allowed students of faith to be themselves. She commented that while there was a separation between church and State, she felt people of faith took their beliefs everywhere. She recalled that she was excited the first few times parents contacted her to relay news about their child because she was able to go above and beyond to assist them. She speculated that a fuller range of diversity was wonderful and that some students had never attended summer camp before. She communicated that the students had the opportunity to independently explore, have fun, learn, sing, and play at summer camp. She said that the donation allowed Young Life to incorporate more students into the program.

Mr. Josh Shay asserted that he was passionate about the CrossRoads program. He believed that the transition from participant to staff member was remarkable. He enjoyed witnessing the program's incredible support and said that he was excited about the opportunities that occurred due to the community's assistance. He noted that the establishment of a gardening committee was beneficial and enhanced the CrossRoads environment. He mentioned that being part of the community allowed him to experience how investments benefited everyone. He appreciated watching participants engage in activities such as softball and other leisure pursuits that he believed were essential for self-care. He recalled that finding time for self-care was challenging because there were many activities that had a cost. He was grateful to those who prioritized their well-being and thanked everyone who contributed to the CrossRoads journey.

Ms. Janet Butcher mentioned that people who rudely interrupted others wished to stifle comments, did not want to hear clarifications, were narcissistic, and did not wish for transparency. She thanked and appreciated Commissioner Clark for attempting to clarify questions and hoped that Chair Hill would cease interrupting other Commissioners. She requested to know why a special meeting for taxes was scheduled on June 25, and said that there were rumors that taxes were increased. She noted that appointing Assistant County Manager (ACM) Kate Thomas as the interim County Manager was a missed opportunity and that there was no proven record that the interim County Manager should receive equal compensation to the County Manager, who she said received significant wage increases over the years. She indicated that similar counties County Managers earned \$100,000 less than County Manager Eric Brown. She explained that she bought a new truck and was able to save \$1,000 in taxes because she purchased the vehicle in Elko. She pointed out that Nevada's eastern region had lower gas prices than Washoe County. She expressed concern due to the lack of a Flag Day announcement the previous month. She wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July and noticed that the next meeting was after the holiday, with no acknowledgement of the holiday on the current meeting's agenda.

Ms. Autumn Harry greeted the Commissioners in Numu and indicated that she was part of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT). She referred to Agenda Item 6I1 and expressed excitement about the new Riverbend Park Trailhead designation. She requested support from the BCC to allow her to create a mural at the Riverbend Park

Trailhead and explained that she had created several murals in the area. She noted that she was excited to create more art and work with Commissioner Garcia if Agenda Item 6I1 was approved. She wanted to bring imagery of the Truckee Meadows into the mural. She thanked Commissioner Garcia for contacting her about the project.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated that emailed public comment was received and placed on file.

25-0433 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Assistant County Manager (ACM) Kate Thomas indicated that the Sparks Senior Center was closed for flooring renovation and would reopen the week of July 14. She noted that there were two meetings on June 25: the Raftelis report workshop and the special meeting for the adoption of Nevada tax rates. She thanked the public commenter who mentioned the tax rates and said that the meeting was a yearly Board action to adopt the tax rates. She agreed that the meeting was unusual because the item was typically voted upon during a regular meeting; however, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) could not legally certify the tax rates until the Nevada Department of Taxation did, which would occur on June 25. Chair Hill asked ACM Thomas to clarify if there were any new taxes because she assumed it was the adoption of current taxes. ACM Thomas agreed and said that it was an annual item.

Vice Chair Herman recalled that she received an email regarding an executive order on March 26 from President Donald Trump relating to election integrity. She explained that the executive order discussed voter citizenship verification, federal and State collaboration, secured voting systems, federal funding conditions, prosecution of election crimes, and information sharing agreements. She hoped that an agenda item could be approved to discuss the executive order in relation to County practices. She explained that Elko County Commissioners Rex Steninger and Demar Dahl were developing a new land acquisition bill, and they wished to provide the BCC with a presentation but were not given a meeting date. Chair Hill asked if it was the same presentation that the BCC had already received. Vice Chair Herman reported that it would be a detailed presentation with discussion. She asked for extended time for board and commission recruitments to ensure individuals had ample time to apply. She recalled that a few people informed her that they felt there was not enough time to submit their application.

Commissioner Garcia thought that the public comments were healing. She requested that regardless of the type of effort those individuals were trying to support, that they kept advocating for their goals. She recognized their hard work and was inspired. She indicated that there was a Joint City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Commission, and Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission (WCOSRPC) meeting on June 26 for anyone interested. She said she attended a proclamation event to honor the Wilbur D. May Arboretum Founder Dr. Edward Kleiner. She reported that Dr. Kleiner was a University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) professor who created and grew the arboretum until 1999. She believed that the arboretum displayed the impact of one individual.

Commissioner Andriola wished to celebrate Reno Rodeo's 106th anniversary. She explained that the Reno Rodeo had significant economic benefits, including millions of dollars in revenue and jobs. She opined that the Reno Rodeo had the highest quality performers and encouraged everyone to enjoy the western themes of truth, honesty, and respect. She noted that the Budget 101 meeting was on July 22 and the pet memorial on August 16 and hoped all interested parties could attend. She explained that there would be an opportunity for questions prior to the Budget 101 meeting. She reported that it was her tenth year volunteering with the Reno Rodeo and that she attended the Reno Rodeo every night and felt blessed to have western heritage in the area.

Commissioner Clark saluted everyone at Crossroads. He commended ACM Thomas for addressing Ms. Janet Butcher's comments and indicated that her concerns were previously ignored. He believed that addressing comments was the key to transparency and quelling rumors. He asked the BCC to reconsider the appointment of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW). He explained that he received phone calls from individuals who wished to be considered for the WCABMW but were not able to apply due to the application portal being unavailable. He thought the process was flawed and the appointment should be reconsidered. He was not concerned with having a vacancy on the WCABMW until the applications were reopened and voted upon. He heard a rumor that the County purchased art and placed it in the Cares Campus, which he disagreed with because he thought that public art should be available for all to visit. He asked if County Manager Eric Brown would receive a compensation package or be paid until the end of the year.

Chair Hill explained that she attended the Incline Village Crystal Bay Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meeting the previous night. She commended ACM David Solaro and the Tahoe Transportation Plan (TTP) staff for making the community safer when walking, riding bikes, and driving. She thanked the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) for implementing the first bike boulevard on Lakeshore Boulevard that summer and indicated that the boulevard would be a shared lane with cyclists. She hoped that individuals would slow down when driving and that trails were not congested with electric bikes (E-bikes). She relayed that the Incline Village Crystal Bay community was excited about the work performed and for the application to the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

DONATIONS

25-0434 **5A1** Recommendation to accept \$4,000.00 in donations from Russell Horning to the District Attorney's Office for the benefit of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada travel operational costs; and authorize Finance to make necessary budget amendments. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Garcia thanked Mr. Russell Horning for the donation to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada (CAC) for travel and training expenses. She

recommended that those interested should tour the CAC and learn about their services. She commended the hardworking CAC staff.

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 5A1 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 6A1 THROUGH 6L1

25-0435 **6A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of May 13, 2025, and May 20, 2025. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

25-0436 **6B1** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2021/2022 2022/2023, 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 secured and unsecured tax rolls 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A, B and C and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$84,909.81]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)

25-0437 **6C1** Recommendation to adopt five resolutions accepting real property for use as public streets, which pertain to portions of five official plats as listed below totaling 14.06 acres and 2.46 linear miles; and if approved, direct the Clerk's Office to record the resolutions to accept:

1) R25-45 for a portion of the official Plat of Eagle Canyon IV Unit 4A, Tract Map 5419, recorded on April 28, 2021, as document number 512708, being a portion of Lanstar Drive, Littondale Drive, Eclipse Drive, Egyptian Drive, Fox Branch Drive, and Allerton Way, Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 532-364-02, 532-373-05, 532-382-09, and 532-364-02; approximately 3.88 acres and 0.65 linear miles; and

2) R25-46 for a portion of the official Plat of Eagle Canyon IV Unit 4B, Tract Map 5471, recorded on February 4, 2022, as document number 5274798, being Great Creek Court, Great Vine Court, and a portion of Littondale Drive, Cheetah Creek Drive, and Fox Branch Drive, APN 532-411-03; approximately 3.34 acres and 0.60 linear miles; and

3) R25-47 for a portion of the official Plat of Eagle Canyon IV Unit 4C, Tract Map 5482, recorded on March 21, 2022, as document number 5286891, being Cheetah Creek Court, and a portion of Allerton Way and Cheetah Creek Drive, APN 532-442-14; approximately 1.55 acres and 0.28 linear miles; and

4) R25-48 A portion of the official Plat of Sierra Vista Phase 1, Tract Map 5553, recorded on February 22, 2024, as document number 5436988, being Endor Drive and a portion of East Patrician Drive, Kess Way, and Wicket Drive, APN 080-031-03; approximately 2.68 acres and 0.51 linear miles;

and

5) R25-49 for a portion of the official Plat of Woodland Village Phase 21, Tract Map 5273, recorded on June 27, 2018, as document number 4826743, being Trinity Ridge Court, Gray Hills Court, Orr Valley Court and a portion of Briar Drive, APN 556-654-09; approximately 2.60 acres and 0.41 linear miles. Community Services. (Commission Districts 4 and 5.)

25-0438

6C2 Recommendation to approve the appointment of Patrick M. Caldwell to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment representing Commission District 4 (generally includes portions of Sparks, Spanish Springs, Hidden Valley, and East Truckee Canyon areas), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2029, or until such time as Mr. Caldwell no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Eligible applicants include: Patrick M. Caldwell and Donald Christensen. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

25-0439

6D1 Recommendation to confirm re-appointment to the Washoe County, Nevada OPEB Trust Fund Board of Trustees of Cindy Vance, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District chief fiscal officer, from July 24, 2025, for a two-year term to July 24, 2027. The OPEB Trust is a legally separate entity from Washoe County for the exclusive purpose of providing funds to pay for the post-retirement benefits provided by the employee welfare benefit plans maintained by the County and all assets of the fund are irrevocably dedicated to, and are used for the exclusive purpose of, providing for the payment of benefits and for paying reasonable expenses of administering the Fund, and will not be available to any creditors of the County or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

25-0440

6D2 Recommendation to approve the updated Driver Policy. This policy establishes comprehensive standards for individuals operating vehicles on behalf of Washoe County, ensuring safety, compliance with legal requirements, and accountability. The policy applies to employees, volunteers, contracted drivers, and other Board-approved drivers, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a good driving record and adhering to safe driving practices. It also outlines procedures for training, monitoring, and addressing violations to mitigate risks associated with vehicle operations. The updated verbiage to the policy is adding the following:

- Washoe County follows Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines for the appropriate recognition of a possible taxable event associated with employees taking County vehicles home. The IRS lists the criteria necessary to be exempt from this reporting. If the criteria aren't met, employees may be taxed appropriately.
- Should an accident investigation result in the determination that an employee was involved in an accident while using a County vehicle for

personal use, the employee may be responsible for all costs associated with the accident. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

- 25-0441** **6E1** Recommendation to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, with an estimated \$138,282 in position costs to be absorbed within existing District Attorney budget authority, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designees to sign the grant agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0442** **6F1** Recommendation to Acknowledge Receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with Special Recognition for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Finance. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0443** **6G1** Recommendation to accept a Federal Adoption Incentive sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$107,121.00; no county match] in Federal Adoption Incentive funds retroactive from October 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025 to support foster and adoptive recruitment and recognition activities; non-county employee travel to facilitate adoptive placements; and provide direct services support for children and families to ensure placement stability. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0444** **6G2** Recommendation to accept the Children's Justice Act (CJA) FY26 sub-grant from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$24,100.00; no county match required] for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0445** **6G3** Recommendation to retroactively accept a private grant from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, in the amount of [\$1,800; no County match] effective from August 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026 to support the continued use of the Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) evidence-based program for Seniors. Authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant and

related documents; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

- 25-0446** **6G4** Recommendation to accept the FY25 Fund for a Resilient Nevada subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in the amount of [\$69,066.00; no county match] to provide Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) services and timely substance abuse disorder evaluations and treatment as elements part of the Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START) evidence-based program, retroactive for the period of January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0447** **6H1** Recommendation to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (RSCVA) and the County of Washoe (Department of Juvenile Services) to provide supervision of juvenile Work Program participants, with an estimated revenue of \$5,000 per fiscal year; from 7/1/25 through 6/30/27; if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0448** **6H2** Recommendation to approve the acceptance of reimbursements from the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for Fiscal Year 2025/26 for youth detained at the Wittenberg Hall Detention Facility [Estimated reimbursement \$80,000]. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0449** **6I1** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$32,203.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$6,000.00] grant to the Indigenous Peoples Council on Biocolonialism - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to cover expenses for artist Autumn Harry to paint three large panels as part of a mural at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Be the Change Project - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support the Wedekind Road Art Project in 2024; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Reno Initiative for Shelter & Equality (RISE) - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) Men's Crossroads Program - a government entity - for general support of programming and services; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Washoe County Sustainability - a government entity - to reimburse disposal costs associated with the Sun Valley Tires & TVs (T&T) Drop-Off event hosted on May 31, 2025; a [\$2,425.00] grant to the Washoe County Community Services Department Open Space & Regional Parks - a

government entity - to cover the cost of installing a picnic table and bench at the new Riverbend Park Trailhead; a [\$1,500.00] grant to Sierra Arts Foundation - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support the 2025 Reno Dance Festival; a [\$1,278.00] grant to Sky Tavern - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to sponsor two children in the Jr. Ski Program; and a [\$1,000.00] grant to Young Life, Reno-Sparks Chapter - a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes - to support youth mentoring and engagement efforts at Sparks High School; approve resolution necessary for same; and direct Finance to make the necessary disbursement of funds and net-zero cross-fund and/or cross-function budget appropriation transfer. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3)

25-0450 **612** Recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2025 Washoe County Regional Emergency Operation Plan (REOP). The REOP provides a framework within which the Regional Partners (Washoe County, City of Reno, City of Sparks, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Northern Nevada Public Health, Washoe County School District, and University of Nevada, Reno, Northern Command) can plan and perform their emergency functions during a disaster or emergency. Authorization for the County Emergency Administrator to update the plan as necessary; and if approved, authorize the Chair to execute Resolution necessary for the same. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

25-0451 **613** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$22,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$2,000.00] grant to My Haven -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the building of a sensory indoor playground for individuals with diverse needs; an [\$8,500.00] grant to Palomino Valley Pet Rescue -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of rescuing special needs animals and placing them into permanent homes; a [\$2,000.00] grant to Music With Confidence -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of empowering children with emotional and physical challenges using performing arts to build confidence and social skills; a [\$5,000.00] grant to Scenic Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the scenic character of Nevada; a [\$2,500.00] grant to The Retired Investigators Guild -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its work to restore faith in law enforcement through its primary focus of solving cold case crimes; 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 programs for children in the community; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Finance Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 2)

- 25-0452** **6J1** Recommendation to accept from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety additional funding [increase of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$70,500.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0453** **6J2** Recommendation to accept from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety additional funding [increase of \$6,400.00 for a total of \$13,900.00, 25% in-kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs related to DUI enforcement, for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0454** **6J3** Recommendation to retroactively approve the Forensic Support Services Agreements between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Pershing County Sheriff's Office \$29,850; Washoe County School District Police Department \$3,771 for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service fees for the retroactive term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a total income of [\$33,621.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0455** **6J4** Recommendation to retroactively approve the Forensic Support Services Agreements between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Winnemucca Police Department \$108,090 for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service fees for the retroactive term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a total income of [\$108,090.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0456** **6J5** Recommendation to retroactively approve the Forensic Support Services Agreements between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Elko County Sheriff's Office \$117,830 for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service

fees for the retroactive term of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 with a total income of [\$117,830.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

- 25-0457** **6J6** Recommendation to accept a fiscal year 2023 Nevada Division of Emergency Management grant award [amount not to exceed \$297,312.52, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Office of the Military, Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2023 project number EMW-2023-CY-00008-S01, for the purchase of training, equipment, and UPS replacement for the retroactive grant period of May 29, 2025 through November 30, 2026; authorize the Sheriff to retroactively execute the award document; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0458** **6J7** Recommendation to retroactively accept the Third Amendment and Assignment of the Grant Agreement and Notice resulting in an additional amount of \$25,000.00 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, not to exceed \$879,775.00 to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement; retroactively authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute the subgrant award and related documents. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0459** **6K1** Recommendation to Acknowledge allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for the following Reno Justice Court Specialty Court Programs: Court Assistance Program (“CAP”), DUI Program, and “Get-To” Court Program (“GT”) in the amount of [\$37,000.00 for FY25, no match required]. The programs focus on reducing recidivism in adults with drug, alcohol, and mental health issues by aiding participants with sober living, residential treatment, and transitional living services. The allocation is paid in a one-time surplus funding installment that is transferable among court programs; and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 25-0460** **6L1** Recommendation to approve the acceptance of the Nevada Secretary of State Budget appropriation to Washoe County in the amount of [\$11,315.09] for the purchase, shipping, and handling of nine additional charging carts for the 2024 General Election, in accordance with the implementation of the Voter Registration and Election Management Solution (VREMS) project (AB422 (2021)). The Registrar of Voters received confirmation from the Nevada Secretary of State on March 7, 2025 of reimbursement eligibility; therefore, the request to accept this reimbursement is retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. If approved, direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments.

Voters. (All Commission Districts)

Chair Hill disclosed that she was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. She noted that she did not have a personal or pecuniary interest in the Church; therefore, she did not need to abstain herself from the vote.

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Agenda Item 6F1 was discussed after Agenda Item 18, Minute Item Number 25-0471. For additional discussion on this item, please see page 22 of these minutes.

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There was no response to the call for public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

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 6A1 through 6L1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 6A1 through 6L1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – 8 THROUGH 18

25-0461 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the 2025/2026 Slurry Seal for Selected Streets in Washoe County, PWP-WA-2025-263, including the Base Bid plus Bid Alternates 1 and 2 (additional micro and chip seal) [staff recommends Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount of \$3,248,507.00]; and approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$50,000.00]. Slurry seal is defined as the application of water, asphalt emulsion, aggregate, and additives to an existing asphaltic concrete surface as a preventative maintenance treatment to extend pavement service life while providing a safe riding surface for the traveling public. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be awarded and approved.

25-0462 **AGENDA ITEM 9** 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] that may include services

and supplies for all County departments that includes Sierra Electronics for emergency equipment upfitting [\$345,422.88] and Kahl Commercial Interiors for countywide furniture purchases [\$318,798.28]. 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 \$664,221.16. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be acknowledged.

25-0463 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to authorize the Comptroller's Office to renew the Excess Liability Insurance Policy with SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORPORATION for a one-year term with an annual cost not to exceed [\$499,493], effective July 1, 2025, and authorize the Comptroller's Office to sign the applications and agreements necessary to bind coverage, funding from the Risk Management Fund source. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be authorized.

25-0464 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to authorize the Comptroller's Office to renew the Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with Safety National Casualty Corporation for a one-year term with an estimated annual cost of [\$389,107] effective July 1, 2025, and authorize the Comptroller's Office to sign the applications and agreements necessary to bind coverage, funding from the Risk Management Fund source. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be authorized.

25-0465 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to authorize the Comptroller's Office to renew Property, Auto Physical Damage, Boiler & Machinery, Mobile Equipment, Cyber Liability and Pollution Liability with the Public Entity Property Insurance Program (PEPIP) for a one-year term with an estimated annual cost of [\$1,546,619], effective July 1, 2025, and authorize the Comptroller's Office to sign the applications and agreements necessary to bind coverage, funding from the Risk Management Fund source. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be authorized.

25-0466 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the total amount of [\$150,000] for Fiscal Year 2025 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005 to increase expenditure authority in District Attorney's Office for Transcripts, Witness Travel, Witness Fees, and Interpreters to support reasonable and necessary costs related to mandated duties in prosecution; and direct Finance to make the appropriate cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. [Total Fiscal Year 2025 impact \$150,000; 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

25-0467 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve the use of Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Contingency in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005 to 1) increase expenditure authority in the amount of [\$200,000] in the Roads Fund to pay for the failure of existing stormwater infrastructure near Blue Spruce Road and; 2) to increase expenditure authority in the amount of [\$400,000] in the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for rehabilitation of a Washoe County owned, concrete wall located along Arrowcreek Parkway, and 3) direct Finance and Comptroller to make the necessary budget appropriation and cash transfers prior to June 30, 2025. [Total Fiscal Year 2025 impact \$600,000; 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

25-0468 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept subgrant award Amendment #1 from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for the following Older Americans Act Title III Program Home Delivered Meals for [\$560,000.00; \$84,000.00 county match] retroactively from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct Finance to make the necessary budget amendments. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

25-0469 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$609,681.00; no county match] in both revenue and expense to the FY25 SB118 Interlocal Contract, retroactive to July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, for Northern Nevada Public Health in the improvement of public health, and direct Finance to make the appropriate budget amendments. Northern Nevada Public Health. (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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be approved and directed.

25-0470 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the 5-year renewal for the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 (July 2025-June 2030) of Accela, in the amount of [\$4,545,382.63], for the regional permitting software maintenance and support, with Washoe County responsible for [\$1,450,275.29] and regional partners reimbursing Washoe County for the remainder of the amount based on number of licenses. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be authorized.

25-0471 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to approve payment for the Fiscal Year 2026 renewal of the Aumentum Technologies/Manatron Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) for Maintenance and Support Services, in the amount of [\$381,132], for the Treasurer’s Tax System software maintenance and

support. The Aumentum Technologies/Manatron SLA was initially approved by Washoe County on July 18, 2008, and payments for the annual renewals are approved by the Board of County Commissioners. 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 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved.

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Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Michael Large indicated that Chair Hill meant to acknowledge Agenda Item 6F1 on the Consent Agenda regarding the receipt of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Chair Hill commended the Budget Team for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award with special recognition for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). She wanted to ensure the staff's hard work was recognized during turbulent budgetary times. She indicated that staff would continue to discuss how to provide services to the community with the Board of County Commissioners (BBC).

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25-0472

AGENDA ITEM 7 Introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code), Article 904 Nonconformance, to revise the timeframe to obtain building permits for nonconforming uses of a structure and nonconforming structures that have been partially or totally destroyed; and to clarify the requirement for bringing a nonconforming use of land or nonconforming use of a structure into compliance with current development code provisions; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto.

If supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 8, 2025. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1932.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1932 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

PUBLIC HEARING

25-0473 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Public Hearing: For possible action to conduct a Public Hearing under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act ("TEFRA") and adopt a resolution approving the issuance by the Public Finance Authority (Wisconsin) of not to exceed \$310,000,000 of Hospital Revenue Bonds on behalf of Renown Regional Medical Center for purposes of, and as required by, Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Section 147(f), as amended. The bonds or a portion thereof will be "private activity bonds" and "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The revenue from the bond issuance will be used to (1) finance and refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation, improvement, equipping and furnishing of healthcare, hospital and related and appurtenant facilities of Renown Regional Medical Center and its affiliates located or to be located in Washoe County, Nevada and (2) pay certain costs of issuance of the bonds. The bonds are not a debt or obligation of the County; the County is not a party to the financing and bears no risk in this transaction, either financial or reputational, and has received a letter of indemnification from the borrower, which was prepared by the County's bond counsel firm, Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLP. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Michael Large indicated that Renown representatives were available if needed. He noted that the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) allowed the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), State, or County to issue bonds. He believed that it was not a tax obligation for the County and recalled a similar issuance performed in 2022 for Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada (PANN) and Doral Academy of Northern Nevada (DANN). He mentioned that TERFA allowed agencies to issue bonds with IRS approval and reported that the bonds were potentially tax-free.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

25-0474 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Public Comment.

Ms. Caron Tayloe indicated that she was a recent Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW) appointee. She explained that she wanted the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to be comfortable with their WCABMW appointee selection. She asked why a Commissioner wished to rescind the WCABMW appointment and wondered if it was procedural or based on disinformation. She knew that

some Commissioners were the subject of disinformation campaigns in the past and wished to clear her name of any disinformation. She wanted to represent the 95 percent of County residents who were not hunters. She noted that non-hunters did not have a voice on the WCABMW and witnessed wildlife populations decrease due to the loss of habitat and poor decision-making. She mentioned that most decisions were made before public comment was provided, or comments were met with derision and fear. She said she abided by the decisions made and recalled that she had never disrupted a meeting. She thought that she maintained good relationships with the sports community and divulged that the sportsmen were the first to alert her of the possible WCABMW reappointment. She loved Nevada and its wildlife and believed in democracy and decisions made about public property. She referred to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 501.100, which stated wildlife belonged to the people of Nevada. She commented that the non-hunting community had contributed by way of donations, grants, land projects, habitat restorations, public education, and Pittman-Robinson funds. She reported that many in the non-hunting community were responsible gun owners and that when individuals sided with those who silenced wildlife supporters, the wildlife suffered. She communicated that multiple voices were needed instead of the same people who made poor decisions. She divulged that she saved the BCC from an onslaught of individuals who wished to speak on her behalf because she believed it was about the wildlife and not her.

25-0475 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Andriola looked forward to the June 25 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meeting and expressed interest in the Raftelis report that would be discussed. She explained that the property tax item was a fiduciary and ministerial procedure that was based on the Nevada Tax Commission's deadline. She appreciated Assistant County Manager (ACM) Kate Thomas for clarifying that the taxes were preexisting rates.

Commissioner Clark asked if the Medical Examiner's (ME) Office had closed escrow. ACM Thomas informed Commissioner Clark that she would update him when she received that information.

Commissioner Clark divulged that he did not discuss the reconsideration of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WCABMW) appointment with any hunters. He noted that he received calls from individuals who wished to be appointed to the WCABMW and that while Ms. Caron Tayloe may be reappointed, he felt it was fair for others to be considered. He hoped the WCABMW appointment would reappear on an agenda.

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11:12 a.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
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Prepared by:
Lizzie Tietjen, Deputy County Clerk
Brooke Koerner, Deputy County Clerk

Pending Board Approval