

Monday 9:00 a.m. January 4, 1999

PRESENT:

- Joanne Bond, Chairman
- Jim Galloway, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner Elect
- Ted Short, Commissioner Elect
- Betty J. Lewis, County Clerk
- Katy Simon, County Manager
- Dick Gammick, District Attorney

The Board convened in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of newly elected officials taking their oath of office, as required by Nevada Revised Statutes. Following the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bond ordered that the Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners meeting of January 4, 1999, be approved.

99-1 OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

Outgoing County Clerk Betty Lewis administered the oath of office to County Clerk Elect Amy Harvey who then, in assuming the position of County Clerk, administered the oath of office to the following elected and re-elected officials of Washoe County:

Joanne Bond	re-elected County Commissioner	District 5
Ted Short	elected County Commissioner	District 2
Pete Sferrazza	elected County Commissioner	District 3
Bob McGowan	re-elected County Assessor	
Bill Berrum	re-elected County Treasurer	
Richard Gammick	re-elected District Attorney	
Richard Kirkland	re-elected County Sheriff	
Kathy Burke	elected County Recorder	
Don Cavallo	elected Public Administrator	
Paul Freitag	re-elected Justice of the Peace	Sparks, Dept. 2
Edward Dannan	re-elected Justice of the Peace	Reno, Dept. 2
(oath administered prior to today)		
Barbara Finley	elected Justice of the Peace	Reno, Dept. 5
Jack Schroeder	elected Justice of the Peace	Reno, Dept. 3
Hal Albright	elected Justice of the Peace	Reno, Dept. 4
A. R. "Scot" Whittey	Constable, Incline Village	

Jola Ann Mott	Trustee, Gerlach General Improvement District
Victoria Williams	Trustee, Gerlach General Improvement District
Mae Carthen	Trustee, Grand View Terrace General Imp District
Roy Moore	Trustee, Grand View Terrace General Improvement District
[Oath Administered Prior To Today]	
Kenny Kinsman	Trustee, Incline Village General Improvement District
Gail Krolick	Trustee, Incline Village General Improvement District
Thomas F. Dolley	Trustee, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District
[Oath Administered Prior To Today]	
Chris Plastiras	Trustee, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection
[Oath Administered Prior To Today]	
Harold Shotwell	Trustee, Palomino Valley General Improvement District
John Vandermeer	Trustee, Palomino Valley General Improvement District
Lee Wells	Trustee, Palomino Valley General Improvement District
Patricia Lancaster	Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District
Mary E. Hansen	Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District
Ted Heath	Trustee, Sun Valley General Improvement District
Heidi Oleson	Trustee, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District
John Turner	Trustee, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District
Howard Zunino	Trustee, Verdi Television Maintenance District
[oath administered prior to today]	

The following re-elected or newly elected District Court Judges were not sworn in at these ceremonies because of previous commitments.

Deborah Schumacher	Second Judicial District Court Judge	Dept. 5
Jim Hardesty	Second Judicial District Court Judge	Dept. 9
Scott Jordan	Second Judicial District Court Judge	Dept. 11

Commission members then introduced family members and friends who were present today for the swearing-in ceremonies.

99-2 ELECTION - BOARD CHAIRMAN

Following a brief statement during which he noted Commissioner Galloway's dedication and hard work on the Board, Commissioner Short nominated Commissioner Galloway as Chairman. In seconding the nomination, Commissioner Sferrazza noted that he is very supportive of Commissioner Galloway's views concerning the sales tax issue, and although he had first thought he would support Commissioner Shaw, he has been informed that Commissioner Shaw served as Chairman twice and he believes Commissioner Galloway should now have his chance.

Commissioner Bond moved that Commissioner Shaw be appointed Board Chairman, which motion was seconded by Commissioner Shaw. On call for the question, the motion failed with Commissioners Sferrazza, Short, and Galloway voting "no."

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Commissioner Galloway was appointed Chairman of the Board, with Commissioners Sferrazza, Short, and Galloway voting "yes" and Commissioners Bond and Shaw voting "no."

Commissioner Galloway expressed his appreciation to Chairman Bond for serving as Chairman and cited her talent in dissuading conflict during difficult situations.

He noted her sense of humor in handling these. He then stated his desires that members be respective of one another and polite in addressing issues of contention and encouraged Board members to express reasons for voting the way they do.

Commissioner Bond expressed her congratulations to and her support of Chairman Galloway as did Commissioner Shaw who stated the importance of keeping lines of communication open, particularly on the part of the Chairman.

Chairman Galloway then assumed the gavel and presided over the meeting with the Board as follows:

- Jim Galloway, Commissioner, Chairman
- Ted Short, Commissioner, Vice Chairman [elected below]
- Joanne Bond, Commissioner
- Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner
- Jim Shaw, Commissioner
- Amy Harvey, County Clerk
- Katy Simon, County Manager
- Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney

99-3 ELECTION - BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Commissioner Short was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Galloway called for public comment.

Sam Dehne then addressed the annexation by the City of Reno of properties owned by people who do not wish to be annexed and asked that new members take action to prevent this. He then stated that the report that the population is growing at the rate of 1 percent is preposterous as he knows it is growing at a higher rate than that. He also spoke against the railroad project and the raise in taxes.

99-4 COMMISSION MEMBER BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Following discussion and some debate, on motions duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Board members were appointed to Boards and Committees as indicated.

Joanne Bond

- Regional Transportation Commission (term to 12/31/00)
- Regional Governing Board
- Parks Commission Liaison (term to 12/31/00)
- Investment Committee (term to 12/31/00)

Senior Citizens Board (term to 12/31/00)

National Association of Counties (term to 12/31/00)

Jim Galloway

Regional Governing Board (term to 6/30/01)

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (term to 12/31/00)

Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (term to 12/31/00)

Investment Committee (term to 12/31/00)

Debt Management Commission (term to 12/31/00)

Joint Coordinating Committee for TMWRP (term to 12/31/00)

Pete Sferrazza

Regional Planning Governing Board (alternate)

Reno-Sparks Convention Visitors Authority (term to 12/31/02)

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (term to 12/31/00)

Jim Shaw

District Board of Health (term to 1/03)

Reno-Sparks Convention/Visitors Authority (term to 12/31/02)

Employee Recognition Committee (term to 12/31/00)

Human Service Consortium Triumvirate (term to 12/31/00)

Truckee Meadows Tomorrow (term to 12/31/00)

Ted Short

Regional Transportation Commission (term to 12/31/00)

Regional Planning Governing Board

Organizational Effectiveness Committee (term to 12/31/00)

99-5 RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Board discussed Rule 2, "Gift(s) Received by a Board Member:"

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he believes this should read the same as the Nevada Revised Statutes. Commissioner Shaw stated that he thinks this rule should be eliminated and be left to the discretion of a Board member as to what he accepts. He cited former Commissioner Steve Bradhurst's practice regarding any gifts he receives being donated to the Senior Citizens Center.

The suggestion was made to defer this to the meeting of January 19, 1999, to provide legal counsel an opportunity to review the statute pertaining to this, and on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Galloway soordered with the direction to place the item on that agenda for consideration and final action.

A brief discussion was held concerning Chairman Galloway's memorandum submitting the following rule for discussion: "No item may be agendized for action on changing tax rates or adding new taxes during the interim between a general election and the installation of any newly elected commissioners." Commissioner Shaw stated that a Board member is elected for a 4-year term and must be allowed to represent his district on the Board for the entire period. Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he believes legislative action should be explored to eliminate "lame-duck sessions," and that a person who is voted into office be sworn in and take effect upon election to that position and after the Canvass of the Vote has been completed.

The second rule discussed was No. 3, "Placement of an Item on a Board Meeting Agenda by a Board Member/Removal of Items from Agenda." Legal Counsel Madelyn Shipman stated that that provision was made in order to allow any Commissioner to place something on the agenda and have it in writing so that the County Manager and the Chairman would be aware and perhaps determine the appropriate time for this to be agendized. Commissioner Shaw mentioned that Commissioner Sferrazza had requested something on the agenda even before he was sworn in as a member, which he felt was not ethical; Chairman Galloway advised that he had co-requested this with him.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the provision be changed to require that the request by a member of the Commission for an item to be agendized be submitted to the County Manager who will, in turn, inform other members of the Commission of the item, so that they may be aware prior to the distribution of the Agenda rather than with the Agenda packet or afterwards in order to have sufficient time to study and explore the effect of such item.

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10:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

JIM GALLOWAY, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: AMY HARVEY,, County Clerk