BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY <u>1:00 P.M.</u> NOVEMBER 20, 2001

PRESENT:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Ted Short, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Katy Singlaub, County Manager

Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

The Board met 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:

01-1187 <u>AGENDA</u>

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the agenda for the November 20, 2001, meeting be approved with the following amendment: <u>Delete</u>: Item 15 concerning Resolution approving City of Reno/Washoe County Agreement for financing of the Downtown Events Center and providing for the transfer of the National Bowling Stadium from the County to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guy Felton, American citizen, spoke in opposition to the recent article in the Reno-Gazette Journal by Frank Partlow concerning people who speak before public bodies. He referred to a Supreme Court decision that states "As Americans, we have a profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide open and that it may well include vehement, caustic and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials."

Aaron Schumacher, Washoe County citizen, said that property tax is an unconstitutional act and discussed his concerns regarding the Jesuit order.

Robert Cameron, Washoe County resident, stated that a citizen complained to their CAB about the lighting at the new Wal-Mart on South Virginia; and

that, even though the facility is in the County, it is in the Reno Sphere of Influence, so the CAB had no input into the situation.

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1:15 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, discussed issues of concern regarding the Ethics Commission, City of Reno Mayor Griffin, and the Airport Authority.

Jessica Sferrazza-Hogan, Reno City Councilperson, thanked the Board members for their votes on the Courts, and said she believes it is the best decision for the community. She said she was present to speak on behalf of the Youth Advisory Board with the City of Reno and described some of their activities. She advised that the organization works well to help the youth and underprivileged children of Washoe County and asked that the County consider allocating funds to assist their efforts.

MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Shaw requested that staff look into the request made by Reno City Councilperson Jessica Sferrazza-Hogan regarding the Youth Advisory Board.

Commissioner Galloway referred to the recent appearance before the Board by the Registrar of Voters, Dan Burk, where he said he thinks a new voting system might be considered in the future. Commissioner Galloway stated that the County spent a lot of money making the current system work, and he is concerned about the security of any new voting system; and that the current system allows for a paper recount of votes, and there might be other systems that have something that corresponds to a recount. He requested that County management talk with the Registrar of Voters about having a workshop on this matter that would include consideration of forming a committee to look into the issues.

Commissioner Bond stated that some concern has been expressed to her that the information provided on the County Website, especially relating to fees and costs for filings, may not be accurate and up-to-date. She requested the matter be reviewed.

01-1188 <u>CRAFT VENDOR BOOTHS SPACE FEE – COUNTY SPONSORED</u> <u>CRAFT FAIRS – PARKS</u>

Upon recommendation of Doug Mullens, Recreation Superintendent, through Karen Mullen, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that a flat fee of \$50 per booth space for Craft Vendor Booths at County sponsored craft fairs be approved.

01-1189 EXPENDITURE – MODIFY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SOFTWARE LICENSE & SERVICES AGREEMENT - DISTRICT COURT

Upon recommendation of Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the expenditure of \$76,000 to modify the Second Judicial District Court's case management system to provide District Court with the ability to properly track case aging and acquire the appropriate statistical model for effective court operations be approved. It was further ordered that Amendment No. 2 to the Software License & Services Agreement between the County of Washoe and ACS Government Systems, Inc. be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-1190 <u>TRANSFER OF FISCAL YEAR 2002 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY –</u> <u>BUILDING AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT – BUDGET</u>

Upon recommendation of Anna Heenan, Finance Department, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that the transfer of all Fiscal Year 2002 financial activity within the General Fund Building and Safety Department (1540) to the Enterprise Fund Building and Safety Department (6000) be approved, and the Comptroller be directed to make the appropriate cash, transfer, budget authority and actual expenditure adjustments.

It was noted that the budget authority in the Building and Safety General Fund department will decrease by \$10,480.44 and the actual expenditures will decrease by \$11,228.96; and that the Building and Safety Enterprise Fund budget will increase by the \$10,480.44 and actual expenditures will increase by \$11,228.96.

01-1191 <u>INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO – HUMAN RESOURCES</u>

Upon recommendation of Joanne Ray, Director of Human Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the Board of Regents for the University of Nevada, Reno, concerning provision of professional services to conduct a systematic review of Washoe County's programs and facilities for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act in a not-to-exceed amount of \$6,210 over a four-month period, be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-1192 FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE – WELLS FARGO BANK NEVADA, N.A. – DISTRICT ATTORNEY FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION – GENERAL SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Tom Gadd, Director, General Services, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the First Amendment to Lease between Washoe County (Lessee) and Wells Fargo Bank Nevada, N.A., a National Banking Association (Lessor), concerning modification of square footage (decrease) and identification of parking allocation for use by the District Attorney's Family Support Division at No. 1 California Street and for other terms and conditions as stated therein, be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was noted that no budget adjustments are required relative to this action.

11-1193 <u>AGREEMENT – CARRARA NEVADA – LEGISLATIVE</u> RELATED SERVICES – STRATEGIC PLANNING

Upon recommendation of John Slaughter, Strategic Planning Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the agreement between Washoe County and Carrara Nevada, concerning legislative related services from December 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002, in the amount of \$35,000.00, be approved, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-1194 <u>AWARD OF BID – LEMMON VALLEY MARSH INTERPRETIVE</u> <u>DOCK – PUBLIC WORKS</u>

This was the time to consider award of bid for the Lemmon Valley Marsh Interpretive Dock for the Public Works Department. Informal bids were solicited on November 2, 2001, and the following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Gradex Construction	\$69,450.00
Garden Shop Landscaping	\$69,370.00
Atlas Contractors	"No Bid"

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Public Works Department, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the bid for construction of the Lemmon Valley Marsh Interpretive Dock be awarded to the low, responsive, responsible bidder, Garden Shop Nursery Landscape Division, in the amount of \$69,370.00, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

01-1195 <u>AWARD OF BID – LONGLEY LANE BACKFLOW</u> IMPROVEMENTS – PUBLIC WORKS

This was the time to consider award of bid for the Longley Lane Backflow Improvements for the Public Works Department. Informal bids were solicited on October 17, 2001, and the following bids were received:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Atlas Contractors	\$61,611.00
Gradex Construction	\$41,955.00
Highfield Construction	\$42,700.00

Upon recommendation of Anthony McMillen, Public Works Department, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the bid for construction of the Longley Lane Backflow Improvements be awarded to the low, responsive, responsible bidder, Gradex Construction Company, in the amount of \$41,955.00, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

01-1196 AWARD OF BID – BID NO. 2309-02 – PARKS AND RECREATION

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on September 7, 2001, for two new Utility Vehicles on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

H. V. Carter Co. Reed Equipment Company Turf Star, Inc.

Chapman Dodge submitted a "no-bid" response.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bid No. 2309-02 for two new Cushman Turf Trucksters, Model #898664 Utility Vehicles, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department, be awarded to the lowest bidder, H. V. Carter Co., Inc., in the amount of \$34,282.00.

It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to purchase additional utility vehicles from H. V. Carter Co., Inc. through September 30, 2002, provided there is no increase in pricing.

01-1197 <u>CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS – PERSONAL</u> PROPERTY - ASSESSOR

Upon recommendation of Thomas Sokol, Assistant Chief Deputy Assessor, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Short temporarily absent, it was ordered that the following Roll Change Requests, correcting factual errors on tax bills already mailed, be approved for the reasons stated thereon and mailed to the affected property owners, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Clerk. It was further ordered that the Order on each roll change directing the Treasurer to correct the error be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute on behalf of the Commission.

Lowell C. Bernard--Parcel #008-161-41 [-\$441.07] (2001 Secured Roll). Interwest Bank--Parcel #015-220-30 [-\$427.26] (2001 Secured Roll). Lowell C. Bernard--Parcel #019-051-04 [-\$120.39] (2001 Secured Roll). C B Concrete Co.--Parcel #032-050-52 [-\$2,108.82] (2001 Secured Roll). Nugget Courtyard--Parcel #032-172-27 [-\$612.18] (2001 Secured Roll). John Ascuaga's Nugget--Parcel #032-201-20 [-\$14,211.76] (2001 Secured Roll). Granite Construction Co.--Parcel #032-281-06 [-\$6,691.99] (2001 Secured Roll). David or Gina Rodriguez--I.D. #32/183-55 [-\$22.67] (2001 Unsecured Roll). Frederick R. Olmstead--I.D. #2/105-508 [-\$17.24] (2000 Unsecured Roll). Dermody Home Services--I.D. #2/105-997 [-\$110.50] (2000 Unsecured Roll). Sparks Legal Clinic--I.D. #2/171-008 [-\$104.40] (2000 Unsecured Roll). William W. Harrison--I.D. #2/171-038 [-\$155.58] (2000 Unsecured Roll). Kietek International Inc.--I.D. #2/503-000 [-\$1,147.80] (2000 Unsecured Roll). David or Gina Rodriguez--I.D. #32/183-55 [-\$21.90] (2000 Unsecured Roll). Kietek International Inc.--I.D. #2/503-000 [-\$1,466.22] (1999 Unsecured Roll). David or Gina Rodriguez--I.D. #32/183-55 [-\$21.50] (1999 Unsecured Roll).

INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Approximately 20 new Washoe County employees introduced themselves to the Board. Chairman Shaw and County Manager Singlaub welcomed the new employees.

01-1198 <u>DISCUSSION – FUNDING FOR PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN</u> <u>ACTUATED CROSSING WARNING LIGHT – SOUTHWOOD/</u> NORTHWOOD INTERSECTION ON SR 28 – INCLINE VILLAGE

Commissioner Galloway advised that the Incline Village community generated this request to mitigate the danger at the intersection at Southwood and Northwood near the location of the new skate park and the Incline Middle School. He said the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) conducted a traffic study but the intersection did not meet their warrants for a traffic light. At his inquiry, Tom Stephens, NDOT, advised that one alternative would be a pedestrian actuated crossing signal, and

that in order to put a project like that higher on NDOT's priority list, he suggested there be a local and/or County contribution. When Incline Village residents heard about that possibility, they started getting pledges for the project. Commissioner Galloway advised that the estimate for the project is \$75,000 and his proposal is that, if the local community raised 1/4 of the cost and the County matched that 1/4, NDOT would match 1/2. He said he is bringing this matter to the Board because he is very concerned about the safety of the children at that intersection. He noted that the County sometimes sponsors local activities, but this has not been done at Incline Village, and this would be something the County could do for their community.

Kelly Anrig, Chief Safety Engineer, NDOT, discussed the type of project being proposed and responded to questions of the Board.

Commissioner Sferrazza commented that there are situations in Washoe County where multiple deaths have occurred and no light has been installed; and that, if the Board approves this, he would want requests in other areas to also be considered.

Commissioner Galloway stated that he would not want to wait until a death happens at this intersection to do something. One of the reasons he felt the local fund match was a good way to go is because the County would not have to consider demands for free no-citizen participation; and that if residents elsewhere in the County would consider a local community match, the Board could consider their request.

Commissioner Bond said the Board might consider establishing a policy that would encourage this kind of participation in the event a local community or group wants to lead the charge on a fund raising effort.

Jim Clark, Republican Men and Women Clubs of Incline Village, advised that his wife was present representing Children's Cabinet, and they support this item and appreciate Commissioner Galloway's efforts. He said he and Don Epstein have headed up the fund raising so far and are ready to continue that effort.

Don Epstein, Incline Village resident, advised that he represents the Rotary, the Lions, and the CAB. He provided background information concerning the subject intersection and said he feels strongly that the project is needed to protect the children.

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1:45 p.m. Commissioner Short arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Epstein stated that the study done by NDOT was conducted before school started and the skate board park was in full use; and that the intersection is very dangerous and the situation needs to be resolved.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that, if the Board so directs, the request for funding would come back on a future agenda. She asked if NDOT is willing to take responsibility for the project even though it does not meet warrants, and Mr. Anrig advised they would be.

Chairman Shaw asked if NDOT is committed to doing this type of project at other dangerous intersections. He said he believes public safety is important but wants to be careful about setting a precedent. Mr. Anrig advised they would not be able to put in a signal everywhere somebody would want one and would have to look at each situation on a case-by-case basis. He said they would be willing to look at a funding mechanism where citizens would be willing to participate.

Commissioner Galloway advised that Mr. Stephens acknowledged that NDOT believes some danger does exist at this intersection even though it does not meet warrants; and that he does not believe this puts NDOT in a position to do something where they feel no significant danger exists.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that staff be directed to come back to the Board with a funding proposal up to 1/4 of the estimated cost of \$75,000 for a pedestrian actuated crossing warning light at the Southwood/Northwood intersection on SR 28 in Incline Village, which would match dollar for dollar any local funds generated toward the project; and that Contingency be considered if no other source of funds is available.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated that he supports the motion with the understanding that the process would be open to other places within the County.

Legal Counsel Shipman commented that the subject intersection is on a State highway and the same process would not necessarily work for the many roads in the County that are not State highways; and that NDOT would have the final say as to whether or not they would participate in a project.

01-1199 <u>APPOINTMENT – ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS</u> COMMITTEE

Upon recommendation of Commissioner Galloway, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Robert Larkin be appointed to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee with a term to expire December 31, 2004.

01-1200 REMOVAL OF MEMBER AND APPOINTMENT – EAST WASHOE VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Aaron Schumacher, County resident, said he hoped the Board would consider receiving lists of other people to appoint to other boards for this position.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Dianne Stortz-Lintz be removed as an at-large representative on the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) and Teresa Cole be appointed to fill the position with a term to commence November 20, 2001, and expire June 30, 2003.

It was noted that Dianne Stortz-Lintz has missed the last four CAB meetings without an excuse, and in accordance with the Bylaws of the Citizen Advisory Boards, three consecutive unexcused absences from the CAB meetings is an automatic removal from the Board.

01-1201 <u>ELIMINATE POSITION – CREATE POSITIONS – DISTRICT</u> <u>COURT/COURT SERVICES – BUDGET</u>

Upon recommendation of Anna Heenan, Finance Department, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that elimination of position number 132 in Court Services and creation of two new part-time no benefits positions, one for Court Services activity at the Jail (12121) and one for Court Services activity at the Court House (12122), be approved. It was noted that the annual savings of this action will be \$8,300.

01-1202 RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS - WASHOE COUNTY NURSES ASSOCIATION

Upon recommendation of Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Washoe County Nurses Association Supervisory and Non-Supervisory bargaining units for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004 be ratified:

Term of Agreement

The term of the Agreements is for three years, July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004.

Salaries

July 1, 2001 - 4 % general salary increase.

July 1, 2002 - 4 % general salary increase.

July 1, 2003 - 3.5% general salary increase.

Hay Salary Ranges and Classification Process

Adopted the Hay salary ranges effective July 1, 2001, including step-down COLA payments for employees whose pay grade was reduced. Also adopted a new article that accepts the Hay classification process and recognizes Hay Associates as the final arbiter of any classification disputes.

Temporary Assignments

Adopted a provision setting forth the conditions for eligibility to be temporarily compensated for qualifying assignments out of classification.

Travel Time

Recognized that employees traveling by air to mandatory overnight training are eligible to have up to three hours per round trip of layover time/time spent awaiting flights considered as hours worked.

Vacation Leave

Provided that employees who request to schedule vacation time prior to October 1, and who are not allowed by management to use their accrued vacation time by the end of the year, will be paid for those hours in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours rather than forfeiting such hours.

Dependent Health Premium (Supervisory Unit)

Provided that the county will pay 50% of dependent health care premiums for employees in the supervisory unit.

Discipline

Eliminated the language that purged serious disciplinary actions from consideration after eighteen (18) months of discipline-free employment.

01-1203

BILL NO. 1317 - AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 5 – PROHIBIT
REPRISAL OR RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST AN
OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO DISCLOSES IMPROPER
GOVERNMENTAL ACTION

Bill No. 1317, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY ADDING PROVISIONS PROHIBITING REPRISAL OR RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO DISCLOSES IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION, AND PROVIDING

OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO" was introduced by Commissioner Bond, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

01-1204 <u>BILL NO. 1318 - AMENDING WCC CHAPTER 21 - CHANGE</u> NAME OF MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVILEGE TAX TO GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TAX - STEPPING DOWN TAX AMOUNT

Bill No. 1318, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PRIVILEGE TAX TO THE GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TAX, STEPPING DOWN THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX BY TWENTY PERCENT PER YEAR OVER 4 FISCAL YEARS AND ABOLISHING THE TAX AFTER THE FOURTH FISCAL YEAR" was introduced by Commissioner Short, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

01-1205 RESOLUTION – GRANT OF PUBLIC MONEY TO NEVADA LAND CONSERVANCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/02 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Aaron Schumacher, County resident, said this proposed action sounds like what is going on across the nation that will make all billboard properties obsolete, and no one will own any property, and people will be required to follow strict laws. He suggested that the Board not give any money to help the demise of property rights and organizations like this conservancy who are only out to steal property and resell it.

Commissioner Galloway commented that this grant does not directly relate to billboards, and is for the acquisition of land needed for conservation purposes only, which he is in favor of doing. He said there are pieces of land that need to be protected; that public policy is always on the table on a case-by-case basis whether it pertains to billboards or a particular proposed land use; and that he thinks additional protections are in place. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, disclosed that she serves on the Board of the Nevada Land Conservancy as Washoe County's representative. Commissioner Short said he believes the Nevada Land Conservancy does a great job. Commissioner Sferrazza agreed and stated they are one of the key organizations in maintaining open space in Washoe County, which he believes is one of the County's most precious resources.

On motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution authorizing the grant of public money in the amount of \$75,000 to the Nevada Land Conservancy for Fiscal Year 2001/02 be adopted, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the Community Development Director be authorized to transfer funds from the Department's authorized budget to the Nevada Land Conservancy.

Resolution - Authorizing Grant of Public Money to the Nevada Land Conservancy

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a board of county commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county and that a board may make a grant of money to a private organization, not for profit, to be expended for a selective purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Washoe County has determined that granting of funds to the Nevada Land Conservancy will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of Washoe County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

- 1. The Board hereby grants to the Nevada Land Conservancy, a private, nonprofit organization, a grant for fiscal year 2001-2002 in the amount of \$75,000;
- 2. The Board hereby grants to the Nevada Land Conservancy the use of County facilities should the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department and/or the Director of the Department of Community Development determine that that is a desirable and effective use of County facilities.

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It was noted that, in 1997, the Board of County Commissioners endorsed the establishment of the Nevada Land Conservancy as a means of implementing the Regional Open Space Plan and agreed to fund, from the Community Development budget, the amount of \$75,000 per year for five years; and that this is the fifth and final year of that commitment.

01-1206 PUBLIC COMMENT – AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING OF DOWNTOWN EVENTS CENTER - TRANSFER NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM FROM COUNTY TO CITY OF RENO

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, noted that Sam Dehne requested to speak on this item, but it was pulled from the agenda. Legal Counsel Shipman said the item was pulled yesterday by staff and the Board made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended, at the beginning of the meeting. She advised that, in order for Mr. Dehne to speak on this item, a motion would need to be made to reconsider Item 3, Approval of the Agenda.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Bond voting "no," Chairman Shaw ordered that the Approval of the Agenda, as amended, be reconsidered; and that this item be opened only for the purpose of public comment concerning the Resolution approving the City of Reno – Washoe County Agreement for financing of the Downtown

Events Center and providing for the transfer of the National Bowling Stadium from the County to the City.

Mr. Dehne said, when a citizen comes to a meeting to speak on an agenda item, it is wrong to pull it and not let the person have his say. He stated that it is wrong to encompass a \$114-million bond on the citizens of Reno and Washoe County for the City to take over the bowling stadium and turn it into another convention center. He said he is not against the concept of the convention center downtown but is against pawning this albatross off on the citizens of Reno.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk:

01-1207 Reports - Monthly (September/October 2001)

- **A.** County Clerk
- **B.** County Clerk (Oct)
- C. Court Clerk
- **D.** Court Clerk (Oct)
- E. Treasurer
- F. Animal Control

01-1208 Reports - Quarterly (ending September 2001)

- **A.** Verdi Justice Court
- **B.** Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township Justice Court
- C. Incline Village-Crystal Bay Township Constable
- **D.** Washoe County Sheriff
- **E.** Court Clerk/County Clerk
- F. Washoe County School District
- **G.** Gerlach General Improvement District

01-1209 Reports – Annual Financial Report FY (ending June 30, 2001)

- **A.** Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
- **B.** Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District

01-1210 Report – Audit and Control – August, September & October, 2001

A. Washoe County Treasurer for County Clerk and Court Clerk

A. Annual Local Government Indebtedness as of June 30, 2001 – Nevada Department of Taxation * * * * * * * * * * * * * * There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman Washoe County Commission ATTEST: AMY HARVEY, County Clerk

Minutes Prepared by Barbara Trow Deputy County Clerk