

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

PRESENT:

**Jim Galloway, Acting Chairman**  
**David Humke, Commissioner**  
**Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**

ABSENT:

**Jim Shaw, Chairman**  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman**

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:

**04-974      AGENDA**

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that the agenda for the September 21, 2004 meeting be approved with the addition of the selection of a Chair.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, Commissioner Galloway was elected as Acting Chair for the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Al Hesson, local resident, stated George W. Bush should be judged on his record alone. He commented on the expiration of the assault rifle ban and increased medical costs for senior citizens.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, said there should be better procedures set up for citizens to work with the fire and police departments during fire emergencies. He expressed his sympathy for those affected by the Andrew Lane fire.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, addressed the lack of Board of Equalization (BOE) workshops and covered topics in need of discussion. He said Chairman Shaw could be held responsible for the failings of the BOE Chairman.

Cristina Villegas, Nevada State Democratic party representative, reported on September 7, 2004 she was told by the Registrar's Office that they were completely out of voter registration forms and would be for two weeks. She said the Nevada State Democratic party has received complaints that voter registration forms went unprocessed in time for the Primary Election. Ms. Villegas requested the Board hire temporary staff to assist the Registrar to ensure that all people who register on or before October 2, 2004 are in the system in time to receive sample ballots and to vote in the General Election.

**04-975            MANAGER'S/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

County Manager Katy Singlaub remarked she had noted the concerns of Cristina Villegas, and she would provide a report to the Board at the earliest convenience.

Commissioner Humke read an e-mail he received from Commissioner Weber concerning the proposed Gold Ranch annexation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He announced a citizen meeting at Pleasant Valley Elementary School on September 25, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss traffic issues on Highway 395.

Commissioner Sferrazza commented that the way the ballots went out was discriminatory, and no one should be denied the right to vote because their registration was not entered into the system. He asked the County Manager to authorize additional personnel to get the job done. He requested this be placed on an agenda if Board authorization was necessary.

Ms. Singlaub confirmed she did not have to have specific Board authorization for temporary assistance. She noted there were 27 additional employees in the Registrar's Office for the November election, and staffing requirements would be reviewed and addressed immediately.

**04-976            INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Acting Chair Galloway invited approximately 33 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

**04-977            MINUTES**

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, Acting Chair Galloway ordered that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2004 be approved.

04-978

**PROCLAMATION – A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN – SEPTEMBER 27, 2004**

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that the following proclamation be adopted and Acting Chair Galloway be authorized to execute the same:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute the greatest threats to the well-being of America's children, and

**WHEREAS**, Surveys conducted by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University have consistently found that the more often children and teenagers eat dinner with their families the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use illegal drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, Teenagers who virtually never eat dinner with their families are 72% more likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, and

**WHEREAS**, Teenagers who almost always eat dinner with their families are 31% less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, and

**WHEREAS**, The correlation between family dinners and reduced risk for teen substance abuse are well documented, and

**WHEREAS**, Parental influence is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers,,

**WHEREAS**, Family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of family life in America; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that September 27, 2004, is "Family Day - A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children" in Washoe County and the Board encourages all citizens in the Truckee Meadows community to participate.

04-979

**CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS – ASSESSOR**

Upon recommendation of Jean Tacchino, Assistant Chief Deputy, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that

the following Roll Change Requests, correcting factual errors on tax bills and the Order directing the County Treasurer to correct the errors, be approved and Acting Chair Galloway be authorized to execute the same.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>APN #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>ROLL</b>
Scott R. Donovan	076-401-41	[-\$6,516.41]	2004 Secured
Scott R. Donovan	076-401-42	[-\$8,956.87]	2004 Secured
Russell T. & C. Jean Bigelow	122-134-07	[-\$80.71]	2004 Secured
Miller & Chonita B. Ream	123-260-01	[-\$579.64]	2003 Secured
Edward W. & Linda F. Rathburn	123-260-02	[-\$486.35]	2003 Secured
John J. Wu ETTR	123-260-05	[-\$869.63]	2003 Secured
Jane A. Barnhart	123-260-06	[-\$800.19]	2003 Secured
Agnieszke M. Winkler, Tr	123-260-07	[-\$789.09]	2003 Secured
Arthur & Sandra Antony III	123-260-10	[-\$516.45]	2003 Secured
J. Robert & Carole K. Anderson	123-260-11	[-\$555.96]	2003 Secured
James P. & Marilyn Beresford	123-260-12	[-\$403.27]	2003 Secured
Stuart Cook	126-251-14	[-\$137.87]	2001 Secured
Stuart Cook	126-251-14	[-\$142.77]	2002 Secured
Stuart Cook	126-251-14	[-\$142.40]	2003 Secured
LCD Bitterbrush LLC	126-292-52	[-\$2,658.60]	2004 Secured
LCD Bitterbrush LLC	126-292-53	[-\$2,900.72]	2004 Secured
Bellavista @ Wingfield Springs LLC	520-242-01	[-\$688.55]	2004 Secured

**04-980                    RESOLUTION – TAHOE BASIN-WIDE FOREST FUELS  
REDUCTION**

Acting Chair Galloway explained the resolution as a modification of one that came before the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) at their last meeting. He said TRPA hoped local governments and other related entities in the region would adopt the resolution because it shows solidarity and support for the task of fuels management in area forests.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, stated citizens should be allowed to go into fire areas to protect their homes. He voiced his support for the resolution and encouraged the Board to expand it to the entire region.

Chief Jim Linardos, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, thanked the Commission for their support of the resolution. He stated this issue has been discussed extensively over the past few years, and it is starting to come closer to reality.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, confirmed his home burned down three weeks ago. He said he had defensible space around his home and had a plan to protect it, but he was restricted from entering his neighborhood. He affirmed it was essential that a fuel thinning reduction program be initiated as soon as possible.

Acting Chair Galloway commented he would like to see this program become a model for forests nationwide. He said when excess fuels are removed, it is not a profitable logging operation; and any proceeds from the timber sales only help offset the costs of a money consuming operation.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Acting Chair Galloway, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Acting Chair Galloway be authorized to execute the same:

**RESOLUTION--IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR TAHOE BASIN-WIDE FOREST FUELS REDUCTION, FOREST THINNING AND HEALTHY FOREST PROGRAMS TO AVOID CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE IN THE TAHOE BASIN.**

**WHEREAS**, The forest management practices of the last 100 years, combined with drought and beetle infestation, have created threatening environmental and public safety conditions in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, A catastrophic wildfire in the Tahoe Basin could set Lake Tahoe's water clarity and quality and the Basin's ecology back 100 years, as well as having untold economic impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Gondola Fire of 2002 within the Basin, and the Waterfall Fire of 2004 in adjacent Carson City, serve as reminders of the continued potential of catastrophic wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, Even though local land management agencies have made efforts to reduce hazardous fuel conditions, much more Basin-wide action and funding is urgently needed; and

**WHEREAS**, In December 2003, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's (TRPA) Governing Board made avoidance of catastrophic fires and fuels reduction the number one priority of the TRPA for 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, The seven Tahoe Basin Fire Protection Districts have recently completed the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and National Fire Plan compliant community fire plans; and

**WHEREAS**, An immediate infusion and sustained investment is critical for the implementation of the community fire plans and the treatment of federal, state and private lands as a lack of sufficient funding has very serious short and long-term consequences for Lake Tahoe, its forests, its communities and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, To date, there have been insufficient funds available to accomplish critical forest fuels reduction, forest thinning and healthy forest programs to avoid catastrophic fire in the Tahoe Basin; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the United States Senate and Congress, as well as the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture, to increase funding and make available sufficient new funds to accomplish the critical forest fuels reduction, forest thinning, and forest health programs to avoid catastrophic wildfire in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners hereby urges all concerned citizens, city, county, state and local agencies to join with Washoe County in this request.

**04-981            LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT – MICHAEL CHAPMAN –  
EVANS CREEK LLC – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, voiced his opposition to the writing of the agenda item and said he was close to filing an Open Meeting Law complaint. He stated the item needs to be re-agendized and the agreement be opened up for the bid process.

County Manager Katy Singlaub clarified the purpose of a condemnation proceeding is for the Court to establish the fair market value of the property, so the owner could be compensated. She noted the owners of the Ballardini Ranch have repeatedly said they would be willing to sell for the right price.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, applauded Commissioner Weber's previous vote against the condemnation proceedings on a matter of principle. He referenced an article that was written about an east coast state that condemned an entire neighborhood for the stated purpose of increasing property taxes. He urged the Commission to use caution on the issue of condemnation.

Acting Chair Galloway inquired if there was a deficiency in the noticing of this item that would require the Board to defer action. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, said the item adequately described what the Board would be acting upon. Acting Chair Galloway requested that in future items the generic name be included in the writing of the agenda item.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if it was an open-ended process to retain Michael Chapman. Ms. Foster replied she was unaware of any other attorney in Washoe County who would be available to handle a condemnation action of this magnitude, and she described how he was retained through the District Attorney's Office. Commissioner Sferrazza requested a maximum amount of \$50,000 in the agreement; and, if it went beyond that amount, it would return to the Board for further review. Ms. Foster concurred with his request, and she added the reason this was before the Board was to ensure uninterrupted service.

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Acting Chair Galloway, which

motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that a legal services agreement between Washoe County and Michael Chapman, Esq., concerning Evans Creek LLC (Ballardini Ranch), be approved and Acting Chair Galloway be authorized to execute the same. It was further ordered that the maximum amount of the agreement would be \$50,000 and any amount over that would be subject to review by the Board.

**04-982**            **BILL NO. 1431 – NAME CHANGE OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained staff was seeking a name change for the Washoe County Department of Parks and Recreation to Washoe County Department of Regional Parks and Open Space to more accurately reflect the primary mission of the Parks Department.

Karen Mullen, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the agenda memorandum dated September 1, 2004. She added that the intent of the name change was also to decrease confusion for the public.

In response to Acting Chair Galloway, Ms. Mullen clarified the difference between the role of the Parks Department and Community Development in terms of open space dealings.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, stated the department should be renamed to Open Space and Regional Parks to place the focus on open space and also to be consistent with the Parks Commission.

Bill No. 1431 entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO THE WASHOE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO,**" was introduced by Commissioner Humke, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

**04-983**            **CONTRACT - RICHARD ADAMS AND CHARLENE ELEY - MENTAL STATUS ASSESSMENTS - JUVENILE SERVICES**

County Manager Katy Singlaub noted staff contacted every licensed provider of this service in Washoe County; and Richard Adams and Charlene Eley committed to provide 24-hour, 7-day a week, on-call assistance for detained juveniles.

Commissioner Humke stated he had received the information he had requested, and he added that Juvenile Services staff has full confidence in Mr. Adams and Ms. Eley. Acting Chair Galloway affirmed there was no overtime rate in the agreement.

Upon recommendation of Mary Ann Woolley, Juvenile Services Division Director, through Leonard Pugh, Juvenile Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that a professional services contract between Washoe County and Mr. Adams and Mr. Eley, concerning brief mental status assessments of juveniles detained at Wittenburg Hall or housed at the McGee Center or Kids Kottage at a cost of \$60 per assessment, be approved and Acting Chair Galloway be authorized to execute the same.

**04-984            REPORT ON CONFLICT COUNSEL CONTRACT**

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, gave background information on the conflict counsel contract as summarized in the agenda memorandum dated September 1, 2004.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked who had agreed to the one-year extension in June of 2004. He said someone indicated that Mr. Jack Alian would accept a one-year contract. He stated the Board was presented with a new three-year contract without being informed that there was one year remaining on the existing contract at a lower compensation rate. He questioned why that was presented without advising the Board of the fact that the Board was unilaterally increasing the compensation on the three-year contract and extending it for an additional three years.

Mike Specchio, Public Defender, reviewed the original contract dating back to 1996, and he detailed the length of the contracts and the payment schedules through June of 2004. He noted the reason the existing contract was made for three years was because the Alian group needed to remain together, and Judge James Hardesty determined the only way they could do that was if they had more than a one-year contract. Mr. Specchio explained, at a meeting relating to this matter, he was asked whether or not the agreement could be three separate one-year contracts. He disclosed he spoke erroneously on behalf of Mr. Alian at that time. Mr. Specchio acknowledged in subsequent conversations between Counsel for the County and Counsel for Mr. Alian, Mr. Alian refused three one-year contracts.

In response to Acting Chair Galloway, Mr. Specchio said the Court dictated how many murder cases Mr. Alian could attain. Acting Chair Galloway inquired if the contract specifies how Mr. Alian was to contract out cases; and Mr. Specchio clarified that the County cannot dictate how he operates the contract, so long as he provides competent and able representation.

Carter King, area attorney, stated it was his understanding that, before Mr. Alian was given the new contract, the County Commissioners agreed they would give notice to the legal community that the contract was being reconsidered and new attorneys could bid for the contract. He commented on the letter sent to the legal community from Judge Hardesty, and he remarked it was not a notice to the legal community that the contract was up for reconsideration. Mr. King questioned whether Mr. Alian should be

the only person to have this contract. He said there needs to be a separate fund to pay expenses for the criminal defendant that is not the attorney's money. He explained right now all the money is given to Mr. Alian, and he decides what money is used to pay for the expenses to represent his clients. He declared this is a conflict of interest and that is why he filed a lawsuit in Federal Court to try to get the contract declared null and void.

Acting Chair Galloway inquired if separating the funds for expert witnesses and other expenses had been considered. Mr. Specchio responded the contract had never been operated in that manner.

Acting Chair Galloway asked if there was anything that could be done to disengage the contract at this point without the consent of Mr. Alian. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, explained there are provisions in the contract for termination, but that has not been noticed for such action on the agenda. She corrected Mr. Berkich in that there was no vote to cancel the contract. She stated if the Board desired to discuss modifying the agreement at a later date, it must be recognized that a contract is a two-sided process; and short of Mr. Alian's agreement, all there would be to offer would be an amended contract, which was the situation in June of 2004.

Mr. Specchio said there was a provision that the contract could be terminated without cause, but he stated he did not want to do that because it would not be in the best interest of the County. He explained there could be a lawsuit because of the breach of the contract but, more importantly, would be the cost the County would incur when the judges would have to hire private counsel in all of the cases. He noted there were approximately 250 cases in the pipeline.

Acting Chair Galloway asked if the Commissioners could terminate the contract without cause to be effective 90 days or beyond for the purpose of going ahead with a request for proposal (RFP). Ms. Foster stated it should be a minimum notice of 90 days without cause. She explained that although there is a termination without cause provision in the agreement, there is an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in the Nevada contract law, which could impact the Board's decision of whether that action would be followed at this time. Ms. Foster added there is the option of pursuing a valid RFP process in the future.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated his frustration was that he understood the Board had directed staff, on more than one occasion, to prepare an RFP; and that has not taken place. He confirmed the Board never voted to overturn their previous action, which was to rescind the contract. Commissioner Sferrazza said this was done by staff without a public hearing, without being on the agenda, and he believes this is wrong. He noted several attorneys who wanted to participate in the process contacted him, he committed to them to bring the matter before this Board, and he followed through. He commented now there is miraculously another three-year contract with Mr. Alian.

County Manager Katy Singlaub stated there was no direction voted upon by this Board in the original discussion of bringing this contract back, and there was no

direction to execute an RFP. There was a request for notification to the legal community, and Judge Hardesty was pursuing that Board request when he invited the legal community to a discussion. She said there was no initial direction prior to the May discussion for staff to have an RFP. She noted on May 11, 2004, the matter returned to the Board; and the three-year contract was approved. Ms. Singlaub added when the item was discussed at a subsequent meeting during public comment, the Board directed the Manager to agendize a reconsideration, which was done, and voted upon. She explained the District Attorney's Office reviewed the action and went to Mr. Alian, who refused to amend the agreement. Ms. Singlaub further explained it was the judgment of the District Attorney's Office that no RFP would be brought forward because the District Attorney concluded reconsideration could not be consummated because Mr. Alian did not agree to it. She offered that the Board could consider a notice of termination without cause to terminate the agreement June 30, 2005, as was initially instructed and complete an RFP. Ms. Foster stated that would not be an option under the agenda item today.

Commissioner Sferrazza voiced his disagreement with the County Manager's comments, and confirmed he was asking that this Board take action to either rescind the RFP process or direct that it be completed.

Commission Sferrazza moved to reaffirm that an RFP be prepared as originally requested without a specific date for the service to commence. Acting Chair Galloway seconded the motion.

Mr. King said three or four attorneys should operate the contract to ensure the best service.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, commented the District Attorney's Office is running the County and not the elected officials. He said the Board should fire their Legal Counsel. He stated there are problems with many contracts in the County and a study should be commenced to review them.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, said the process is not right and it needs to be corrected. He supported the idea of three or four attorneys dividing the contract.

Acting Chair Galloway requested the motion be broadened to ask that the draft RFP be brought back to the Board by the last meeting of October. He further requested multiple options be prepared in the draft RFP, and he explained possible options. Commissioner Sferrazza was agreeable to amend the motion as suggested.

Commissioners Galloway and Sferrazza voiced that the RFP is being pursued to allow for a fair and competitive process, and it is not out of a judgment of Mr. Alian's actual performance in handling the contract.

Acting Chair Galloway requested the matter of exercising a without cause termination of the contract, effective June 30, 2005 or after, be placed on the agenda at the same time as the report on the draft RFP.

Commissioner Humke inquired if the motion would affect the current contract, and Acting Chair Galloway confirmed it would not. In response to Commissioner Humke, Acting Chair Galloway explained that seeking a provision to terminate without cause would be a separate request and not part of the motion.

Commissioner Humke inquired who would be directed to draft the RFP. He stated if Mr. Specchio or his office were not involved in the process, he would not support the matter. After further discussion, Ms. Singlaub confirmed staff would prepare an RFP with the consultation of Mr. Specchio and the review by all appropriate parties. She noted it would be on the October 26, 2004 agenda.

Acting Chair Galloway commented it would be a draft RFP and not an RFP the County would be bound to put forward because contractual matters have to be taken care of before an actual RFP could be issued.

On call for the question, the motion carried on a 3-0 vote, with Chairman Shaw and Commissioner Weber absent.

It was noted that Acting Chair Galloway said he would decide if he wanted to bring forward an item regarding the termination of the contract.

**04-985            2002 REGIONAL PLAN SETTLEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES**

Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, said he attended a meeting on September 21, 2004 with staff and legal counsel from the Cities of Reno and Sparks. He explained differences remain with the wording proposed to be adopted by the City of Reno concerning the Cooperative Planning Criteria. He stated all those who were present at the meeting agreed to appeal to Judge James Hardesty tomorrow for additional time to allow staff to come up with wording that would be more acceptable to the Board. Mr. Freund believed the Reno City Council would postpone their proposed action on the Cooperative Planning Criteria to allow for further discussion.

Mr. Freund updated the Board on the Prospector Gaming application for annexation scheduled for the Reno City Council meeting on September 22, 2004. He noted he asked Reno staff to inquire of the applicant if they would be willing to continue the introduction of the ordinance, and staff confirmed they would approach the applicant. He requested this continuance to allow the Board additional time to examine all the facts concerning the annexation and the possible impacts of it.

Per the request of Acting Chair Galloway, Mr. Freund confirmed he would provide a side-by-side comparison of the original language in the Settlement Agreement and the language proposed for adoption by Reno and Sparks.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, spoke of the failings of the Regional Plan and, he urged the Commission to stop the annexation of Washoe County land.

**REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Commissioner Humke reported at the Regional Transportation Commission meeting on September 17, 2004 there was a vote to ratify the action of the Technical Advisory Committee, which is made up of the Public Works and Street Building professionals from Washoe County, Reno, and Sparks. Several projects with several tax sources were on the list of projects for road resurfacing, seal coats, and road rebuilding. He said the motion was made and seconded by Reno and Sparks to approve only the Reno and Sparks projects.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested confirmation of the date of the ground breaking for the Animal Shelter. He inquired about the time of the next Joint Meeting. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said she would give that information to the Commissioners. He asked for a substitute to cover part of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority retreat for him on October 20, 2004.

Acting Chair Galloway announced there would be a meeting on September 22, 2004 of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). He said TRPA would be considering the formation of a committee to focus on forest fuels reduction. He suggested the local government committee be the base for the group to eliminate quorum problems that might exist. He thanked his fellow Commissioners for adopting the resolution.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 04-986**      A.      Copy of fully executed NDOT Contract No.3217, Project No. SPSR-0667(008), on SR 667, Kietzke Lane, from Gentry Way to Victorian Avenue, Washoe County, Frehner Construction Co., Inc., Contractor. (documents forwarded to Public Works)
  
- 04-987**      B.      Copy of fully executed NDOT Contract No. 3220, Project No. SPSR-0425(003), on SR 425, Third Street in Verdi, from the Junction with the Westbound I-80 Ramp at Exit 1 to the East Verdi Interchange, Washoe County, Paragon Associates, Inc., Contractor. (documents forwarded to Public Works)
  
- 04-988**      C.      Copy of letter from Community Development concerning Lattice Wireless Communication Towers sent to Cingular Wireless. Copy of Cingular's CPUC Attachment A and cover letter regarding Cingular Wireless Telecommunication sites in Washoe County.

**04-989** D. Copy of an Interlocal Agreement for sharing costs to support the activities of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency for 1990-91.

**04-990** **REPORTS – MONTHLY (July 2004)**

- A. County Clerk
- B. Court Clerk

**04-991** **REPORTS – MONTHLY (August 2004)**

- A. County Clerk
- B. Court Clerk

**ANNUAL FISCAL REPORT (2004)**

**04-992**

- A. Grand View Terrace General Improvement District

**04-993** **BUDGETS (2004-05)**

- A. City of Reno - Final
- B. Reno Redevelopment Agency - Final

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations at 4:50 p.m.

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**JIM GALLOWAY**, Acting Chair  
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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**AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk  
and Clerk of the Board of  
County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by  
Lori Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*