

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

AUGUST 16, 2005

PRESENT:

Bonnie Weber, Chairman
Bob Larkin, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner*
David Humke, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Melanie Foster, 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:

05-818 AGENDA

Discussion ensued concerning non-controversial items being moved to the consent agenda.

Sam Dehne, area resident, remarked that items containing small amounts of money should be on the consent agenda; however, the Board should recognize items involving larger sums of money and any donations that appear on the agenda.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, stated the consent agenda should be eliminated due to lack of understanding. He brashly expressed the consent agenda was used by the officials to move items all in an effort to confuse the public and make it difficult for citizens to participate in the process of government.

***2:20 p.m.** Commissioner Galloway arrived at the meeting.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the agenda for the August 16, 2005 meeting be approved with the following changes: **Delete** Item 11D, purchase of the Fiber Optic Cable Fence Disturbance Sensor system, and Item 11F, professional services agreement between Washoe County and Patrick Dolan.

05-819 INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Chairman Weber invited approximately 24 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

05-820 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Hesson, Reno resident, discussed the war in Iraq and the emotional and psychological impacts on the soldiers. He commented on the leadership of President Bush concerning that war.

Guy Felton, area resident, spoke loudly concerning his wrongful removal from the meeting on July 12, 2005. He offered information from his "Truth in Government Project."

2:32 p.m. Commissioner Galloway temporarily left the meeting during Mr. Felton's public comments.

Sam Dehne, local resident, said it was discouraging to citizens to hear the reflections of the Board regarding public involvement at the meetings.

Juanita Cox, area resident, commented on the field trip to the Tahoe Reno Industrial Park, requested the Commissioners read the new "Range" magazine, and asked the Board to give their attention to those who come before them to speak.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, urged the Commissioners to pay attention to members of the public when they come forward to speak. He presented a notice of "no trespass" to the Board and informed them that they were barred from entering onto his property.

During consideration of the consent agenda later in the meeting, Mr. Dehne spoke in favor of having the Caucus meetings. He said the Board should resume Caucus meetings to enhance good organization, and the Caucus meetings should be televised. Commissioner Galloway noted he requested a vote on whether or not to resume Caucus meetings, and the item would be on the September 20, 2005 agenda for possible action.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2:44 p.m. Commissioner Galloway returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Larkin asked for clarification of the procedure for receiving materials from the general public.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, explained all documents should be given to the Clerk, and this should be included on the agenda for clarity. Commissioner Larkin confirmed all materials to be distributed to the Commission must go through the Clerk for proper noticing and inclusion into the record.

The Board thanked the Storey County Commissioners and the Gilman family for hosting the tour and lunch at the Tahoe Reno Industrial Park on August 15, 2005. Commissioner Larkin stated tours were available to the public to view the largest industrial park in the world, and he added that area would significantly impact the economics of this region. Commissioner Galloway noted Storey County operates on a staff of approximately 50 people, and he acknowledged the work they had accomplished. Commissioner Sferrazza requested an annual joint meeting with the Storey County Commission, and Chairman Weber thanked Commissioner Larkin and staff for scheduling the field trip to the industrial park.

Commissioner Larkin requested an update on the salary sweeps and an investigation into the idea of increasing the approval of individual contracts for department heads to \$100,000. He asked for information on the prescription drug card that the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) offers free of charge. He expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for their attendance at the dedication of the Mayor Tony Armstrong Post Office on August 15, 2005.

Commissioner Galloway commented on a Planning Commission vacancy and said the Board needed to decide if they would select persons based on the applications or establish an interview committee. He recognized there were applicants for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, and he stressed the importance of completing the appointments as soon as possible.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested a joint meeting with the Clark County Commission. He commented on the NACO prescription drug card, and County Manager Katy Singlaub confirmed an item concerning the drug card would be on the September 13, 2005 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Humke stated the United States Department of Interior, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Carson City Field Office of the BLM, and the Reno Fire Department were proposing a fuels treatment project on BLM administered and private lands adjacent to New Washoe City, Nevada. He said the entities would be holding a meeting on August 17, 2005, and he described the plan and purposes of the proposed fuels treatment project.

Chairman Weber commented she desired to continue the field trips, and she asked the Commissioners to consider areas they would like to tour. She stated she would like to visit the Stead Airport and the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. Chairman Weber asked that a master calendar be put together, and other entities be invited to join the Commissioners at the various venues they would be visiting. She requested joint meetings be scheduled with the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District

(GID) Local Managing Board and the Incline Village GID. Chairman Weber commented on the upcoming drive for the Sun Valley Food Bank and noted donations that were needed.

Chairman Weber asked for direction concerning the request to speak cards that had been received for this item. Ms. Foster confirmed the agenda had not been changed to disallow public comment on non-action items, as requested at the August 9, 2005 meeting. She recommended the Chairman hear the public comments that had been requested.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, requested the Commissioners take a field trip to the Andrew Lane fire area and speak to the neighbors who lost their homes in the fire.

Ms. Singlaub announced there would be a Town Hall Meeting on August 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers on the topic of fire safety. She noted it would be televised, and there would be call-in and e-mail exchanges available. She confirmed fire services, the Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management would be in attendance.

Sam Dehne, local resident, described how this item was an action item, and he asked for an agenda item on the Air National Guard and the firefighting C130's.

05-821 SEXUAL ASSAULT - MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENT

Pursuant to NRS 217.280 to 217.350, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that payments with funds from the District Attorney's account designated Sexual Assault Victims Expenses be authorized for initial emergency medical care and follow-up medical or psychological treatment for 45 sexual assault victims in an amount totaling \$9,077.99 as set forth in a memorandum from Kim Schweickert, Program Assistant, District Attorney's Office, dated August 1, 2005.

**05-822 CASH DONATIONS – JUROR FEE DONATIONS –
SOCIAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Galloway read the names of the donors and recognized the juror fee donations.

Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Social Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the following cash donations in the amount of \$239.98 and juror fee donations in the amount of \$2,000 be accepted with the gratitude of the Board:

\$ 10.00	Unknown Donor
\$ 80.00	Ronald Jenkins
\$ 25.00	Marie Van Roekel
\$124.98	Wells Fargo Community Support

It was further ordered that the Social Services Department be authorized to expend these funds to benefit children in care and families who are clients, and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments for fiscal year 2004/05:

Cost Object/Account	Title	Amount of Increase
20026-484000	General Donations	\$ 239.98
20224-484000	Juror Donations	\$ 2,000.00
20026-710500	General Donations/Other Expense	\$ 239.98
20224-710500	Juror Donations/Other Expense	\$ 2,000.00

05-823 APPOINTMENT – WARM SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that Kimberly Haywood be appointed as the At-Large representative to the Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board with a term from August 16, 2005 to June 30, 2007.

05-824 RESOLUTION – 2005 CASA CONFERENCE – MANAGER

County Manager Katy Singlaub thanked Commissioner Humke for his District 2 funding for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

Upon recommendation of Rita Lencioni, Assistant to the County Manager, through Ms. Singlaub, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following resolution be adopted and Chairman Weber be authorized to execute the same:

RESOLUTION--Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

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, or to a governmental entity, to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Washoe County has determined that a certain amount of money is available in Fiscal Year 2005/2006, to make a grant of money to CASA Conference to assist with expenses related to their

conference and that by providing this grant of money, a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants of Washoe County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that the Board hereby grants to CASA, a grant for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 in the amount of \$1,000.

[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this Resolution does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

It was further ordered that the Finance Department be authorized to transfer \$1,000 from 100102-710400 to 120321-710509.

05-825 PURCHASE – GPS TRIMBLE R8 RECEIVERS – PUBLIC WORKS

In response to Commissioner Larkin, County Manager Katy Singlaub explained the accuracy requirements for the GPS system and stated the replacement Trimble R8 receivers did not increase the accuracy requirements.

Commissioner Larkin asked if the sole purpose of buying the GPS Trimble R8 receivers was to take advantage of the cellular communication technology for enhanced communication. Jack Holmes, Surveyor, explained the current data receivers were two generations old, and the new R8 receivers would allow for updated function in technology and communication with available software. Mr. Holmes detailed the benefits of the new units.

Ms. Singlaub noted she had mentioned to the Storey County staff on August 15, 2005 that Washoe County staff would welcome their participation in this project.

Upon recommendation of David Price, County Engineer, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the purchase of new GPS Trimble R8 receivers and two additional TSCe data collectors in the amount of \$57,475 be approved.

05-826 TRAVEL APPROVAL – E911 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS – PUBLIC WORKS

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained the purposes of the Enhanced 911 (E911) Advisory Committee, as outlined in the agenda memorandum dated July 20, 2005. She said the plan to enhance the telephone system for reporting an emergency in Washoe County had been developed and implemented. She noted the Association of Public Safety-Communications Officials Conference allows staff to keep up to date with

the highly technical nature of the E911 system and various developments nationally. She added only one member of the team was available to travel at this point.

Upon recommendation of the E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, through Gregg Lubbe, E911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee Chairman, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that four E911 Advisory Committee members be authorized to attend the Association of Public Safety-Communications Officials Conference in Denver, Colorado, August 21-25, 2005. It was noted the individuals attending on behalf of the E911 Advisory Committee may not be Washoe County employees, and \$6,000 was the estimated cost of travel for four members.

05-827 DONATION – HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF ASSOCIATION – SHERIFF

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff Association consisted of members of the community who had an interest in public safety. She confirmed the members were not employees of the Sheriff's Office; however, the members provided voluntary and financial support to the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation from the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff Association.

Upon recommendation of Dianne Nicholson, Undersheriff, through Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the cash donation of \$64,321 from the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff Association for equipment and installation costs for the Sheriff's Office be accepted with the gratitude of the Board.

05-828 GRANT – STATE OF NEVADA – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE - PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Jim Lopey, Assistant Sheriff, and Tami Cummings, Administrative Division, through Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety-Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2005 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Award, in the amount of \$173,160 with no County match, be accepted. It was further ordered that the Finance Department be authorized to make the following budget adjustments to the adopted fiscal year 2005/06 budget:

Decrease Revenues	Amount
10186-431100 (PSN-Firearms Inv-Fed'l Grants)	(\$102,858.09)
Decrease Expenditures	
10186-701110/705230 (PSN-Firearms Inv-Base Salaries/Medicare)	(\$102,858.09)

Increase Revenues	Amount
10414-431100 (Firearms Inv Unit-Fed'l Grants)	\$173,160.00
Increase Expenditures	
10414-701110/705230 (Firearms Inv Unit-Base Salaries/Medicare)	\$167,424.00
10414-710300 (Firearms Inv Unit-Operating Supplies)	\$ 3,280.00
10414-711210 (Firearms Inv Unit-Travel)	\$ 2,456.00

05-829 SECURITY SERVICES AGREEMENT - TODD JACKSON - XTERRA TRIATHLON - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Bill Devine, Sergeant, through Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that a Security Services Agreement between Washoe County, the Washoe County Sheriff and Todd Jackson (Director of XTERRA Triathlon), concerning the provision of uniformed Deputy Sheriffs to aid with security and traffic control during the XTERRA Triathlon Championships in Incline Village on October 1 and 2, 2005, be approved and Chairman Weber be authorized to execute the agreement upon receipt. It was noted the estimated security costs of \$4,944 would be reimbursed to Washoe County.

05-830 CASH DONATIONS – WILBUR MAY FOUNDATION – PARKS

Commissioner Galloway stated the Wilbur May Foundation gives annual cash donations for the support of activities at Rancho San Rafael Park. He said these donations would benefit the Wilbur D. May Center and assist with landscaping improvements to a portion of the Great Basin Adventure.

Upon recommendation of Rosemarie Entsminger, Fiscal Compliance Officer, through Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the cash donation of \$265,946 from the Wilbur May Foundation be accepted with the gratitude of the Board. It was noted that \$250,000 would be used for operational support of the Wilbur D. May Center, and \$15,946 would be used for landscaping improvements to an area of the Great Basin Adventure to be developed as a Basque Shepherders exhibit.

05-831 GRANT – NEVADA DIVISION OF STATE LANDS – SWAN LAKE BOARDWALK AND INTERPRETIVE PATH – PARKS

County Manager Katy Singlaub commented Regional Parks and Open Space collected \$1-million from grants, donations, and contributions in the month of July. She acknowledged the hard work of the Regional Parks and Open Space staff.

Upon recommendation of Rosemarie Entsminger, Fiscal Compliance Officer, through Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, on motion by

Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that a grant from the Nevada Division of State Lands, Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program, for the extension of the existing Swan Lake Boardwalk and Interpretive Path, in the amount of \$225,000 with no County match, be accepted. It was further ordered that the Parks Director be authorized to execute all appropriate grant related documents and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

Increase Fund 404-IN 10495 – 432100 (State Grants)	\$225,000
Increase Fund 404-PK906023-781080 (Project expense)	\$225,000

05-832 NEVADA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE
COMPACT – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Aaron Kenneston, Emergency Manager, stated many states had entered into Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMAC). He explained these agreements allowed one state to assist another if a disaster occurred. Mr. Kenneston noted this document was crafted at the state levels and had support at the county levels. He said EMAC would formalize agreements and bring states and counties into compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Commissioner Larkin asked if the existing mutual aid agreements would need to be reviewed and brought up to the standard of this agreement, and Mr. Kenneston concurred. He affirmed staff would examine all existing mutual aid agreements to ensure they were updated and comply with NIMS.

Commissioner Larkin commented on the impact for the Cities of Reno and Sparks and asked if Mr. Kenneston was in communication with the two cities. He inquired if there would be any fiscal impacts.

Mr. Kenneston confirmed the City Emergency Managers from Reno and Sparks met with him four months ago to discuss the document and discussions were ongoing. He said there would be no fiscal impact, as it did not change the way business was conducted.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Kenneston, through John Slaughter, Management Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Nevada Emergency Management Assistance Compact be adopted and Chairman Weber be authorized to execute the implementation document.

**BILL NO. 1452 -AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES – SANITARY SEWER
SERVICE**

Commissioner Sferrazza asked who would be doing the billing under the ordinance, and if the County would recoup 100 percent of the billing costs.

Jerry McKnight, Water Resources Finance Division Manager, explained the County would continue to bill County customers, and a component of that monthly bill would be remitted to the City of Sparks in order for them to cover their costs of treatment and maintenance of the interceptors. He said the County would continue to collect the County component of the fee. Mr. McKnight stated the ordinance would provide a mechanism whereby the County could reduce the fee, as under the existing ordinance there was no mechanism. He said a reduction was proposed because the County's customers would be paying a connection fee to the City of Sparks to enable them to access their treatment facility. He confirmed the County covers 100 percent of the cost of the billing through utility fees. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if that included the costs for software and equipment that was purchased to complete the billing, and Mr. McKnight clarified there was a component of the payment that was still being made to the general fund and would be paid off in 2006.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. McKnight explained the change that was proposed in the ordinance would allow for a 25 percent reduction in the current connection fee. He stated the County would continue to index with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) except with respect to connection fees. He noted the ordinance would give the County the ability to make a reduction to compensate for payments to the City of Sparks. Mr. McKnight confirmed the commercial rates were indexed to the CPI. He clarified the section in the ordinance referencing properly shredded garbage was referring to garbage disposal systems. He said the section indicated an establishment must have a disposal that works, and this would apply to commercial establishments.

Bill No. 1452, entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF SANITARY SEWER SERVICE WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS OF WASHOE COUNTY; ADDING PROVISIONS TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN THE CONNECTION FEE FOR PROPERTIES THAT UTILIZE INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDED BY OTHER ENTITIES AND PAY CONNECTION FEES TO THOSE ENTITIES; AND PROVIDING OTHER PROCEDURAL CHANGES. THIS ORDINANCE REPEALS ORDINANCE NO. 1264,**" was introduced by Commissioner Humke, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that a public hearing concerning Bill No. 1452 be set for September 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. McKnight stated the District Attorney's Office advised staff there were changes to the requirements under the Business Impact Statement, and one of the changes required that the Business Impact Statement be approved at a public hearing. He noted no action could be taken on the item at this meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the Business Impact Statement related to the proposed ordinance amending the Washoe County schedule of rates and charges for sanitary sewer service be continued to a public hearing on September 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

05-834 SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE – PISTENBULLY 100 ALL SEASON VEHICLE – SHERIFF

Russ Pedersen, Sergeant, Search and Rescue, stated the Board approved the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) money in May 2005; however, the type of all terrain vehicle was not specified at that time. He described the PistenBully 100 All Season Vehicle and presented a brochure on the equipment. He noted the vehicle would be used as a snow cat versus an all terrain vehicle. Sergeant Pedersen said the Sheriff's Office had three snow cats, but one was 30 years old, one could not be repaired, and it was difficult to get parts for the other.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Sergeant Pedersen confirmed the vehicle had an extra cabin for transporting additional people. He stated there was an option to select an eight-person cab, but he did not believe it was necessary. He said this cab allowed for outside storage, and the ability to transport telecommunications personnel up to the radio towers for repair of the communication system. Sergeant Pedersen verified a stretcher would fit inside the cabin.

Commissioner Larkin inquired if these were Homeland Security monies, and Sergeant Pedersen agreed. Commissioner Larkin asked what Homeland Security issue the purchase was tied to, and Sergeant Pedersen explained the equipment would support LEPC in all County emergency response plans. Commissioner Larkin asked if this vehicle was critical to the maintenance of the 800 MHz radio system, and Sergeant Pedersen concurred.

Commissioner Larkin inquired about the cost for operation and maintenance of the equipment. Sergeant Pedersen replied the cost to run the equipment was approximately \$33.00 per hour. He explained this vehicle would replace another piece of equipment, and the money for operation and maintenance would be part of the regular appropriations that the County provided. He noted no additional Homeland Security funds were required.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Sergeant Pedersen explained the class of the vehicle and why a six-person vehicle was selected. He said it was not listed on a Thomas register, but two companies were contacted as requested by LEPC.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated his objections to the sole source purchase. Sergeant Pedersen further detailed the rationale for the purchase of this model and noted the benefits for having the company located in Reno, Nevada.

Commissioner Humke commented on the benefit of the location of the company. Commissioner Galloway asked if staff did an initial Internet search at the beginning of the process, and Sergeant Pedersen stated that was how staff found the additional companies.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if ski resorts were contacted, and he inquired about the quotes from the other companies. Sergeant Pedersen said staff contacted the ski resorts and found that Union Pacific and most of the ski resorts used the PistenBully100. Sergeant Pedersen reviewed the quotes received from the other companies.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, expressed his concerns about the sole source purchase request form and questioned the entire procedure. He said the functions should be laid out in advance when purchasing specialized pieces of equipment.

Sam Dehne, local resident, expressed his support for the purchase and the extensive discussion that had occurred.

Chairman Weber noted other manufacturers required the equipment be shipped to them; therefore, the cost of shipping a vehicle out of state or out of country would fall to the County.

Commissioner Sferrazza commented he would support the item due to the discussion. He acknowledged he was not content with sole source purchases and stated his preference for competition and bidding.

Commissioner Galloway remarked on the functional specification idea that was advocated by Mr. Schmidt and said it was a good idea when possible.

Upon recommendation of Sergeant Pedersen, through Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered that the sole source purchase of a PistenBully 100 All Season Vehicle and trailer for the Sheriff's Office, Search and Rescue, from State Homeland Security Program (ODP 2005) grant funding, in the amount of \$152,640, be approved. It was further ordered that the Finance Department be authorized to make the following budget adjustment: Budget authority in 10483-710119 [WC Sheriff's – SHSP FFY 05/Sub Recipient Payments] be moved to 10483-781004 [WC Sheriff's – SHSP FFY 05/Equipment > \$10,000]. It was noted the equipment would be purchased from Kassbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc. of Reno, Nevada.

**CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN – SUN VALLEY REGIONAL
PARK – PARKS**

Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, explained it was necessary to proceed with the conceptual plan for the Sun Valley Regional Park for application purposes with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in accordance with the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP). She said staff was notified by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) that they had contracted with Loomis and Associates to further design the RTC road that would be connecting through the project site. Ms. Mullen reviewed maps of the area and detailed the impacts to the locality. She noted the 2030 road proposed by RTC would be similar to the size of McCarran Boulevard, and staff desired to see the park located outside that road to allow good public access to the BLM lands. She noted the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) had approved the project site. Ms. Mullen added picnic areas, restroom facilities, and a trailhead parking area for both horse trailers and regular vehicle parking were being considered.

Chairman Weber inquired about the equestrian parking and commented there were not many horses in the Sun Valley area. She voiced her concerns about people coming into the area with their trailers and horses and increasing traffic through the community. She said she was surprised the community did not comment on that.

Ms. Mullen confirmed the conceptual master plan would provide access to the BLM lands for those with horses. She commented the 2030 road would bring the traffic around the area in the future.

Chairman Weber said she would like to talk to people in the Sun Valley community about this topic. Ms. Mullen remarked staff held a field trip of the area and CAB members attended. She said a thorough discussion occurred, and staff would discuss it further with the CAB as the process continued. Ms. Mullen noted Community Development and Regional Parks and Open Space staff were working with the community on the location of the trailhead parking areas versus where neighborhood access points would be located.

Graeme Desnoy, Sun Valley resident, voiced his concerns about the proposed road and said it was positioned too close to the school. He stated it would present a dangerous situation for those who would be accessing the area for recreation. He asked why a four-lane road would be located so close to a park.

Ms. Mullen said the alignment was based on the approved 2030 plan. She noted staff was asking for consideration from RTC for an adjustment around the rock outcroppings and for an undercrossing that would allow the continuation of public access underneath the major roadway.

In response to Commissioner Larkin, Ms. Mullen explained the 2030 process had been going on for many years, and there were a number of areas that went

through park sites. She said this park site was one that the CAB had looked at and felt there needed to be a road system around Sun Valley to take the traffic off of Sun Valley Boulevard. She stated staff desired to work with RTC on the alignment, and she added staff had asked RTC for support concerning the connection near Sidehill Drive. Ms. Mullen said the County would be paying for that connection up front, and there would be a negative impact on the budget for construction of the park facility without assistance from RTC.

Commissioner Larkin confirmed the decision of the placement of the road was completed by RTC in November 2004 at the approval stage of the 2030 plan. He said RTC had already determined the alignment, and he asked what staff was requesting from the Board. Ms. Mullen asked if the two RTC Commissioners could approach RTC for assistance to ensure that this happened for Sun Valley. She added staff level meetings had been held, but no assistance had come forward.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Ms. Mullen replied in the current plan there would not be an underpass at Sidehill Drive, but the crossing would be at grade level. She stated it was not confirmed where RTC would establish the access to the park off the 2030 road. She pointed out areas on the map where undercrossings for pedestrian traffic could occur. Ms. Mullen utilized the maps to detail possibilities for access to the park for vehicular traffic, and she stressed the need to provide access to the BLM lands from the 2030 road.

Commissioner Humke recommended the item be continued, and he suggested a resolution come forward from the Board to be presented to RTC by the two RTC Commissioners. He said the resolution could contain the concerns regarding the 2030 road.

Commissioner Humke asked if RTC agreed to the relocation. Ms. Mullen confirmed RTC was willing to relocate it, and they had hired Loomis and Associates to look at specific design criteria. Ms. Mullen explained the importance for staff to begin discussion with BLM regarding an R&PP lease. She noted it had been on the maps for 15 years for the County to construct a park in that area for the Sun Valley community. She said staff could begin discussions with BLM, continue working with RTC, and return with a resolution. She added staff requested the Board approve the conceptual plan, and staff would continue to seek resolutions to the issues that had been discussed.

Commissioner Galloway suggested the Board tentatively approve in concept for the purposes of further discussions with RTC and give staff the authority to work through the Commissioners and RTC to see if they would firm up the realignment and an intersection at Sidehill Drive. Ms. Mullen remarked many of the alignments were broad strokes on a map that have ended up being located in beautiful places on the public lands.

Commissioner Larkin inquired if there was a County Commission resolution that prohibited bisecting regional parks with roads. Ms. Mullen said there

were policies and guidelines; however, this particular area was under BLM jurisdiction, so the policies and guidelines did not apply as they had at other regional parks. Ms. Mullen stated the BLM would not provide the R&PP lease until it was clear what would be happening on the property. Commissioner Larkin asked what discussions had occurred with RTC. Ms. Mullen stated the singular discussion from these conceptual plans had focused on moving the alignment off the rock outcroppings down to a lower level alignment.

Commissioner Humke asked if the road could be treated as a boundary and if negotiations could be reopened with the BLM to move the park uphill to the west. He suggested Ms. Mullen capture some of the items and place them in a resolution.

Commissioner Galloway stated the time for a resolution would come, and staff should bring back a resolution if agreement was obtained.

Commissioner Galloway moved that the Board tentatively approve the Sun Valley Regional Park plan in concept for the purpose of discussions with RTC concerning possible road realignment, intersection or extension of Sidehill Drive to the proposed parking areas, pedestrian undercrossings, change of boundaries, trading lands to expand the park in another area, and any other applicable issues. He added the Board would support Ms. Mullen appearing at RTC to explain the ideas and stressed the Board was not intending to block the road, but to suggest ways this road could have less negative consequences for the Sun Valley community. Chairman Weber seconded the motion.

Commissioner Larkin commented the road would facilitate access in and out of Spanish Springs, and he said he did not want a negotiation to begin that would exclude the people of Spanish Springs. He confirmed he would suggest an agenda item at the August 19, 2005 RTC meeting to have Ms. Mullen come to a future meeting to explain the ideas presented in this item.

Chairman Weber emphasized the need to keep the Sun Valley community as a number one priority throughout this process.

Commissioner Humke expressed on November 18, 2004 he voted for this alignment, but it was difficult to envision at that time where the road would be constructed. He voiced his support for staff to continue dialogue with RTC.

On call for the question, the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

4:37 p.m. The Board recessed.

5:07 p.m. The Board reconvened with Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily absent.

05-836 **MASTER PLAN FOR VILLAGE PARK – COLD SPRINGS – PARKS**

Doug Doolittle, Regional Parks and Open Space Assistant Director, explained the item requested the approval of the proposed master plan for Village Park in Cold Springs. He noted the park was located in the center of Woodland Village that was being constructed by Lifestyle Homes. He reviewed the agenda memorandum dated July 27, 2005 giving details of the park.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Doolittle, through Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily absent, Chairman Weber ordered that the proposed master plan for Village Park in Cold Springs be approved.

5:10 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza returned to the meeting.

05-837 **AMENDMENT TO LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – GALENA COUNTRY ESTATES - WHITES CREEK PARK MAINTENANCE – PARKS**

County Manager Katy Singlaub confirmed this matter had been before the Board most recently in April 2005, and the Board directed staff to return with an agreement or a resolution that would provide for a blended solution of responsibility for the County and the Galena Country Estates Homeowners' Association (HOA).

Commissioner Galloway commented the HOA turns over ownership of the improvements under the agreement, but warranties the improvements for one year.

Karen Mullen, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, explained the HOA would continue to pay their existing payment, but it would be frozen in time. She said the County would examine the facilities, and there would be a warranty on those facilities for one year.

Commissioner Galloway asked who owns the land and the improvements. Ms. Mullen clarified the County owns the land and owns the improvements because they were paid for through the Park Construction Tax Fund. Commissioner Galloway inquired about the language in the agreement concerning ownership. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, confirmed there was no problem with the wording regarding the ownership. Commissioner Galloway asked if the agreement would persist as long as there was a park there, and Ms. Mullen concurred.

In response to Commissioner Humke, Ms. Mullen replied the agreement would reduce the payment for the HOA as new homes came into the development and paid into the fund. She stated the document was acceptable to the HOA.

Upon recommendation of Kristine Bunnell, Park Planner, through Ms. Mullen, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that an the Amendment to the Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Whites Creek Park between Washoe County and Galena Country Estates Homeowners' Association (formerly Lancer Estates), concerning Whites Creek Park maintenance, be approved, and Chairman Weber be authorized to execute the Amendment upon presentation. It was further ordered that \$11,000 per year from the Galena Country Estates Homeowners' Association, specifically for Whites Creek Park maintenance, be accepted.

05-838 APPOINTMENT – INTERIM PUBLIC GUARDIAN – MANAGER

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, stated this item involved recognizing Kay Joslin for her work on behalf of the County, and the appointment of Susan Deboer as the Interim Public Guardian. He explained Ms. Deboer was currently the Senior Guardian Case Manager for the Public Guardian's Office, and he requested the appointment be effective on August 16, 2005. Mr. Berkich said Ms. Deboer would be in the position until the Board made a permanent appointment.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Berkich confirmed under the ordinance the County Manager made the recommendation; and the Board appointed the Public Guardian.

County Manager Katy Singlaub explained the Public Guardian was not a statutory type position, and it was optional for boards and counties to determine how they wished to structure the position. She said this Board decided to make the appointment upon recommendation of the Manager, but at the discretion of the Board.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he supported the interim appointment, but he questioned how the position would be filled.

Ms. Singlaub explained the process would be similar to filling other department head positions that were likewise situated in the organizational structure. She said there were several appointed department heads who were not specifically directed in statute to be appointed by the Board. Ms. Singlaub stated there would be a national, competitive recruitment; and she encouraged Board members to offer names of people to serve on the assessment panels. She verified Joanne Ray, Human Resources Director, would be managing the recruitment.

Commissioner Humke inquired if Ms. Deboer would be an applicant for the appointment and how long the search would take to fill the position. Mr. Berkich stated Ms. Deboer had not made a decision regarding the position, and it was estimated it would be 60-90 days before staff would return with a recommendation.

Chairman Weber thanked Ms. Joslin for her service.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Weber ordered Ms. Deboer be appointed as the Interim Public Guardian effective August 16, 2005.

Mr. Berkich introduced Ms. Deboer, and she thanked the Board for the appointment and said she hoped for a smooth transition for the department.

**05-839 APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES – RENO-SPARKS
CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY BOARD**

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, commented she received a message from Brett Scolari, Legal Counsel for the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA), and he stated none of the internal rules or by-laws of the RSCVA addressed the issue of alternates. Mr. Scolari remarked he was not able to discover anything that said they had ever taken a position on it. Ms. Foster suggested the Board appoint alternates, and it would be up to the RSCVA if they would allow the alternates to sit.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Foster confirmed Mr. Scolari was unaware that they had ever had alternates seated on the RSCVA.

Commissioner Larkin stated he had been in contact with the office of Jeff Beckleman, CEO of the RSCVA, and they could not find any restrictions concerning appointing alternates to the RSCVA. He noted the only caveat was that RSCVA members received slight remuneration for their attendance, and they could not accommodate that with alternates.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, stated he believed the Commission and other public bodies were missing an opportunity to tap into great skills and energy by not appointing citizens to various boards and commissions.

Commissioner Sferrazza confirmed specific appointments of alternates to the RSCVA had to be elected officials because there were only five elected official positions on the RSCVA Board.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered the three remaining Commissioners be appointed as alternates to the RSCVA with Chairman Weber as first alternate, Commissioner Galloway as second alternate, and Commissioner Humke as the third alternate.

05-840 REVIEW OF BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

Chairman Weber stated the purpose of the item was for the Commissioners to talk about their other boards and commissions and to discuss any necessary changes.

Commissioner Galloway said he was satisfied with his boards and commissions.

Commissioner Larkin noted in January 2005 it was decided by the Board that there would be a six-month review regarding performance on particular boards and commissions. He said the review was not defined, and he asked the Commission to consider what type of evaluation they would desire concerning their performance and contribution to the boards and commissions that were appointed to. He confirmed he was content with his boards and commissions, and he would endeavor to increase his knowledge and aim for near perfect attendance in the next six months.

Commissioner Sferrazza acknowledged he was satisfied with his boards and commissions. He commented he had discussed his service on the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee with Chairman Weber. He said he would be willing to be an alternate if she wished to be appointed as the official member. He noted he would step down due to a time conflict with the meetings.

Chairman Weber said she would be willing to be an alternate on the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee. She recommended Commissioner Humke be appointed as the official member. Chairman Weber commented on her boards and commissions and requested NevadaWorks make a presentation at a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner Humke remarked he was content with his boards and commissions and stated he would use the alternate system when he was not able to attend meetings.

Commissioner Galloway requested the official member of the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee be changed. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, advised the item would need to return at a future meeting for action.

Chairman Weber reminded the Commissioners to contact alternates if they were not able to attend various meetings.

Gary Schmidt, Washoe County resident, declared the Board should appoint members of the public to serve on boards and commissions.

Commissioner Sferrazza affirmed he serves with citizens on the Audit Committee and stated citizens were appointed to the majority of boards and commissions.

05-841 2002 REGIONAL PLAN SETTLEMENTS

Commissioner Galloway indicated the Settlement Committee had been reconvened and would be meeting next week. He explained the Settlement Committee was operating under the guidance of the Court, and their job was to draw the boundaries and complete the clarifications that were requested when the settlement was approved.

Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, confirmed the meeting would be on August 22, 2005 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Larkin reported on August 12, 2005 the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee asked the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) to reconsider the County's bid of \$13.2-million for a parcel of land for the Flood Control Project. He assured the Commissioners communications had not been curtailed, and the two representatives on the Committee were working diligently with coalition partners to reach a collaborative end.

Commissioner Galloway commented it would not be possible to do the interviews for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission this week due to noticing requirements. He asked staff to confirm with himself and Commissioner Humke regarding a schedule for the interviews. He requested the appointments to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission be placed on the September 13, 2005 agenda.

Commissioner Sferrazza reported Assembly Member Heidi Gansert requested the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) Board defer an item involving the pay of bonuses to management employees of TMWA. He verified the Board deferred the item, and there was a salary survey being completed. He confirmed the information Ms. Gansert had regarding the salaries would be given to the TMWA Board. Commissioner Sferrazza said the TMWA Board was in the process of hiring an ombudsman for TMWA, due to allegations concerning meters that were overcharging customers. He commented the Truckee River Flood Project Coordinating Committee approved the review of ordinances with respect to the ratio connected to building on a flood plain.

Chairman Weber announced she would be going to Gerlach and Empire on August 25, 2005, and notices were mailed concerning her visit. She said the Lemmon Valley Homeowner's Association had contacted her regarding the Heppner Subdivision. She said a September meeting would be scheduled for citizens to ask their questions about the project.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 05-842** A. Copy of fully executed NDOT Contract No. 3236, Project Nos. SPSR-0445(012), SPSR-0650(006) and SPSR-0646(005), on SR 445, Pyramid Lake Road, from 0.53 miles north of McCarran

Boulevard to 0.31 miles north of Egyptian Street, on SR 650, North and East McCarran Boulevard, from I-580 to Victorian Avenue, and from Greg Street to 0.30 miles south of Mill Street and on SR 646, Prater Way, from 0.09 miles west of East McCarran Boulevard to East McCarran Boulevard, Washoe County, Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc., Contractor (documents forwarded to Public Works).

- 05-843** B. Proof of Publication for publication of the Washoe County Summary Fiscal Report for the years ended June 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006 in compliance with NRS 354.6015 and NAC 354.561.
- 05-844** C. An application submitted by Intermountain Water Supply, Ltd. to the Nevada Public Utilities Commission for a permit under the Utility Environmental Protection Act to construct and operate the Intermountain Water Project, a water project transmission pipeline from Dry Valley to North of Reno, Nevada, dated July 2005.

REPORTS – Quarterly (June 2005)

- 05-845** A. Gerlach General Improvement District

ANNUAL FISCAL REPORTS

- 05-846** A. Gerlach General Improvement District
- 05-847** B. Washoe County School District

BUDGETS – 2005/2006

- 05-848** A. City of Reno – Final
- 05-849** B. City of Reno – Redevelopment Agency - Final
- 05-850** C. City of Sparks – Amended Final
- 05-851** D. City of Sparks – Redevelopment Agency 1 and 2 - Amended Final
- 05-852** E. Palomino Valley General Improvement District – Amended Final
- 05-853** F. Sun Valley General Improvement District – Amended Final
- 05-854** G. Washoe County School District – Amended Final

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

BONNIE WEBER, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lori Rowe, Deputy County Clerk*