

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

APRIL 17, 2007

PRESENT:

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

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Singlaub, County Manager**  
**Nate Edwards, 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 Katy Singlaub, County Manager, read the following disclaimer:

The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency, and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings.

The Board conducted the following business:

**07-419      AGENDA**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, indicated the addendum to the agenda pulled Item 16, the resolution modifying the membership of some Citizen Advisory Boards. She said the addendum also removed the notice that Item 17, the introduction and first reading of an ordinance regarding Citizen Advisory Board alternates, had to be heard after Item 16.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne objected to public comment being only two minutes. He suggested moving Item 14, presentation on congested areas regarding uncontrolled discharge of firearms in Hungry Valley, to be heard after the Consent Agenda. He also recommended moving Item 15, Settlement of Heller v. Washoe County, et al, to right after Item 14.

The audience clapped in response to Mr. Dehne's comments. Chairman Larkin warned the public not to clap unless initiated by the Chairman.

**\*2:15 p.m.** Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Singlaub clarified Item 14 was an action item for consideration and further discussion.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the agenda for the April 17, 2007 meeting be approved with the deletion of Item 16, Resolution modifying membership of some Citizen Advisory Boards, and the change to Item 17, Introduction and First Reading of An Ordinance regarding Alternates of Citizen Advisory Boards.

**07-420            INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Chairman Larkin invited 15 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves. The Commissioners welcomed the new employees.

**07-421            PRESENTATION – EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE  
CERTIFICATES**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, recognized the following employees for their successful completion of Excellence in Public Service programs administered by the Human Resources Department:

Essentials of Management Development

Greg Belancio, Sherry Birtell, Stacey Humphreys, and Robin Miller

Essentials of Personal Effectiveness

Debra Barone, Barbara Ganschow, and Michelle Glodt-Mikoliczyk

**07-422            PROCLAMATION – APRIL 15-21, 2007 – NATIONAL LIBRARY  
WEEK – LIBRARY**

Chairman Larkin read and presented the proclamation declaring April 15-21, 2007 "National Library Week" to Nancy Cummings, Library Director.

Ms. Cummings thanked the community, the Commissioners, and County staff for their ongoing support. She said people should check out the libraries because there was always something new, such as downloadable audio books.

Commissioner Galloway commented the libraries were a great resource that was free to the public.

On motion by Chairman Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following proclamation be adopted and the Chairman be authorized to execute the same:

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** The Washoe County Library System, serving Nevada communities for the past one hundred two years, will be celebrating “National Library Week” April 15-21, 2007; and

**WHEREAS,** The Washoe County Library System provides citizens the opportunity to access resources that can give every person the chance to learn and gain knowledge; and

**WHEREAS,** The Washoe County Library System provides opportunity, information, education, self-help and lifelong learning and serves as a community gathering place; and

**WHEREAS,** The Washoe County Library System is a destination for discovery, offering all citizens access to ideas, information and the arts; and

**WHEREAS,** The Washoe County Library System wishes to make known the vast resources available free to library card holders; now, therefore be it

**PROCLAIMED,** By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that April 15-21, 2007, is designated as “National Library Week” and the Board urges all residents of the Truckee Meadows to take advantage of the resources available to them at the Washoe County Libraries by visiting any one of the thirteen stationary locations, the Mobile Library or [www.washoe.lib.nv.us](http://www.washoe.lib.nv.us).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Larkin explained the public comment procedure.

Patricia Axelrod identified herself as an election activist. She explained she filed criminal charges against Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, because of wrongdoing during the 2004 and 2006 elections. She stated she also filed a product defect lawsuit against Sequoia Voting Machines. She said the Sheriff’s Office was investigating the charges, and she asked the Board to suspend Mr. Burk pending the results of the investigation.

Sam Dehne faced the audience while exhorting them to sign up for public comment on Item 14, the presentation on congested areas regarding uncontrolled discharge of firearms in Hungry Valley. Chairman Larkin requested Mr. Dehne face the Commission. Mr. Dehne complied. He said he took exception to the *Reno Gazette-Journal* article about Nevada having the lowest volunteer rate in the nation.

**MANAGER’S/COMMISSIONERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Galloway indicated there was a lot going on at Lake Tahoe with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). He explained there had been difficulty proceeding with actions, such as the Villas at Harborside issue being heard twice without being resolved and legal challenges causing a rehearing on the expansion of Heavenly Valley. He said a growing concern of his was TRPA’s not being able to conduct business without legal challenges, which prevented them from making decisions.

**07-423            CASH AND JUROR FEE DONATIONS – SOCIAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donations by private citizen that helped the County do a better job in meeting the needs of the community. He felt volunteerism and private charity were alive and well in Washoe County because of the level of donations the County received.

Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Social Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the following cash donations in the total amount of \$12,550 and the juror donations in the amount of \$2,080 be accepted with the gratitude of the Board:

General Donations:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donor</u>
\$625.00	Airport Christian Fellowship
\$375.00	Airport Christian Fellowship
\$9,000.00	The Maguerite Peterson Foundation
\$1,000.00	Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs
\$25.00	Michel E. Gemme
\$25.00	Kristin and Klaus Grimm
<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>McDonald-Carano-Wilson</u>
\$12,550.00	Total

It was further ordered that the Social Services Department be authorized to expend the funds to benefit children in care and families who were clients, and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments for fiscal year 2006/07:

<b>Cost Object/Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount of Increase</b>
280440-484000	General Donations	\$12,550.00
280440-484190	Juror Donations	\$4,400.00
280440-710500	General Donations/Other Expense	\$12,550.00
280440-710500	Juror Donations/Other Expense	\$2,080.00

07-424

**ACCEPT GRANT AWARD – STATE OF NEVADA – NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM – SENIOR SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the grant award from the State of Nevada for the Nutrition Services Incentive Program in the amount of \$36,192, with no County match required, be accepted retroactively for the period of October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount of Increase</b>
10165-431100	Federal Revenue	\$11,192
10165-710592	Nutrition Program	\$11,192

07-425

**EXPENDITURES AND RESOLUTIONS – COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS 4 AND 5 SPECIAL FUNDING ACCOUNTS – SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHTS – REED HIGH SCHOOL – NORTH VALLEYS HIGH SCHOOL**

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne asked if other local high schools would get donations for their graduation night celebrations.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the expenditure from County Commission District 5 Special Funding Account in the amount of \$500 to the Washoe County School District for use at the North Valleys High School’s Fifth Annual Safe N Sober Grad Night on June 8, 2007 to assist in funding to provide students with a safe and fun place to spend graduation night be approved and the Chairman be authorized to execute the following resolution necessary for the same:

**RESOLUTION**

Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to Washoe County School District for the use at North Valleys High School for the June 8, 2007 Safe N Sober event.

**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 government 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 2006/2007, to make a grant of money to North Valleys High School’s Safe N Sober Grad Night to assist in funding the event to provide students with a safe and fun place to spend graduation

night 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 Washoe County School District for the use at North Valleys High School's Safe N Sober Grad, a grant for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$500.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the expenditure from County Commission District 5 Special Funding Account in the amount of \$500 to the Washoe County School District for use at the Reed High School's Safe N Sober Grad Night on June 6, 2007 to assist in funding to provide students with a safe and fun place to spend graduation night be approved and the Chairman be authorized to execute the following resolution necessary for the same:

**RESOLUTION**

Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to Washoe County School District for the use at Reed High School for the June 6, 2007 Safe and Sober event.

**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 2006/2007, to make a grant of money to Reed High School's Safe and Sober Grad Night to assist in funding the event to provide students with a safe and fun place to spend graduation night 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 Washoe County School District for use at Reed High School's Safe and Sober Grad, a grant for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$500.

**07-426      AWARD OF BID – DISTRICT ATTORNEY TENANT IMPROVEMENTS – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

This was the time to consider award of the bid for District Attorney Tenant Improvements for the District Attorney's Office.

Upon recommendation of Lidia Osmetti, District Attorney's Law Office Manager, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the bid for District Attorney Tenant

Improvements for the District Attorney's Office be awarded to GuiDenby, Inc., the responsible and responsive bidder who submitted the best bid in the amount of \$54,878, and the Chairman be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

**07-427            CORRECTION OF FACTUAL ERRORS – ASSESSOR**

Upon recommendation of Ivy Diezel, Department Systems Support Analyst, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that, pursuant to NRS 361.768 and NRS 361.765, the following Roll Change Requests correcting factual errors in the cumulative amount of reduction of \$44,438.46 discovered for the 2006/07, 2005/06, and 2004/05 secured tax roll as outlined in Exhibits A, B, and C, which were placed on file with the Clerk, and supported by additional information found in the individual roll change request forms on file in the County Manager's Office and the Order directing the Treasurer to correct the error be approved. It was further ordered that the Chairman be authorized to execute Exhibits A, B, and C.

**07-428            TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2007**

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne said a majority vote should be required for the Truckee River Flood Management Project.

Upon recommendation of Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Management Project Director, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for February 2007 be accepted.

**07-429            ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD FUNDING – NEVADA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR JOINING FORCES GRANT – OVERTIME AND TRAVEL EXPENSES – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation of Sergeant Michael Gross, Patrol Division, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the additional grant award funding from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety for the Joining Forces Grant in the amount of \$11,260 for overtime and travel expenses be accepted and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Increase Revenues:		
10567-431100	Joining Forces - Federal Grants	\$11,260
Increase Expenditures:		
10567-701300	Joining Forces - Overtime	\$10,260
10567-711210	Joining Forces - Travel	\$1,000

**07-430      TOOLS DONATION – AMES/TRUE TEMPER LAWN & GARDEN DISTRIBUTION CENTER – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation by Todd Vinger, Chief Deputy, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the donation of tools from the Ames/True Temper Lawn & Garden Distribution Center, valued at approximately \$55,349.92, be accepted with the gratitude of the Board.

**07-431      GRANT AWARD FUNDING – NEVADA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – PRELIMINARY BREATH TESTING DEVICES – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation by Sergeant Michael Gross, Patrol Division, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Grant Award Funding in the amount of \$2,000 from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety for the purchase of preliminary breath testing devices be accepted and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Increase Revenues:		
10587-431100	Detection of DUI Drivers - Federal Grants	\$2,000.00
Increase Expenditures:		
10587-711504	Detection of DUI Drivers - Equipment Non-Capital	\$2,000.00

**07-432      GRANT AWARD FUNDING – NEVADA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY – ELECTRONIC PRINTERS – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation by Sergeant Michael Gross, Patrol Division, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Grant Award Funding in the amount of \$7,870 from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety for the purchase of electronic printers be accepted and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Increase Revenues:		
10586-431100	Collision & Citation Data - Federal Grants	\$7,870
Increase Expenditures:		
10586-711504	Collision & Citation Data - Equipment Non-Capital	\$7,870

07-433

**HELEN CLOSE FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD – K-9 PROGRAM – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation by Craig Callahan, Chief Deputy, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried Chairman Larkin ordered that the Helen Close Foundation Grant Award in the amount of \$16,050 to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Program to provide narcotics certification to two K-9’s be accepted with the gratitude of the Board and the Finance Department be directed to make the following budget adjustments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Increase Revenues:		
20033-484000	K-9 Program - Donations	\$16,050
Increase Expenditures:		
20033-710509	K-9 Program - Training	\$16,050

07-434

**APPEARANCE –TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Jerry Purdy, a Washoe County appointee to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee, stated between December 2005 and March 2007, the committee received 30 proposals of which 18 were approved and forwarded to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board for funding. He said all 18 were funded. He stated the fund generated approximately \$1 million a year to finance projects. He discussed the issue of what actually improved the quality of the Truckee River, and he still felt it was quite a stretch to connect some of the projects to water quality improvements. He believed the connection to water quality should be direct and the benefits easily justified to the public. He indicated priorities should be considered when proposals were approved. He felt the focus should be on the worst pollution sources rather than research projects.

Mr. Purdy discussed examples of problems being researched without any corrective work being done. He explained there was a problem getting corrective measures built because there was a non-profit requirement for grant participants, which because of the equipment required, only left the Cities of Reno and Sparks, the County, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe with the resources to sponsor capital projects. He said the City of Reno was the only entity to submit proposals and their seven proposals totaled \$1,096,000. He explained he was concerned about the increasing dollar amount of the proposals because he felt they were just studies or involved questionable improvements. He said the number of large projects submitted by one entity would soon freeze out the many worthwhile projects in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range sponsored by civic organizations.

Mr. Purdy urged the County to reconsider its participation in the fund. He said the County had a large staff of engineers that could develop and submit proposals for

capital improvements such as the \$500,000 San Rafael Wetland Project. He felt those were the kinds of proposals that had the potential to clean up Chalk Creek.

Mr. Purdy explained Dan Dragon from Water Resources had recently compiled and organized a database for groundwater test results, which he felt was one of the best databases in the country. He felt the County could also be of help in establishing a database for the agencies doing water quality testing for surface water.

Mr. Purdy said 50 drainage culverts in the area run water sometimes during the year. He stated none of them were being tested on a regular basis if at all. He discussed the issues with Pyramid Lake, and he suggested as much test data as possible should be acquired. He stated developers should be required to put in wetlands and other containment facilities.

Susan Lynn, a Washoe County appointee to the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee, stated she had submitted a current list of all of the projects, a year end income and expense statement, and an application for the new round of grants, which were placed on file with the Clerk. She explained the fund was \$1 million, and it was money that would not be available to the community otherwise. She said most non-profits did not have the matching funds, which required teaming with local governments or consultants to get the job done. She discussed the evolution of the criteria for approving grants. She said the committee was working very hard to make best use of the dollars collected from ratepayers and from private donations.

Ms. Lynn said the committee was working to specify Chalk Creek and Mogul Creek as priority projects because of increased development near them that resulted in more runoff from yards and storm drains. She felt that water needed to be captured, cleaned up, and reused in order to help with the area's water issues. She indicated the fund was a critical source of funding for cleaning up the Truckee River, and she hoped the County would consider being a part of the program.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Purdy submitted his materials regarding Chalk Creek to the Clerk to be placed on file.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the runoff going into Chalk Creek came from subdivisions that were not meeting the requirements that their runoff be contained onsite. He questioned why whoever's jurisdiction it was in could not go back to the developer and have them meet the requirements. Mr. Purdy agreed that something needed to be done to contain the dissolved solids in addition to treating silt.

Chairman Larkin asked if Ms. Lynn had any comment about Assemblywoman Gansert's legislation that would require the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) to notify ratepayers about the fund; and, if it became legislation, should the Commission reconsider its involvement in the Truckee River Fund. Ms. Lynn said the committee had not been privy to the negotiations, but she understood Assemblywoman Gansert withdrew the bill because her concerns were met during

negotiations. Chairman Larkin said he felt Ms. Lynn was correct, he asked if that was something the Commission should reconsider during its deliberation on its participation in the fund. Ms. Lynn hoped the Commission would reconsider its participation because she felt it was a valuable tool in cleaning up the Truckee River.

**07-435            APPEARANCE – NEVADA COMMISSION FOR THE  
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE V & T RAILWAY**

Kevin Ray, Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway Project Coordinator, discussed the history of the V & T Railway that hauled the ore produced from the Comstock mines down to the Carson River. He stated the reason for the reconstruction of the railway was to increase tourism to all of Northern Nevada, and five counties were represented on the Commission. He said it was expected over \$40 million would go into the local economy and would create over 885 jobs just during the construction phase. He stated Phase 1 was complete, which was the most difficult part of the project. He discussed what other parts of the project were ready to go, and that over \$36 million had been raised for the project. He stated Washoe County supported the project with two grants totaling \$275,000.

**2:58 p.m.**        Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily left the meeting.

Mr. Ray said Washoe County had the available hotel/motel rooms even though Carson City was bearing the brunt of the project's cost. He felt the five counties were participating because it was anticipated the railway would bring in over 300,000 tourists who traveled around just to ride on short lines. He stated additional funding was needed for Phase 3 to run the tracks along the Carson River, which many people felt was the most important phase. He explained Phase 2 would go out to bid in September 2007 with completion expected by the end of next year. He said the whole project could be completed by 2010.

Mr. Ray said a steam locomotive was purchased. He explained there was a current operating agreement with the operators of the V & T Railway, and a contract was being negotiated with Sierra Railroad who operated several successful short-line railroads in California.

In response to Commissioner Weber, Mr. Ray stated brochures were put together that helped explain both the project and the Nevada State Railroad Museum's current operation. He said the engines at the museum were for preservation; and, because the project's engines would eventually wear out, they would need to obtain engines elsewhere. Mr. Ray stated the public could support the project by buying V & T license plates. He said the public could check out the project on VTrailway.com and at the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau or their website visitcarsoncity.com. He indicated people could donate to the project through the 501c foundation, the Northern Nevada Railway Foundation, at steamtrain.org. He stated memorabilia could also be purchased there.

Chairman Larkin asked if the project was looking for a bridge. Mr. Ray said they had one. Chairman Larkin asked if the County had a bridge at Mustang. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, replied she would have to find out if the County had the authority to give it to someone else. Mr. Ray said the project was happy to pick up anything donated. He explained that during the ReTRAC Project, the V & T project was given two miles of track that they had to move at a cost of \$90,000 to \$100,000, which saved over \$500,000. Chairman Larkin suggested someone involved with the project talk to the Storey County Commissioners because he believed the counties shared the bridge.

Commissioner Galloway agreed the project would be great for filling area hotel rooms. He asked if the RSCVA had contributed since they controlled the money received from hotel/motel room tax. Mr. Ray said the project had not received anything from them yet. Because of the way the legislation was put in place, he explained the project's budget was divided among the five counties based upon economic impact. He said Carson City had provided a majority of the money, but recognized the value to other counties. He stated the Railway Commission would appreciate anything the RSCVA could do to help finish the reconstruction effort. Commissioner Galloway hoped the County Commissioners on the RSCVA could help secure a contribution to the project because that money would be coming from tourists, and any County Commission money came from people who did not run hotel rooms. He said the County would continue to support the project to the extent it could.

**07-436            APPEARANCE – WESTERN COUNTIES ALLIANCE**

Ken Brown, Western Counties Alliance (WCA) Field Director, said the Western Counties Alliance's purpose was to help counties in the west resolve public land issues. He stated the main goals of the organization were to fully fund payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILT), the reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools, and to get a bill passed to settle the Revised Statutes (RS) 2477 rights-of-way. He said the leadership of both political parties and the White House were trying to work out their differences regarding the bill so PILT funding could be maintained and the Secure Rural Schools could be reauthorized. He said the bill also contained disaster relief covering insect spraying and wildfire recovery help for the private sector.

**3:08 p.m.**        Commissioner Sferrazza returned to the meeting.

Mr. Brown discussed and placed a package of information regarding the funding of PILT and Secure Rural Schools on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Brown encouraged the County to join the WCA. He said the fee was \$7,500 per year, and that amount was set so all counties would feel they had equal access to the WCA.

Chairman Larkin indicated the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and Elko County were members. He asked if there were additional benefits the County would receive from WCA that the County did not receive from NACO. Mr. Brown

replied NACO joined because they wanted to be a member as an association, and NACO encouraged the counties to join WCA. He explained that counties joining meant more effort could be applied to an individual county's situation such as Lincoln County's request for assistance in solving a road issue. He said another example was the WCA had access to a former Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planner for assistance with the BLM's Resource Management Plan (RMP) process.

Commissioner Galloway noted PILT paid back some of the taxes that might have been paid if the land owned by the federal government had been privately owned. He said PILT funding for the whole nation was \$350 million, but he felt it would be worth billions under private ownership. He asked if Mr. Brown knew what formula the federal government used for PILT funding. Mr. Brown replied it was less than \$1 an acre, and he explained the history of PILT funding. Commissioner Galloway said the federal government owned over 6,000 square miles in this County. He stated the only way the County would get a replacement for the lost property taxes was through PILT.

Commissioner Sferrazza commented the private sector paid closer to 50 cents an acre for agricultural or grazing land. He stated the federal government might be paying more than what the property tax would have been.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Brown replied WCA had the necessary staff and was expanding into all states.

Commissioner Weber said being involved with the WCA was unanimously supported at a recent NACO board meeting. She hoped the County would get on board and support the WCA.

Chairman Larkin indicated no action could be taken today, but he personally was willing to commit Commissioner funds to join WCA. Mr. Brown discussed what the County's share of PILT would be in June 2007.

**07-437            APPEARANCE – NEVADA COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES**

Vicky Chandler, Nevada Covering Kids and Families Northern Nevada Outreach Coordinator, explained the non-profit organization helped provide health care access to low income families through outreach and collaboration with other organizations statewide. She said April 23-29, 2007 was "Cover the Uninsured Week," and she conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding what it meant to families and the community when families did not have health insurance, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She discussed the Nevada Checkup and Medicaid qualifications, benefits, and costs, which were available to Nevada families without insurance.

Ms. Chandler described the activities being held during "Cover the Uninsured Week," what Washoe County could do to help, and the contact information for Nevada Covering Kids and Families. She thanked the three VISTA volunteers for helping with the Nevada Covering Kids and Families program.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked if there was a way a family could appeal if they were told they did not qualify for Nevada Checkup. Ms. Chandler replied there was a State appeal process that looked at the household's entire annual gross income as reported on their tax returns and not all deductions counted. She said if a family contacted them, they would assist the family with their application. She stated if the family were over income, they would refer them to other programs.

**3: 40 p.m.** The Board took a temporary recess.

**3:50 p.m.** The Board reconvened with Commissioner Sferrazza temporarily absent.

**07-438** **APPEARANCE – CONGESTED AREAS – HUNGRY VALLEY**  
**UNCONTROLLED DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS**

Pat McAlinden, Washoe County Leadership Academy Graduate, felt the Leadership Academy was a wonderful experience and a good way to learn what the County did. She said the Friends of Hungry Valley, an advisory group to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), initiated this project. She stated the group was working with the BLM, Washoe County, and Great Basin Institute to preserve Hungry Valley as a multi-use recreational area. She said the purpose of this proposal was to control the illegal use of firearms, the resulting trash issues, and to improve public safety. She stated the group supported permitted BLM events.

Ms. McAlinden identified the areas of Hungry Valley that were designated and proposed as congested areas as shown on the map titled "North Valleys Congested Areas" contained in the packet placed on file with the Clerk. She said the proposed areas were the result of a series of meetings with stakeholders, and she felt the participants were as inclusive as possible. She discussed County Code prohibitions regarding the discharge of firearms near an occupied dwelling, and the District Attorney's opinion that bows and arrows were not considered a firearm because there was no explosive discharge.

Ms. McAlinden explained residential density had already increased in the northern areas and additional growth was anticipated to be around 600 percent. She said because of the increase in residential density and recreational use, concerns were raised about safety due to the use of firearms in the area. She indicated complaints had been made to local advisory boards and the Sheriff's Office about firearm discharge and the resulting damage to homes and outbuildings.

Ms. McAlinden stated she realized this was a controversial issue; and, if the Commissioners chose to move forward, it would be the start of another process with public input meetings being held prior to the Commission making a final decision. She said this proposal was never intended to stop legally permitted events, even though there was miscommunication between the BLM and the Sheriff's Office that impacted the dog trial events. She explained the District Attorney's Office said the Commission could carve out an exception to the firearm discharge area in a congested area ordinance, which

the Sheriff's Office would support if the area was clearly marked. She had asked the BLM, the Sheriff's Office, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and the dog clubs to meet to further discuss this situation.

Ms. McAlinden felt it was important to note that the planners for cities such as New York and San Francisco knew large open spaces would be important and would be appreciated by their citizens for generations.

In response to the call for public comment, Bill Maggiora asked the Commission to do more research before making a decision. He rebutted the statement that all of the users were consulted because the National Rifle Association only heard about this issue last week. He indicated recreational hunters needed to have their say and to know how the lost areas would be replaced. He said they also needed to know why existing laws were not being enforced, why there were no signs in the area on where it was illegal to discharge firearms and against littering, and why it was felt the litter problem was caused by hunters and recreational shooters.

Loren Wahl felt shooters often got a bad rap for what other users of the land did. He said existing laws should be enforced. He indicated he had never seen anyone from a government agency talking to someone about littering, trespassing, and where they were shooting.

In response to comments from the audience, Chairman Larkin said people needed to refrain from speaking out or they would be removed from the Chambers. He said if someone could not hear that would be accommodated.

Richard Newens discussed his freedom to hunt and shoot on BLM land. He said most shooters he knew had taken safety training.

Nolan Wells felt it was not a multi-use concept if shooters were restricted from public land. He stated the mountain's steep topography made it perfectly safe to shoot in the area. He discussed the illegal dumping of garbage.

Graeme Desnoy stated he thoroughly enjoyed and respected the public lands. He said he often saw people with trailers dumping garbage, and it was not the shooters doing it.

Dale Thompson indicated in 20 years he had never had a conflict with anyone in the area. He objected to some group trying to make it safer for the rest of the public by denying a large number of people free access and use to the open land. He said there were existing laws regarding the discharge of firearms. He stated he often hauled out household garbage from the area, and he never saw law enforcement out there.

Robert Kolvet said there was no reason why everyone could not coexist. He said everyone needed to respect the rights of others to ride and shoot in the area along with following existing laws.

Jeff Rodgers indicated he had turned in people for dumping illegally, which they did because they felt it was too expensive to go to the dump. He was upset shooters were taking the hit for low-life that would not use a garbage can. He indicated existing laws should be enforced.

Curtis Debord said he went into the area and would find a safe place to shoot by shooting into a mountain. He said if that area was taken away, there were not many other areas close to town that people could use to enjoy the outdoors.

Arlin Melendez, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman, said the Colony supported the designation of the area in Hungry Valley as a congested area specifically to prohibit the discharge of firearms near their community. He said they did not oppose constitutional rights of hunters and shooters, but were concerned about the proximity to the Colony. He said the Tribal Police would assist in anyway they could. He asked the designation be extended three miles north of the Colony's boundary.

Scott Nebesky, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Planning Director, agreed with many of the speakers that additional enforcement was needed. He said the Colony was willing to enter into discussions to expand and broaden the mutual aid agreement with the County to provide the additional law enforcement. He said the trash dumped limited multi-use to the people that were willing to tolerate the trash.

Heigo Orav stated he was against the proposal because more education and enforcement was needed not more laws. He asked for an investigation of how many of the ambulances sent up that way were due to gunshot wounds and off-road vehicle injuries. He said he was willing to bet it was 100 to 1 due to off-road vehicles. He agreed there was irresponsible littering, and he felt the motorcycle riders were the major cause because of the trash he picked up after their events.

Robert Patnaude urged the Commissioners to not pass a hasty ordinance until the matter could be studied and the real culprits identified. He said he bought land in the area 30 years ago to build a house and to shoot. He stated he had a very safe blind canyon in which to shoot, and he knew what he was aiming at when he pulled the trigger.

Linda Cunrod said she lived in Hungry Valley, and that twice hunters shooting doves sitting on her power line had taken out her power. She stated Sheriff's deputies had always shown up when she contacted them. She said realistically they would have to be there 24-hours a day to catch everyone. She described an incident when there was heavy fog and people shooting rabbits shot up her garage. She felt the bird hunters shooting near the residents do not look at how far from the residences they were, they only looked at the open space. She felt she lived in a war zone.

Paul Gardner, Northern Nevada Bird Dog Association President, said he was involved in the meetings, but did not support expansion of the congested area. He said they attended the meetings to defend their right to use the land to hold field trials. He stated the association was concerned because they were not brought into the process until

they found out about it themselves. He felt no decisions should be made until all of the effected people were consulted. He stated he had been out in some areas on the map over a hundred times and had never seen anyone else, which did not qualify that as congested areas. He felt only those areas close to residences should be included in the congested areas.

**4:27 p.m.** Commissioner Humke temporarily left the meeting.

B.P. Isensee felt enforcement of existing laws was needed. He suggested running the vehicle identification numbers and checking serial numbers on refrigerators and such to see if the owner could be identified. He felt the Commission should suspend any vote on the proposal until an evaluation of all potential impacts could be determined.

Carol Hart said she was very responsible about where she shot. She felt the Waste Management price increase from \$6.00 to \$17.00 for dumping a load of trash was responsible for the illegal dumping. She stated more trash would be taken to the distribution areas if the price were lowered.

Daniel Fassler supported using the area for hunting.

Michael Moss said the yellow area identified on the map contained the Washoe County shooting facility, which did not seem right to him.

Chairman Larkin inquired if there were any more public comments. Hearing none, he closed public comment.

Commissioner Weber thanked Ms. McAlinden because her project brought a lot of people out to discuss the issue. She indicated she had never claimed the shooters were the individuals responsible for the littering. She hoped the people in attendance and their neighbors would support the May 12th cleanup. She said Ms. McAlinden brought the project before the Board to ask for the Board's input, and she did not believe the Board was ready to make any decisions today. She indicated there was a long way to go if the Board decided to move forward. She said the reason people had not seen Washoe County Sheriff's deputies enforcing existing laws was it would require them to go onto BLM land. She believed BLM only had one officer to patrol those lands in addition to other areas. She encouraged anyone observing illegal activities in the area to report them. She said she liked the suggestions that the existing laws needed to be looked at and tweaked where necessary. She asked people to submit any ideas they might have.

**4:35 p.m.** Commissioner Humke returned to the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Ms. McAlinden identified the areas under this proposal left open for shooting. Commissioner Sferrazza said the proposal did not change existing laws, but designated an area. He stated some of the areas were already designated such as Panther Valley, Sun Valley, and the City of Reno, but

people still shoot there. He indicated some of the participants did not support the change. Ms. McAlinden stated changes were made by consensus, and she realized some people did not support it. She indicated the proposed changes were not carved in stone. She explained the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony wanted the area around the Colony expanded when they were brought into the discussions.

Commissioner Galloway said he was hearing topography was important, and that some of the areas near the Colony did not have a natural backdrop to protect the Colony from stray shots. He asked if it just never got to that level of refinement on how to separate houses from shooters. Ms. McAlinden stated topography was looked at and there were discussions between the Colony and the Sheriff's Office about where the Sheriff's Office could provide enforcement and how the deputies could identify those areas, which could be difficult. Commissioner Galloway asked if a fictitious line on a map would be clearer than a line on a ridge. He felt if this process moved forward, he would like to see it tied into the area plan; or, if there was no area plan, he would like to see the designated area lines follow the natural topography.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Ms. McAlinden said the distance from a house defined illegal shooting, and the distances were codified in the Nevada Revised Statutes. She said it was felt installing signage would help stop illegal shooting.

Chairman Larkin said what was being talked about was segregating uses. Ms. McAlinden agreed. She said the Sheriff's Office had told her 95 percent of the shooters were legitimate, but the other 5 percent did not pay attention to where they were shooting. Chairman Larkin stated his point was a congested area map would not stop the 5 percent. He thanked Ms. McAlinden for her efforts. He felt this issue was most appropriately dealt with in updates to the area plan.

Commissioner Humke commended Ms. McAlinden's initiative in bringing this to the Commission. He said this request appeared to have sufficient merit so it was placed on the agenda. He stated the Commission was criticized for putting it on the agenda, but he felt doing so was fair. He felt no case was made for moving forward with this, and to move forward would require more research.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked that the areas where it was illegal to shoot be indicated on a map because some people did not know they were shooting illegally.

Commissioner Galloway suggested marking the areas near the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony with signage so that would leave no doubt those areas were not open for shooting. He said it left open the question as to whether housing needed protection because of the complaints of a few people. He stated since the off-road groups were not here complaining, he did not want to respond based on theory.

Commissioner Weber felt the Board did not need to go any further with this item. She said her position was to ask the interested folks to help with enforcement.

She asked that anyone willing to help to leave their contact information. She suggested putting up signage near private property where people actually lived.

Commissioner Sferrazza requested the Board direct staff to work with Ms. McAlinden to produce a map that shows where it is illegal to shoot. He also wanted the posting of signs authorized, and he was willing to use some of his District funds to purchase the signs if necessary.

Commissioner Galloway stated he supported Commissioner Sferrazza's ideas. He said he heard testimony that indicated everyone was in agreement about there not being enough enforcement, and the Commission should continue to support increasing patrol deputies. He asked if the Board could get feedback from the Sheriff on whether or not there was a chance of obtaining a cooperative agreement with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony allowing them to enforce a Washoe County Ordinance in an area where it was already illegal to shoot.

Commissioner Humke made a motion that staff be directed to do further research on all items that the Commissioners expressed an interest in, specifically the items listed on page 7 of Ms. McAlinden's proposal, to look to the specific area planning process in setting out the plans to involve a discharge of firearms component pursuant to number 5 on page 7. He said he would like to do all of these, but he was not sure they were all pertinent to the investigation.

Commissioner Humke stated he made the motion to be consistent with Commissioner discussion on this item. Commissioner Weber seconded the motion.

Chairman Larkin clarified that Commissioner Humke was looking at numbers 2-5. He said he was hearing the Commission was not ready to act on number 1.

Commissioner Sferrazza asked that an item about the signage come back, and he reiterated he would be willing to use some of his District Funds for that purpose. He felt the area where discharging firearms was illegal should be posted. Chairman Larkin replied that was consistent with number 2.

Chairman Larkin asked Katy Singlaub, County Manager, to read numbers 2-5 so the audience would know what the Board was talking about regarding the recommendations.

Ms. Singlaub read the following:

2. Direct appropriate County agencies to provide appropriate signage to designate any firearms congested areas. Such direction should include partnerships with other government and private agencies to share the costs of purchasing and installing the required signs.

3. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office should cooperate with other County agencies specific to enforcement efforts directed towards firearm-congested areas.
4. Direct appropriate County agencies to allow permitting of special events of limited duration that involves the discharge of firearms.
5. Direct appropriate County agencies to combine the creation of new congested areas in conjunction with the approval of new development or other community triggers. Commissioner Humke's direction was to discuss that in the context, for example, of specific area plans.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he wanted the motion to say signage to designate illegal shooting areas if the Board was not going to expand the congested areas.

Commissioner Humke agreed to that change to the motion.

Commissioner Weber indicated she accepted all of the comments. She said it would be interesting to see if the signage would remedy things. She felt it was not necessary to put up signage indicating dumping was illegal, but she hoped everyone would work together to find the culprits who were dumping on public lands. She thanked everyone for being present, and she said there was an opportunity to make something good out of all of this.

Commissioner Sferrazza indicated he would support the motion even though he would have supported some expansion of the congested area. He felt it was far easier to enforce the gun laws within the congested area if it was clearly designated, and sections lines were easier to follow than circles around homes.

Commissioner Galloway said he would have supported some expansion of the congested areas, but he felt today was a good start. He felt the key was enforcement. He commented a proper fine structure for illegal dumping might pay for a deputy who could also enforce the firearms regulations.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he had received complaints from someone getting shot at in the Raleigh Heights area. He requested a countywide map be developed showing where shooting was illegal. Chairman Larkin said the Manager was indicating she would direct staff to do that.

Nate Edwards, Legal Counsel, stated for the record that Commissioner Sferrazza's request was not part of the motion. Commissioner Sferrazza asked that come back to the Board at a future meeting for direction.

On a call for the question, the vote was unanimous.

07-439

**SETTLEMENT – HELLER V. WASHOE COUNTY ETAL – RISK  
MANAGEMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the settlement of Heller v. Washoe County etal be continued until the April 24, 2007 County Commission meeting.

07-440

**BILL NO. 1507 – AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE  
CHAPTER 5 – REVISING PROVISIONS – APPOINTMENT OF  
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD ALTERNATES**

In response to Chairman Larkin, Bob Webb, Planning Manager, replied today's action would codify the establishment of At-Large positions and clarify Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) alternates must reside within the CAB's geographic area as indicated in the ordinance on page A-1, Section 5.429.1. He indicated only "and alternates" was added to the existing language, and an alternate could be a resident of the cities. He said the Board had agreed that it was up to the Commissioner making the recommendation as to the jurisdiction of the proposed alternate.

Commissioner Galloway said the number of applicants was limited to the number of people willing to do community service, and he felt saying, "shall ensure... a representative cross-section" was too harsh. He requested a modifier be added to "ensure" that would reflect the recruitment difficulties. He said "shall endure" implied that there would be no deviation even though there might be no applicants from some corner of the CAB. He asked that a qualifier be added to the ordinance for the second reading, and he would leave the actual wording to the District Attorney's Office.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Mr. Webb clarified the item discussing the actual number of alternates was pulled from today's agenda and would be on the April 24th agenda. He said the item would be broad enough to allow the Commission to determine the number of alternates per CAB.

Commissioner Weber said she understood the alternates would be At-Large, and she asked if they came from the entire geographic area. She asked if she and Commissioner Sferrazza would be allowed to select an alternate from the other's district. Mr. Webb replied the code made no mention of districts. He stated the ordinance only indicated the members and alternates needed to reside within the geographic areas of the CAB. He said Section 6 set the process whereby the Commission appointed them and allowed the CAB Chair to appoint an A-Large Alternate during an absence at a regular meeting. He said specific membership categories were created in the resolutions that created the CAB's. He stated the resolution contained a map that indicated the geographic boundaries of the CAB and contained the wording for the membership categories. He confirmed the specific membership would be discussed on April 24th.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the West Truckee Meadows CAB could still have alternates from west of McCarran and east of McCarran. Chairman Larkin said Item 6 would not preclude the Board from, in a resolution, specifying an At-Large that was east or west of McCarran. Nate Edwards, Legal Counsel, agreed.

Commissioner Sferrazza understood there would be a primary and secondary alternate in multi-Commissioner CAB's. He said Section 6 provided the Chair of the CAB would decide which alternate would serve, which he felt conflicted with what was discussed earlier. Larkin stated only if the Board put that restriction in the resolution. Mr. Webb said the resolution would contain the positions and the CAB handbook would be where the Commissioner's policy on advisory boards was reflected. He said specific text would be tailored to each advisory board.

Commissioner Sferrazza disagreed with the statement, "alternates shall not serve in an advisory board position that is vacant." He felt they should serve until the vacancy could be filled. Chairman Larkin said that would be lining up alternates that would then go into those vacant slots, which he could not agree to. Commissioner Sferrazza said he only meant they would fill in for a meeting. Commissioner Galloway felt the wording could be better by saying, "alternates do not automatically succeed to a vacant advisory board position," which would make it clear they would not automatically become the next permanent member. He suggested the Board request the wording be cleaned up.

Commissioner Sferrazza said the way the ordinance was written right now, the alternates could not step in for a member who quit until the Board appointed someone. Mr. Webb clarified that was a specific point of discussion with the District Attorney's Office who formulated the ordinance this way. He said Blaine Cartlidge, Deputy District Attorney, provided the opinion that an alternate could not fill a position unless the Commission had appointed that membership position. He stated then the alternate could fill that position at a meeting if the member was absent.

In response to Commissioner Weber, Mr. Webb replied a member's resignation was not official until it was filed with the County Clerk and accepted by the Board.

After further discussion, Mr. Edwards suggested the wording after "Commissioners shall ensure," would state "insofar as is practicable and reasonable to do so."

In response to Chairman Larkin, Mr. Edwards said the District Attorney's office would provide an explanation of why Section 6 was written the way it was and if alternate language would accomplish what the Board expressed.

**Bill No. 1507, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE AT CHAPTER 5 BY REVISING PROVISIONS REGARDING ALTERNATES APPOINTED TO CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS; AND,**

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

**07-441            LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said the report provided by John Slaughter, Management Services Director, indicated which bills were left, but there were no bills this week for the County to take a position on.

Chairman Larkin said AB 287, the annexation of non-contiguous territory, did not get a rule change. Ms. Singlaub confirmed it died in committee. She said SB 487, the water bill, passed as amended by Washoe County Commission and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. She indicated the Sun Valley General Improvement District (GID) submitted amendments. She stated the eminent domain provision would not allow the authority to use eminent domain to acquire water rights.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Singlaub stated an amendment by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMWA) to clarify the use of the terms, “consistent with” and “conforming to” was passed using the language “conforming to.” Commissioner Galloway replied a number of Board amendments from the original list along with amendments by the public were not included.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he was not sure what list was being referred to. Chairman Larkin replied it was the original list of 20 items, which were not included in any amendment. He said the list was forwarded as the Board’s intent and desire to be included in the bill, but not as an amendment to the bill. Ms. Singlaub said some things from that list did come out in the amendment. She said a side-by-side comparison was not prepared last Tuesday of what amendments Rosemary Menard, Water Resources Director, had proposed or how they compared to the Board’s 20 items. Commissioner Sferrazza indicated he would like a matrix prepared. Chairman Larkin and Commissioner Galloway agreed it would be helpful to have that side-by-side matrix.

Ms. Singlaub said AB 513 was passed without the amendment proposed to create a City General Improvement District. She said the options for the proponents of the amendment were to have the amendments introduced on the floor, which was a remote possibility. She said beyond that there was no legislative opportunity unless it could be amended onto another bill. Commissioner Humke said during discussions with the Washoe County lobbying staff, all options remained open as to that bill. He stated that bill was important to Clark County and it was essential it pass.

In response to Commissioner Sferrazza, Ms. Singlaub said she would have to find out if there was any information on the bill to move up the filing date for offices. Commissioner Sferrazza asked if there was any information on the salary bill. Commissioner Humke said he had seen a positive e-mail late last week regarding Senate action, but had seen nothing since.

Commissioner Humke said the next deadline was the passage of bills by the house of origin. He explained then the system started over again unless a bill was declared exempt, which were generally bills containing appropriations. He said the date for final action would be June 4th.

### **REPORTS/UPDATES**

Commissioner Galloway commented he was seeking applications for an alternate to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission for lay member Richard Harris, and he discussed what was necessary to be considered. He said he was going to bring the confirmation of Mr. Harris' appointment before this Board because TRPA wanted the appointment to be handled more formally than it had been in the past.

Chairman Larkin asked if there was a requirement the appointee had to live in the Lake Tahoe basin. Commissioner Galloway replied they did not, but they needed to be familiar about how things worked there.

Commissioner Humke said he attended the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) Facilities Committee meeting this morning where the upgrade to the Livestock Events Center complex was discussed. He stated the desire was to make it competitive and to generate more room tax dollars. He also discussed the possibility of a minor league hockey team franchise coming to the facility, the Northgate Golf Course water, and the jail population at 911 Parr Boulevard. He said that population might require releasing someone, but the system in place would release the least violent and chronic offenders.

Commissioner Weber shared there was a recent meeting of the RSCVA and the Nevada Association of Counties regarding the national meeting being held in Washoe County in 2010. She thanked Commissioner Sferrazza for bringing the meeting here. She indicated planning for the event was underway even though it was three years out, and she hoped a rodeo could be held during the event.

Chairman Larkin said the Flood Control Committee would be hosting an 8:00 a.m. breakfast at the Water Resources facility for Colonel Light, Army Corp of Engineers (Corps). He said Colonel Light was being reassigned, and he invited the Commissioners to come wish Colonel Light well. He mentioned there would be a gathering at 5:00 p.m. Thursday of Spark's Best Kids to award them for doing a good job. He said Red Development would have their official groundbreaking ceremony at the Spark's Marina on Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Sferrazza said the RSCVA Finance Committee meeting would be tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., and his Town Hall would be tomorrow evening at the Senior Center.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**07-442** A Notice of Completion between the Washoe County Department of Water Resources, Utility Services Division and Petersen Construction, Inc., State Contractor’s License No. 52833, for the Lemmon Valley Waste Water Treatment Facility, Pond 2 Rehabilitation. (BCC Meeting July 11, 2006, Item 06-788.)

**07-443** Addendum to the 2006-2007 Memorandum of Legislative Cooperation between Washoe County, the City of Reno, City of Sparks, Regional Planning Governing Board, Regional Transportation Commission, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Washoe County District Health Department and Washoe County School District. (BCC Meeting August 22, 2006, Item 06-929.)

**07-444** Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 300A Summary Log; Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses dated March 1, 2007.

**07-445** **REPORTS – MONTHLY (FEBRUARY 2007)**

- A. County Clerk
- B. Clerk of the Court

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**5:55 p.m.** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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**ROBERT M. LARKIN**, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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

*Minutes Prepared by  
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*