

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
John Berkich, Assistant 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:

07-1015 AGENDA

Agenda Subject: “Approval of the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting of September 11, 2007, including consideration of taking items out of sequence, deleting items and adding items which require action upon a finding that an emergency exists.”

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, noted Item 6A, acceptance of Nevada Division of Forestry Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Program Grants for the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Department and Gerlach Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of firefighter protective wear, was pulled from the agenda.

In response to the call for public comment, Guy Felton said electronic voting machines could be rigged, and he felt the Board of County Commission meetings should be cancelled until the Commissioners could prove they were honestly elected. Sam Dehne objected to the two minutes allowed for public comment, to the money spent to buy the new clock, to the location of the podium, and to the addendum to the agenda. Gary Schmidt opposed approval of the agenda because of the two-minute public comment rule. He asked Commissioner Jung to place her preference for a time for public comment on the record.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the September 11, 2007 meeting be approved with the

following change: **Delete** Item 6A, acceptance of Nevada Division of Forestry Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Program Grants.

07-1016 AGENDA ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, stated 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.

Stephanie Clark addressed the Board on what she expected should happen to rectify the injustice of having her son taken away from her and for what she felt was her unlawful arrest.

Guy Felton stated his opinion of the Commissioners.

Sam Dehne sang a song commemorating what happened six years ago on 9-11.

Jan Chastian voiced her opinion that the Sequoia electronic voting machines were not secure.

Gary Schmidt discussed Washoe County’s policy against having “stuff” on private property visible from the street, and what he felt was the real threat against citizens. He placed a copy of an article he wrote for the *Reno News and Review* dated January 4, 2007 on file with the Clerk.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Humke requested a report from Dave Childs, Assistant County Manager, on the situation referenced by Stephanie Clark. Commissioner Weber agreed.

Commissioner Weber asked that a park fees workshop be agendized before the discussion of those fees was brought to the Board in October or November.

Commissioner Weber asked for an update on the Court Security audit.

Commissioner Weber said contrary to a statement in the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, the Commission would not have a quorum at tomorrow's seminar at the University of Nevada, Reno's Elder College, a Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), because only she and Commissioner Galloway would be attending.

Commissioner Weber said she had an issue with the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) cleanup policies on the area's highways. She stated she received numerous complaints from constituents about trash along Highway 395. She said only one worker with a truck was assigned to the highway, but it would require teams of workers to cleanup the off ramps in Stead, Golden Valley, Red Rock, and Lemmon Valley. She felt the public should demand NDOT clean up the highways.

Commissioner Galloway elaborated the OLLI seminar was a government class that he and Commissioner Weber were invited to participate in.

Commissioner Galloway said September 13th was the grand opening of the Kietzke Lane roundabout, and he commended the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) on a job well done.

Commissioner Galloway apologized to Commissioner Jung for the gratuitous name calling during public comment, but he commented it was part of the job.

Commissioner Jung said she was concerned about the Washoe County Schools Construction and Revitalization Advisory Committee in light of discussions at the September 10th joint meeting. She suggested a liaison from the Board should attend the meetings of the committee so there would be no cross purposes regarding the 2008 ballot initiatives.

Commissioner Weber thanked Sam Dehne for his song recognizing 9-11.

PUBLIC COMMENT – CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 6B-6H(2)

Sam Dehne stated he approved of the consent agenda because it only contained mundane and housekeeping items.

07-1017 AGENDA ITEM 6B – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: “Approve and execute Purchase and Sale Agreement between the County of Washoe, James L. Murphy, Trustee for the Moya Olsen Lear Trust and James L. Murphy, Tommy L. Lucker and R. Michael Lee, as Trustees of Trust B of

the Lear Family Trust for the purchase of 299 acres of property in an “as is condition” (APN’s 090-040-14 and 090-030-21, located at Silver Lake, Reno, Nevada) [\$47,500, funded by a Nevada Division of State Lands–Conservation and Resource Protection Grant Program (Q-1) award made to our funding partner, Nevada Land Conservancy]; accept a deed restriction on these APN’s as required by the Nevada State Lands Division; authorize the Chairman to sign, upon presentation, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Deed Restriction and all necessary escrow closing documents on or before close of escrow.”

Commissioner Galloway recognized that even though the Lear Trusts were receiving some compensation from the sale of the land, it was minimal. He said this sale preserved part of Silver Lake for posterity. He thanked the trustees of the Moya Olsen Lear Trust and the Lear Family Trust for the sale of the 299 acres.

Commissioner Weber disclosed she met with Becky Stock, Nevada Land Conservancy Projects Director, along with Bob Goodman and Maxine Zimmerman regarding this project. She felt the acquisition would be an asset for the whole North Valleys.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Lynda Nelson, Planning Manager, replied staff planned to implement a management plan for the Silver Lakes acquisition similar to the one implemented for Swan Lake. She explained the operating plan was part of the Peavine District Plan, and staff wanted to connect the wildlife area in Swan Lake to the one in Silver Lake.

Chairman Larkin asked for elaboration on the finding the site was free of contaminants. Ms. Nelson replied the main concern mentioned in the Phase 1 Environmental Report was the Stead Plume, which came within approximately 1/2-mile of this property. She indicated because the plume was mitigated, it was felt there was no need for a Phase 2 because there was no concern about any further migration.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6B be approved, executed, accepted, and authorized.

**07-1018 AGENDA ITEM 6C – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES/
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Agenda Subject: “Reappoint Judith M. Simon to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6C be approved.

07-1019 AGENDA ITEM 6D – SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: “Accept grant award from Division for Aging Services [\$12,000 with no County match] for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 for the purpose of purchasing nutrition equipment and supplies for the Reno Senior Center; and if accepted, direct Finance Department to make the appropriate budget adjustments.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6D be accepted and directed.

07-1020 AGENDA ITEM 6E(1) – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: “Notification of budget adjustment made [\$2,000] in order to accommodate travel expenditures in excess of the original budget, but within the Washoe County Registrar of Voters approved Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Item 6E(1) be noted.

07-1021 AGENDA ITEM 6E(2) – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: “Accept status report on Structural Review of the Health Fund.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Agenda Item 6E(2) be accepted.

07-1022 AGENDA ITEM 6F(1) – REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept donation [\$2,500] from Rachel Rosemann to Washoe County Regional Animal Services and that the Board extend their appreciation for this very generous contribution; and upon acceptance, approve budget amendment acknowledging donation in the Animal Services Fund [500000-484000] and direct Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments.”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation and thanked Ms. Rosemann for it.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F(1) be accepted, approved, and directed.

07-1023 AGENDA ITEM 6F(2) – EQUIPMENT SERVICES DIVISION

Agenda Subject: “Approve Resolution to donate a surplus used 1997 GMC 1/2-ton 4x4 pickup (VIN #1GTEK14W8VZ546391) in “as is” condition [estimated salvage value \$4,630] from the Equipment Services Fund to the Gerlach General Improvement District; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Resolution for same.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F(2) be approved, authorized and executed. See resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.

07-1024 AGENDA ITEM 6F(3) – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Agenda Subject: “Approve Resolution to declare surplus to Washoe County’s needs a disassembled used walk-in refrigeration unit (Mfg: Heat Craft, Serial No. D05E02403; Condenser Mfg: Copland; Model C3AH-0303-TAC-004) in “as is” condition and donate same for educational purposes to the TMCC IGT Applied Technology Center of Truckee Meadows Community College from Washoe County Regional Animal Services; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Resolution.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F(3) be approved, authorized and executed. See resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.

07-1025 AGENDA ITEM 6G(1) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Accept donation of tools [valued at approximately \$29,992] from Ames/True Temper Lawn & Garden Distribution Center for the specific purpose of completion of work in the community through community service and inmate work crews.”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation and thanked the Ames/True Temper Lawn & Garden Distribution Center for it.

Commissioner Galloway asked if staff could let him know if the legal obstacles were overcome regarding using prison crews cleaning up freeways.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G(1) be accepted.

07-1026 AGENDA ITEM 6G(2) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Accept Linex (spray in bed liner) donation from the Linex Company to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team [approximately \$1,000 dollars] to be applied to lower outside portion of SWAT van to prevent scratches and enhance the van’s appearance.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation and thanked the Linex Company for it.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G(4) be accepted and authorized.

07-1027 AGENDA ITEM 6G(3) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Acceptance of a K-9 (German Shepard) donation [approximately \$12,000.00] from the Jenkins family to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Program.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation and thanked the Jenkins family for it.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G(3) be accepted.

07-1028 AGENDA ITEM 6G(4) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: “Accept donation [\$30,000] from anonymous donor to Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Incline Substation to purchase Criminal Analysis Statistical Software from Tiburon, Inc. (sole source); and if approved, authorize Finance to make necessary budget adjustments.”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway acknowledged the donation and thanked the anonymous donor for it.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G(4) be accepted and authorized.

07-1029 AGENDA ITEM 6H(1) – WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: “Accept grant award [\$24,729.13 with no County match required] through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection for Wellhead Protection Program Updates to implement Outreach and Education Programs in the Lemmon Valley, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID), Hidden Valley and Mount Rose water systems and potential contaminant source updates in the Lemmon Valley and STMGID water systems; and if accepted, authorize Chairman to execute an Intrastate Interlocal Contract between Public Agencies (State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection and the County of Washoe) and direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments.”

Chairman Larkin commented the well mitigation program was aimed at Lemmon Valley, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID), Hidden Valley, and Mt Rose. He asked if the program would be expanded into Spanish Springs because of recent impacts to the area. Mike Widmer, Senior Hydrogeologist, said he was unfamiliar with the Wellhead Protection Program for Spanish Springs, which was handled by Christian Kropf, Hydrogeologist II, who was out due to the birth of his son.

Chairman Larkin said this was the third or fourth time there was a grant award in one of the valleys. He stated he had not brought up Spanish Springs because other things were being done there, but he wondered if it was time to ask if the Wellhead Protection Program should be expanded into Spanish Springs. Mr. Widmer replied he did not feel the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) was interested in funding a formal Wellhead Protection Program in Spanish Springs because of the concurrent work being done there.

Mr. Widmer said this grant specifically addressed public outreach and updating potential sources of contaminants in the other Wellhead Protection Programs endorsed by the State. Chairman Larkin requested NDEP be asked if there was a need to expand the Wellhead Protection Program into Spanish Springs because there were other issues than just the nitrate problem. Mr. Widmer replied NDEP would be asked that question.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6H(1) be accepted, authorized, and directed.

07-1030 AGENDA ITEM 6H(2) – REGIONAL WATER PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda Subject: “Approve expenditure from the Regional Water Management Fund and authorize the Chairman to execute First Amendment to Agreement for Consulting Engineering Services between the County of Washoe and ECO:LOGIC, LLC [\$30,000] and an Agreement for Engineering Consulting Services between the County of Washoe and CH2M Hill [\$30,000] to jointly develop a Conceptual-Level Regional Reclaimed Water System Plan.”

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6H(2) be approved, authorized, and executed.

07-1031 AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPEARANCE

**Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)
Kenneth Mayer, Director
Russ Mason, Chief, Game Division**

Agenda Subject: “Update on bear problems along Sierra Front and the Tahoe Basin; request for direction on establishment of working group to assess methods to handle bear problem long term; and, request from Nevada Department of Wildlife for financial assistance [not to exceed \$50,000] to assist the Department of Wildlife’s Bear program.”

Mr. Mayer stated he and Mr. Mason were present to provide the Board with some information and to ask for the Board’s help with the black bear issue. He said only 0.1 percent of encounters were dangerous, but they do happen and that was why all black bear calls were taken seriously. He explained the problem was the number of bear calls had outstripped his department’s resources and ability to respond.

Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife Biologist, said each year since 1991 or 1992 saw an increase in bear and human conflicts, which was exasperated this year by extremely dry conditions. He stated the number of complaints had quadrupled from last year’s approximately 350 calls. He said 62 new bears were identified this year, but the bears stayed in almost the same areas.

Mr. Lackey explained there were two distinct populations of bears: urban and wild. He said work with the Wildlife Conservation Society indicated the differences

related directly to garbage. He stated the bears with access to human sources of food were heavier and had higher birth rates. He said homeowner associations in Douglas County that had bear-proofed their trash cans, saw bear encounters drop to almost zero. He stated there was no magic wand in Nevada to bear-proof everyone at once. He said Douglas County ordinances encouraged people to bear-proof one at a time, which meant the bears simply moved to an area where bear-proofing had not yet been done.

Mr. Mason discussed the statistics regarding nuisance and black bear management in Douglas and Washoe Counties in 2006 and 2007. He stated not every call could be responded to, but those that were responded to posed a potential threat to human safety. He said the concern was somebody was going to get hurt.

Mr. Mason said funds for responding to nuisance bears were not obtained from the State's General Fund. He stated all expenses had to be covered by hunting license dollars and federal grant funds meant for the management of hunted species. He said black bears were designated in Nevada as big game animals even though they were not currently hunted. He said the department obtained one-time funding for this year to help with the problem, but the funds would run out in November 2007.

Mr. Mason stated NDEP was considering a limited hunt for the management of wildland bears, but it would not affect the bears in the Tahoe Basin because they did not leave the basin.

Mr. Mason stated NDOW was asking Douglas and Washoe Counties to consider assisting with the reimbursement of 2007 nuisance bear management costs and to establish a fund to reimburse NDOW for future costs. He said those costs were expected to increase, particularly in view of the long-range weather forecasts, and NDOW could not manage the problem by itself anymore.

Mr. Mason stated NDOW must identify and acquire appropriate and dedicated funding for the work, so NDOW would not have to significantly reduce its response in the near future. He said NDOW also requested Douglas and Washoe Counties convene a working group to consider creating County ordinances requiring bear-proof garbage containers and prohibiting the feeding of bears or other wildlife, except for songbirds, along with affective strategies for enforcement.

Mr. Mayer summarized NDOW wanted to work with Washoe County on a multi-pronged approach to the problem, to discuss the fiscal aspect, and to bring it before the Legislature during the next session.

Commissioner Humke said he was troubled by the request for financial help for something that was clearly a State function. Mr. Mayer responded 3 percent of NDOW's budget was from the General Fund. He stated there was no General Fund bullet to support this type of work. He said NDOW had worked with its federal partners, in the short term, to support the bear management program. He felt it was a partnership between the counties and the State because the State does not do ordinances regarding garbage. He

reiterated NDOW would like to see mandatory bear-proof garbage cans and an enforcement program at the county level, which was felt would reduce the number of calls.

Commissioner Humke said when he was in the Legislature, NDOW was continually asking for bailouts with non-sportsman fees. He stated he did not understand why NDOW was coming to the County for assistance, and he asked if NDOW was approaching the cities. Mr. Mayer replied starting with the counties was the first step. He stated the phones were ringing off the hook, and it was obvious that everyone needed to work together to come up with a solution. He confirmed he had obtained the money for this year, but he was afraid the agency's federal partners would say no next year. He said if that happened, there would be no funds to provide the service.

Commissioner Humke asked if NDOW had authorization to seek funding during the Legislative session earlier this year during the normal course of the budget process. Mr. Mayer replied it was not anticipated the number of bear calls would increase to the level they did.

Commissioner Humke said the Board was interested in protecting Washoe County citizens and their property, but the payment issue was not a small issue to him. He felt the Board would work through the issue to try and figure something out.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Mayer replied urban bears range over a neighborhood of three to four square miles because of the available resources rather than a range of 50-75 square miles for wild bears. He said many urban bears do not hibernate because of the year round food source, and they come out on garbage night. He felt the garbage issue was very clearly tied to the resource.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the urban bear population were constantly increasing and if the number of calls was proportional to the number of bears. Mr. Lackey replied the issue was a redistribution of the bear population. Commissioner Galloway asked if there was a cure for the problem that did not require eliminating the bear. Mr. Lackey said data supported the fact that the bear population had not increased since the early 1980's, but the sightings had. He said at the same time densities in the urban areas increased, densities in the wildland areas decreased. Commissioner Galloway commented the bears were changing their habits to survive, but once changed nothing would get them to change back. Mr. Lackey replied on site adverse conditioning was done rather than releasing the bear back into the wild. He stated that conditioning tended to change the bear's behavior. He indicated it would not make the bear leave the area, but they learn to avoid people by becoming totally nocturnal. He said as long as it was available the bears would continue to access the food source.

Commissioner Galloway indicated he was sympathetic to doing something as a stopgap, but the County could not be NDOW's permanent solution. He asked if something had been done with the Interim Finance Committee (IOC) at the Legislature. Mr. Mayer said \$40,000 was obtained for this year. Commissioner Galloway asked if

NDOW could go back to the IOC for funding for next year. Mr. Mayer replied they would, but NDOW was hoping that once it started snowing things would go back to more normal conditions.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Mayer felt the focus should be on putting together a working group to develop an overall plan regarding the financials and what the County could and could not do. He felt Douglas County should also be included in the working group.

Commissioner Galloway asked if since the problem was trash related, was there any ability, under State Law or franchise agreements, to put a surcharge on trash collection. He felt that was something the working group should look into because anyone leaving out trash for collection was at risk of a bear intrusion and would be the beneficiaries of the money that could be devoted to protecting them. He believed someone living in downtown Reno would not feel it was fair to pay for protecting people in an urban-wildland interface near bear habitat. He indicated he would support some good faith token funding for next fiscal year, but then the real problem would have to be tackled. He said if State Law did not allow the County Commission or the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) to currently charge those fees, then the County would have to work with NDOW to get State law changed if that was the recommendation of the working group.

Commissioner Jung mentioned there were two bears downtown recently. She agreed with Commissioner Galloway that going after the source of the problem was the way to solve it, and she felt there was a huge education gap because there were people feeding the bears who did not realize the impact of doing that. She indicated she wanted to focus on education, but did not want to restrict the conversation to Incline Village because it was an issue for the entire Truckee Meadows.

Mr. Mason noted there had been a reasonably affective "Bear Aware" program that had been in place for a number of years, but not everyone wanted to cooperate. He felt if bears did not get use to the neighborhood trash, NDOT could more effectively deal with bears showing up at Albertson's and get the job done quicker with fewer citizen complaints. He felt there would be increasing bear versus human conflicts until the trash issue was resolved.

Commissioner Humke stated he did not favor transferring any cash to NDOT at this time but did favor working on an ordinance requiring bear-proof containers and on education. He understood the funding pattern for this initiative was wrong, but NDOT had to do something to change it rather than asking the County for money. He indicated he cared for the bears and the people, and he agreed people feeding bears acerbated the problem. Commissioner Galloway reminded everyone of the instance in Glendora, California where a woman feeding coyotes contributed to a child getting killed.

Commissioner Galloway asked if it was only the County and the Cities that could pass a law making it unlawful to put out the trash the night before pickup and

asked if what had been done at the lake could be addressed. Mr. Lackey replied the IVGID Bear Awareness Program worked under the assumption that if people were reported about their trash attracting bears, IVGID would warn them; and, after the warning, could require a bear-proof container. He said there was some authority there to assist someone in buying a bear-proof container, but it was not mandatory. He said it was also not mandatory in Douglas County. He stated some counties in Alaska had mandated that trash could not be put out the night before, which worked to some extent. He said what was proven to work was the bear-proof containers situated away from the house so the bears did not learn to associate the smell of food garbage with the house.

Commissioner Galloway agreed most wildland/urban interface areas were in the unincorporated areas of the County. He discussed it would be easy to patrol for and issue citations to people putting out their trash the night before garbage pickup. Mr. Lackey said the reason he heard for putting out trash the night before, was the disposal company picked up trash at 5:00 a.m. He said the easy solution to getting up early was a bear-proof container. Commissioner Galloway felt a 5:00 a.m. pickup was rare for residential properties.

Mr. Lackey stressed he received far fewer complaints in Incline Village than he did in the West Washoe Valley area. He said it had always been that way, but it had not gotten as much attention as Incline Village because of the steps IVGID had taken.

Chairman Larkin commented that even though instituting a hunting season would not take care of the urban bear problem, it would be a revenue generator. He asked if estimates had been done on how much revenue would be generated. Mr. Mayer said that modeling had not yet been done. Mr. Mason indicated there would never be a lot of permits given out, but NDOW was considering putting a charge on bear applications. He said a wildland bear program would also help with some of the dry year problems.

In Idaho, Chairman Larkin said there was an agreement with outfitters and guides that provided them with a lucrative opportunity. Mr. Mason said a bear hunt would have to be explored very carefully because the answer might be no if the people of Nevada were asked if they wanted one. He noted Nevada and Hawaii were the only two states without a bear hunt, which might indicate Nevadans would not support a hunt. He stated any bear hunt would be years away and was not an immediate fix to the problem.

Dave Childs, Assistant County Manager, said the Regional Parks and Open Space Department looked at, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, bear-proofing the trashcans in a number of County parks. He indicated approximately \$100,000 was requested, but not funded; and it would take approximately \$200,000 to fund all of the parks. He felt to be good neighbors and stewards of the parks that should happen. He said staff was waiting for an answer to a query made regarding State SQ-1 funds to see if there was a way to provide a recreation nexus to bear-proof containers.

Mr. Childs said as noted in the staff report dated August 28, 2007, staff would agree with reconstituting the working group. He recommended the County take care of its parks if it had an extra \$50,000, which would reduce some of the calls and complaints.

Commissioner Humke said this issue was urgent if the hibernation cycle was being broken because of the bears becoming urbanized; and, if it was a mild winter, it would mean the bears would not let up. Mr. Childs replied this issue deserved immediate attention and was a separate issue, and he recommended a parallel process. He summarized the key issues were how did residents deal with their trash, how could the County react in a way that would start to solve the problem, what could the County do with its own facilities to keep them from attracting bears, and dealing with the education piece. He stated there was an existing "Bear Aware" program, but he felt the Sierra Front side needed some additional awareness work.

Commissioner Humke said there was tremendous educational opportunities for the County because of its access to Community Relations and to Sierra Nevada Community Access Television (SNCAT). He felt the production almost writes itself. He suggested Park staff could be deployed in an educational function, and the bear-proof dumpsters at the parks should have a prominent sign to serve as citizen education. Mr. Childs indicated the national forests have excellent signage in addition to fines for leaving food in a car or not putting food in bear-proof containers.

Commissioner Galloway indicated he was looking for something that could be done now. He asked if the County could, for a sum of money, get the word out to not put trash out the night before garbage pickup and to use bear-proof containers if bears were a persistent problem. Mr. Childs agreed the County was capable of getting out a public information campaign.

In response to the call for public comment, Chris Ralph discussed the persistent bear problem in his neighborhood at the west end of Mayberry and NDOW's lack of service. He said the problem was due to the many fruit trees and NDOW's crazy suggestion to solve the problem was to remove the trees. He felt the County should get something done.

Jack Healy spoke about the bear damage to his Franktown Road neighborhood over the last 15 years and asked something be done. Debbie Shelta also spoke about the bear problem on Franktown Road. She asked that the bears be cleared out first and then deal with the project being talked about. She said she could not use her yard during the day because of the bears coming through it.

Bill Gibson, Thunder Canyon Country Club Assistant General Manager, discussed his confrontation with a bear in the Country Club's restaurant and those of homeowners in the Franktown area. He requested something be done because the bear keeps coming back even though it was trapped and removed. He stated the bear was not aggressive, but it was not afraid of humans.

Sam Dehne commented on the cost to redo the chambers, which was not necessary. He said NDOW should get the \$50,000 they were asking for.

Commissioner Humke noted the last speaker was off of the agenda item for much of his testimony, and he moved his testimony off the agenda item be stricken from the record. Mr. Dehne protested.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Mayer said relocating bears did not work. He stated they could be taken long distances, but they kept coming back. He stated a bear breaking into someone's house would be a one-way ticket to the happy bear ground. He felt it should be a multi-pronged management approach. He stated using \$50,000 to relocate bears would have to be looked at, but it would be very expensive.

Commissioner Galloway said people in the Franktown area stated trash was not the problem. He asked if NDOW stood by its statement that trash was the problem in most areas. Mr. Mayer replied that was correct. Commissioner Galloway said one unique area had a hard choice regarding the fruit trees. Commissioner Galloway felt the only thing the Board could do right now was to help NDOW with the trash problem. He asked if that would do the most good. Mr. Mayer replied it would. He also felt putting a group together from the County to work with NDOW would be a positive thing. He reiterated the bear problem goes away if what was attracting the bears was eliminated. He stated there would still be bear issues, but it would be miniscule compared to what was happening now.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was any appetite by the Commissioners to give money to NDOW. He indicated he was willing to do so on a one-time basis. He asked if that was not supported, would the Commissioners support some amount of money staff would indicate was adequate to do a public information campaign for the County's citizens to minimize the danger.

Commissioner Jung indicated she supported a public information campaign, but she felt it did not support some of the public who expressed their desires and needs. She asked if staff could look deeper into those issues to see what could be done, because telling the people to take down their trees was a drastic approach. She felt the County could create a better management approach even though she understood it would not happen in one day. She urged the issue should be addressed for the whole County by the task force that the Board was contemplating resurrecting.

Commissioner Humke stated, based on citizen testimony, he would support a one-time expenditure to NDOW. He stated perhaps the Sheriff's Office, Regional Parks and Open Space, and Animal Control could do the job if staff understood bear behavior. He suggested providing technical education to County staff might be a good expenditure of funds. He indicated equipment probably would be needed and perhaps the State could task someone from NDOW to work with that staff for a while. He suggested staff come up with some recommendations on how to best expend any funds.

Commissioner Weber felt the funding should go to departments within the County because they had the ability to look at this and find other folks to help. She felt the County had staff that could handle this problem right now. She commented about best practices and suggested looking at what other areas were doing that had the same issues. She said it was time, because other committees had already been formed, to ask staff to come back immediately with recommendations. She indicated it was an urgent issue and there had to be some other mechanism than people pulling out their fruit trees. She suggested talking with the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Waste Management about working together on the issue. She said it was up to property owners to work with the County, but the County needed to give them something to work with.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Mr. Mayer replied NDOW would continue to pursue federal grants, but NDOW's federal partners wanted them to find a long-term solution. Chairman Larkin felt the request to establish a fund for nuisance bear management costs was a worthwhile goal, but he was not convinced it was a local funding issue. He said bears belonged to the State of Nevada, and he felt it set a dangerous precedent when a State agency requested local funding. He said the Commission was very concerned about setting any type of precedent even in the short term. He indicated he was more inclined to establish the working group and look for collaboration of in-kind rather than outright funds. Mr. Mayer replied he was open to all suggestions. He stated the concern was phone calls were coming in that NDOW could not provide service to; and the fear was, with the calls not being responded to, there was no way to determine which calls were serious. He indicated he was looking for funding beyond the base federal funding NDOW currently had available.

Chairman Larkin agreed it was clear local government bore some responsibility because their planning and development practices influenced the wildland/urban interface, but bear management clearly fell under NDOW. He suggested there were closer linkages that needed to be made between local development planning and NDOW, and homeowners had some responsibility to manage their garbage and property. He felt just because a bear wanders through, government did not have to pick up that responsibility because people were encroaching on the bears' natural habitat.

Commissioner Galloway suggested directing staff, as an in-kind response to the request from NDOW, to come back with a plan for a working group; a list of key tasks that the County would perform, including a public awareness program especially in regards to trash; and a budget. He stated the budget would include an adequate amount of money for the operation of the working group and for a public awareness program to do the most, immediate good. He suggested as put forward by Commissioner Humke, money be included for NDOW staff to work with the working group if NDOW could not send someone to collaborate with the County. He said it would not extend to the general operations of NDOW, but it would be a great start. He indicated he would like that brought to the next meeting, unless staff had a problem with that date. Mr. Childs recommended the first meeting in October because September 25th would be too soon.

Commissioner Galloway agreed that time should be taken to get the budget right so staff could come back with real numbers and a set of objectives.

Commissioner Galloway motioned that staff be directed as stated above for Agenda Item 7. Commissioner Jung seconded the motion.

Commissioner Weber said the direction would not take care of the immediate issue with the residents heard from today. Commissioner Galloway said he could not think of anyway to resolve their issues except that should be something the working group would look at. He said expert testimony indicated trash was the number one problem, but that did not mean there were not other problems.

Commissioner Weber suggested placing a few of those folks on the committee if they were willing. Commissioner Galloway suggested leaving whom to contact to the Manager's discretion once the working group was formed.

Commissioners Weber and Humke said they supported the motion.

On a call for the question the vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mayer said he felt good about the progress being made towards coming up with the right solution.

4:12 p.m. The Board took a brief recess.

4:28 p.m. The Board reconvened as the Board of Trustees of the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District and then as Fire Commissioners of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD).

4: 49 p.m. The Board adjourned as the Fire Commissioners of the TMFPD and reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners.

07-1032 AGENDA ITEM 9 - SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to accept donation [\$107,648.30] from The Helen Close Charitable Foundation to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Program for the purchase of a 2007 26' "Seahawk" North River Jet Boat from North River Marine Jet Boats Incorporated (sole source) and support equipment for said boat; and if accepted, direct Finance to make necessary budget adjustments."

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway thanked The Helen Close Charitable Foundation for the donation.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item No. 9 be accepted and directed.

07-1033 AGENDA ITEM 11 - WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to award bid for constructing Allison Drive – Fillmore Way Sanitary Sewer to Sierra Dirt Works, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, [\$229,314]; and if awarded, authorize Chairman to execute the contract documents upon receipt and authorize Engineering Manager to issue Notice to Proceed."

Bids were received from the following vendors:

- Sierra Dirt Works, Inc.
- A&K Earth Movers, Inc.
- Campbell Construction Co., Inc.
- Aspen Developers Corp.
- H.M. Byars Construction Co.
- Gradex Construction Co.
- Conely Equipment and Leasing, LLC
- Peavine Construction, Inc.
- Arrow Construction

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item No. 12 be awarded and authorized.

07-1034 AGENDA ITEM 14 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to award bid for the Washoe County Golf Course Parking Lot Rehabilitation to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder (staff recommends Gradex Construction) [\$317,525]; and if awarded, authorize Chairman to execute Contract documents upon presentation."

Bids were received from the following vendors:

- A&K Earth Movers, Inc.
- Granite Construction
- Gradex Construction
- Sierra Nevada Construction
- Sierra Dirt Works
- Atlas Contractors
- Q&D Construction

Building Solutions, LLC
West Coast Paving

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item No. 14 be awarded and authorized.

07-1035 AGENDA ITEM 15 - SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to accept Fiscal Year 2007/08 Nutrition Grant Awards from Division for Aging Services [\$327,421 - with \$57,780 County match for the Homebound Meals Program and \$194,398 - with \$34,270 County match] for the Congregate Meals Program for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; and if accepted, direct Finance Department to make appropriate budget adjustments."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item No. 15 be accepted and directed.

It was noted the 18 percent (\$57,780 and \$34,270, respectively) County match requirements associated with these grants were already included in the Department's existing fiscal year 2007/08 budget.

07-1036 AGENDA ITEM 16 - RISK MANAGEMENT

Agenda Subject: "Discussion regarding Senate Bill 500 (2007) allowing the governing body of a county to enter into a contract with a legal services organization pursuant to which the officers and employees of the organization are eligible for any life, accident or health insurance provided to the officers and employees of the county, and discussion and possible direction to staff regarding requests from Washoe Legal Services and Nevada Legal Services to participate in the Washoe County Health Benefits Program pursuant to SB 500."

Paul Elcano, Washoe Legal Services Executive Director, explained SB 500 dealt with the issue of unpredictable changes to medical insurance premiums for small groups in the legal service arena. He said it allowed smaller groups to participate in a plan with a large group where the premiums were constant giving them stability to hire and budget more consistently and provide better service. Mr. Elcano stated the companies would still pay the premium; however, it would be through a larger organization, which would set a consistent premium.

Jim Jeppson, Risk Manager, indicated Washoe Legal Services and Nevada Legal Services were the two groups who requested being a part of the Washoe County Health Benefit Program, and under SB 500 were the only eligible entities to join.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that staff be directed to bring back an agreement to enter into a contract with a legal services organization pursuant to which the officers and employees of the organization were eligible for any life, accident or health insurance provided to the officers and employees of the County.

07-1037 AGENDA ITEM 8 - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Subject: "Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance amending provisions relating to Washoe County Code Chapter 110, Articles 804, 806, 808 and 810 by clarifying persons with standing to appeal development decisions, and other matters properly relating thereto."

Roger Pelham, Planner, explained this was a technical revision to the Development Code. He said this was an attempt to clarify those citizens who had standing to appeal a decision made by the Planning Commission or the Board of Adjustment (BOA) were individuals who had participated in a public hearing.

Commissioner Galloway indicated the text of the amendment stated, "a person who may be adversely affected by the decision could appeal to the BOA." He suggested adding the word "or" after the words Planning Commission in item 4(i) and 2(i). Mr. Pelham agreed. Commissioner Galloway questioned who could appeal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). He also inquired if the Board voted as a whole to appeal a decision of the BOA, would it be construed as prejudice for the BCC to hear their own appeal. Mr. Pelham explained staff took the text from all four of the sections that applied to and attempted to make them consistent. Commissioner Galloway suggested the following new wording; "the BCC may decide to review this denoveau, but not an appeal."

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, stated generally it was not the appellant body that made the decision to appeal. She said there was an issue that a Commissioner who brought the appeal forward would have the ability to prejudge it. Ms. Foster said, as written, the appeal decision had to be taken in an open meeting, therefore, allowing the other party an excellent argument that the appeal was prejudged.

Commissioner Galloway remarked he would prefer not to have a way for a Commissioner to intervene, but rather state an affected Commissioner may not sit in judgment of an appeal. Ms. Foster indicated this situation often arose at Licensing Boards, who in effect, would appoint an investigative board member allowing that board member to work with staff in the first stages of the disciplinary action and then step out

of the process. However, as an elected body, the Board needed three votes on any given issue and by taking one person out, caused her concern. Commissioner Galloway reiterated the ordinance should state an affected individual Commissioner should not sit in judgment of an appeal.

Chairman Larkin inquired on the intent or the background of placing the BCC in a group that had standing. Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, recollected there was a time when there was concern expressed about a decision of the Planning Commission and the ability for the Board to review the appeal. Commissioner Galloway recalled a lengthy discussion regarding whether one of the appellants was actually affected because of a water tank in Sun Valley.

Mr. Freund said he would prefer the District Attorney's (DA) Office respond to the issue of a Commissioner appealing and then act on removing them from the proceedings.

Ms. Foster explained most of the situations regarding major decisions, such as subdivision maps and assessments, the appeal process was outlined in statute. Washoe County filled in a great deal within the Code that did not exist elsewhere. She explained by statute there were certain rights of appeal without definition of who had the right to appeal. Ms. Foster commented she never encountered a situation where a Board had empowered itself to appeal a decision of a subordinate board.

Commissioner Galloway asked if the BCC did not appeal, could an individual Commissioner remove themselves from sitting in judgment of an appeal if requested by a citizen. Ms. Foster replied the terms of this ordinance attempted to define those persons who had standing to appeal and placed an escape valve which would give citizens who wished to attend an open meeting involvement in the process. Commissioner Galloway said the opinion of staff was a person of standing would have to have been affected by the decision. Ms. Foster agreed, and said that person could bypass this Board entirely and go directly to court, but in trying to define this further staff was attempting to provide a rational nexus for someone who was concerned about that decision. She said if the Board were to empower each individual Commissioner to file appeals there was no reason to define who could or could not appeal. Ms. Foster explained Chapter 233B of the Nevada Administrative Code defined an aggrieved party very broadly so almost anyone who did not like the decision of an administrative body could appeal that decision. She said it was expansive and difficult to deal with those cases because it could be appealed by people who had never been involved in any process or made comments during a contested case.

Chairman Larkin asked if this was presented to the DA's Office for review. Mr. Pelham replied Blaine Cartlidge, Deputy District Attorney, reviewed the ordinance. Ms. Foster explained staff was also reviewing issues that were found when the last case was presented which involved individuals who felt being at a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was enough to qualify for standing.

Chairman Larkin said he was not convinced there was adequate review of the entire provisions of this ordinance and said there were items that needed further review. Mr. Freund said it may well be that language from the 1993 Code may have been carried over. He indicated from the perspective of staff the right to appeal had always been broadly viewed and the Development Code had provided rights to appeal. He said it was difficult for staff to decide who had a right to appeal and which appeals might be frivolous; however, he understood the concerns of the BCC and their right to appeal.

Commissioner Galloway inquired if the BCC were omitted and something needed to be done in the event there might be a dispute as to eligibility then what would be decided by the BCC.

Chairman Larkin suggested the language become clean and precise; omit the BCC as an appealing group, and current modern language be used. He requested this go back through the DA's Office for further review.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

There was no action taken on this item.

5:35 p.m. The Board recessed.

6:15 p.m. The Board reconvened with all members present.

07-1038 AGENDA ITEM 10 - REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Agenda Subject: "Request to possibly appoint one new Park Commissioner to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission to fill a vacant term beginning September 11, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that James Nadeau be appointed as a Park Commissioner to the Regional Park and Open Space Commission to fill a vacant term beginning September 11, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011.

07-1039 AGENDA ITEM 12 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to award bid #2595-07--Janitorial Services at Washoe County Complex to Best Janitorial Services, Inc, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, meeting specifications, terms and conditions [estimated amount \$18,455 per month - estimated annual value \$221,460]; and if awarded, authorize Purchasing and Contracts Administrator to execute a two-year agreement with one single year renewal option."

Commissioner Jung asked if recycling was part of the bid, and, if all recyclables remained separated. Mike Sullens, Senior Buyer, explained the County, not the janitorial service, ran the recycling program at the County.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Sullens replied Sanitors was a new company in northern Nevada; therefore, there were no references in the area, which was a criteria for the bid.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Qual-Econ U.S.A. Inc.
Best Janitorial Services Inc.
Sanitors

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item No. 12 be awarded and authorized.

07-1040 AGENDA ITEM 13 - PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve purchase of three 2008 International Model 07600 58,000 GVWR, 10 Wheel Dump Trucks with Plows and Sanders from Silver State International [\$177,710 each for a total of \$533,130] utilizing City of Reno Bid Number 1374 pursuant to the joinder provisions of NRS 332.195."

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mike Sullens, Senior Buyer, replied the City of Reno bid was a competitive bid that the County was joining onto that had multiple bidders. Unfortunately, he did not know who those bidders were. Commissioner Galloway requested to have that data available in the future.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item No. 13 be approved.

07-1041 AGENDA ITEM 17 - MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Update and possible direction on Washoe County's *Journey of Excellence: Baldrige National Quality Program.*"

John Slaughter, Management Services Director, indicated this was the beginning of monthly updates concerning the Journey of Excellence and the Baldrige

National Quality Program. He said during the July 23, 2007 retreat Lynn and Associates presented an overview of the project.

Jim Lynn, Lynn and Associates President, reported everything was progressing, and indicated the core outcomes for this year were: gap analysis, training curriculum related to the Baldrige effort, and, as a pilot program, working with a series of departments for Phase I. He explained the employee survey had begun and the 350 random recipients were chosen from County employees, with the exception of the County Manager and department heads, who were included in the survey. He said during the October 15, 2007 retreat there would be a preliminary report of the survey findings.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

07-1042 AGENDA ITEM 18 - MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to review and approve updated 2006 - 2008 Washoe County Strategic Plan Summary, including strategic priorities, key outcomes, success indicators and supporting goals."

John Slaughter, Management Services Director, provided an update of the Strategic Plan summary taken from requests and guidance from the Board during the July 23, 2007 retreat. He explained the items in "red" included within the Washoe County Strategic Plan 2006-2008 summary, which was placed on file with the Clerk, indicated the changes made from the Board. He said the "bolded" items reflected what was proposed during the retreat for addition to the document. Mr. Slaughter said following the retreat, staff reviewed Strategic Priority number 6 and proposed a change, which did not change the intent, but clarified what would be accomplished to promote financial accountability of Washoe County.

Chairman Larkin stated the requested language was to continuously improve cost effectiveness. He asked if the "to be determined (TBD)" columns would be completed by the October 15, 2007 scheduled retreat. Mr. Slaughter replied it would and stated throughout the document many of the TBD's were also in the process of being completed for the upcoming retreat. He noted the TBD column, or the Performance Measure and Target column, was added to the summary sheet.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was a way to work with the courts as partners for a more efficient operation while keeping track for strategic planning. Mr. Slaughter explained the Court Administrators were included, had participated in the discussions, and were invited to the October retreat. He said staff would meet with all of the department heads, including the Court Administrators, to begin the process of moving forward.

Chairman Larkin requested Mr. Slaughter provide a briefing of the strategic plan to Commissioner Jung prior to the October 15th retreat.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the update on the 2006/08 Washoe County Strategic Plan Summary be approved.

AGENDA ITEM 21 - REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Agenda Subject: "Reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to (these may include, but not be limited to, Regional Transportation Commission, Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, Debt Management Commission, District Board of Health, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Investment Management Committee, Citizen Advisory Boards)."

Commissioner Humke said the Flood Control meeting scheduled for September 14, 2007 had been postponed to September 28, 2007. He said the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) update of the development fees to fund transportation was moving slowly. Commissioner Humke indicated RTC staff had not yet acted on the action imposed by the RTC Board.

Chairman Larkin clarified the RTC staff direction was to go before the three governing entities to enact an ordinance for the increase of those fees and asked if that had been completed. Dave Childs, Assistant County Manger, stated he would research the status of that request and return to the Board with an update. Chairman Larkin suggested if it had not been received than County staff needed to be proactive and go to RTC and extract that information.

Commissioner Weber announced a District 5 town hall meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2007 at the North Valleys Regional Park. She said the Virginia City – Truckee (V&T) Railroad was progressing and Phase 2A and 2B were going out to bid.

Chairman Larkin stated the Neil Road/Kietzke Lane roundabout would be dedicated on September 13, 2007. He said the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGGB) would meet on September 13th as well. Chairman Larkin announced it was the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility's (TMWRF) 40th anniversary and a celebration was scheduled for September 18, 2007.

Commissioner Galloway said the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) would meet to discuss the fire issues on September 19, 2007.

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6:55 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Jan Frazzetta and Stacy Gonzales
Deputy County Clerks*

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION TO DONATE ASSETS FROM WASHOE COUNTY
REGIONAL ANIMAL SERVICES TO THE TMCC IGT APPLIED
TECHNOLOGY CENTER OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, Washoe County Regional Animal Services was established to protect animals, persons and property from mutual harm and is committed to excellence in animal care through enforcing animal control regulations, promoting responsible pet ownership and providing a safe, clean and healthy shelter environment for the custody of animals under the program's temporary care; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County Regional Animal Services is disposing of a disassembled used walk-in refrigeration unit [Mfg: Heat Craft; Serial No. D05E02403; Condenser Mfg: Copland; Model C3AH-0303-TAC-004] in "as is" condition with an estimated salvage value of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00); and

WHEREAS, the TMCC IGT Applied Technology Center of Truckee Meadows Community College desires to obtain said used walk-in refrigeration unit in "as is" condition for educational purposes in their air conditioning training program; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners supports the educational needs of the TMCC IGT Applied Technology Center of Truckee Meadows Community College and declares:

Section 1. NRS 244.1505, Section 2.(a), empowers the board of County Commissioners to donate to governmental entities certain property that the Board determines is no longer required for public use and is determined to have reached the end of its useful life.

Section 2. The above mentioned disassembled used Washoe County assets will be donated in "as is" condition to the TMCC IGT Applied Technology Center of Truckee Meadows Community College.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller's Office, Finance, Purchasing and Animal Services.

ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2007.

ATTEST:

County Clerk



Amy Harvey



Robert M. Larkin

Robert M. Larkin, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS BY DONATION TO THE
GERLACH GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FROM THE
WASHOE COUNTY EQUIPMENT SERVICES FUND

WHEREAS, Equipment Services was established to provide fleet services including acquisition, maintenance and disposal of fleet vehicles and equipment and to provide management and administration of related fleet services for Washoe County, and

WHEREAS, Equipment Services is disposing of certain used equipment, which is surplus to its needs, including one (1) 1997 full size GMC ½-ton 4x4 pickup in “as is” condition with an estimated 66,161 miles, more particularly described as VIN #1GTEK14W8VZ546391; and

WHEREAS, the Gerlach General Improvement District is in need of a pickup to conduct daily operations including making trips to Reno to attend training and for purchasing goods and supplies not available in Gerlach, Nevada; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, that we support the needs of the Gerlach General Improvement District and declare:

Section 1. NRS 244.1505, Section 2.(a) empowers the Board of County Commissioners to donate to governmental entities certain property that the Board determines is no longer required for public use and is determined to have reached the end of its useful life.

Section 2. The above mentioned surplus used Washoe County asset will be donated in “AS IS” condition to the Gerlach General Improvement District.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. The County Clerk is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Comptroller’s Office, Finance, Purchasing and Equipment Services.

ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2007.

Robert M Larkin

Robert M. Larkin, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST

Amy Harvey

COUNTY CLERK



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