#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY <u>1:00 P.M.</u> JULY 15, 2008

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner

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

ABSENT:

#### Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

#### 08-766 <u>AGENDA ITEM 3</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses."

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

#### **Essentials of Personal Effectiveness**

Roxana Miller, Office Assistant II Misha Baynes, Office Support Specialist Daniel Croarkin, Office Assistant I Kristine Parsons, Imaging Technician I Beth Thompson, Office Support Specialist

#### **Essentials of Support Staff**

Beth Thompson, Office Support Specialist Kristine Parsons, Imaging Technician I Daniel Croakin, Office Assistant I

Misha Baynes, Office Support Specialist

#### **Essentials of High Performing Teams**

Kimberly Carlson, Senior Fiscal Analyst

#### **08-767 AGENDA ITEM 4**

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Public Comment. 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."

Katy Singlaub, 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.

Guy Felton spoke on the upcoming November election and the County voting machines.

Sam Dehne addressed the Board concerning property taxes.

Gary Schmidt discussed his views on elected officials.

#### **08-768 AGENDA ITEM 5**

Agenda Subject: "Commissioners'/Manager's Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)"

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated Agenda Item 9, Memorandum of Understanding between Washoe County and the City of Reno Redevelopment Agency for the redevelopment of the Court Street Parking lot; Item 16, recommendation to award a bid for the Verdi Pond Restoration construction project; and Item 21, Work Card Permit appeal for Kelly Sorensen would be pulled.

Commissioner Galloway said he attended the Audit Committee meeting, which met with Assessor Josh Wilson, to review how errors were detected in tax rolls and to discuss options to format and automate that system. He said there was also discussion

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with Kafoury Armstrong and Co., in regard to their audit. He said due to changes in law, Kafoury Armstrong was required to review the County's internal control procedures and evaluate the strength of those internal controls before an audit was conducted.

Commissioner Jung said she attended a tax and budget workshop conducted by the Nevada Taxpayers Association. She also attended the Kick-Off fundraiser for the Washoe County School District Ballot Question. Commissioner Jung said she attended the Golden Valley Property Owners Association meeting and the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board meeting where citizens inquired on the status of the North Valleys Sports Complex. She toured the Medical Examiners Office and commended the staff for their exceptional work.

### <u>DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA – ITEM 6A THROUGH</u> 6O(2)

Commissioner Galloway suggested Agenda Item 6O(2), authorization to retain NORESCO be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke on several items on the consent agenda.

#### **08-769 AGENDA ITEM 6A**

**Agenda Subject:** "Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' meetings of February 26 and March 11, 2008."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6A be approved.

#### **O8-770 AGENDA ITEM 6B**

#### Agenda Subject: "Cancel August 12, 2008 Washoe County Commission Meeting."

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained due to the primary election and the need to utilize the Commission Chambers for election purposes, the Board of County Commission meeting for August 12, 2008 was being cancelled.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6B be approved.

#### 08-771 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6C – DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve payments [\$7,356] to vendors for assistance of 48 victims of sexual assault and authorize Comptroller to process same. NRS 217.310 requires payment by the County of total initial medical care of victims and of follow-up treatment costs of up to \$1,000 for victims, victim's spouses and other eligible persons. (All Commission Districts.)"

Chairman Larkin said he attended the grand-opening of the Child Abuse Response and Evaluations/Sexual Assault Response Team (CARES/SART) Center at the Northern Nevada Medical Center. He noted it was well worth the investment placed in the community.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6C be approved and authorized.

#### 08-772 AGENDA ITEM 6D – ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.768 and NRS 361.765, for errors discovered for the 2007/2008, 2006/2007, 2005/2006, secured and unsecured tax rolls as outlined in Exhibit A; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute orders listed on the exhibits and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the errors [cumulative amount of reduction \$15,836.63]. (Parcels are in various Commission districts as outlined in the Exhibit.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6D be approved, authorized, executed and directed.

#### 08-773 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6E – MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve Resolution To Set Fees setting forth an increase in the fees to be charged and collected from extra-jurisdictional government agencies for services provided by the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered

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that Agenda Item 6E be adopted. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made apart of the minutes thereof.

#### 08-774 AGENDA ITEM 6F – WATER RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: "Approve conveyance of 0.98 acre-feet of water rights from Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) to Washoe County in support of the Herbert Rubenstein parcel map in the southwest Reno area and approve the associated Water Sale Agreement leasing said water rights back to TMWA; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Water Rights Deed and Water Sale Agreement and direct Water Rights Manager to record both documents.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Vahid Behmaram, Water Rights Manager, stated the Department of Water Resources had no vested interest in the water rights and noted the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) completed the research for the title of the water rights. He added Herbert Rubenstein owned the properties.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F be approved, authorized, executed and directed.

#### 08-775 AGENDA ITEM 6G – MANAGER'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Approve the recommendation of the County Manager to appoint Mike Sullens as the Acting Purchasing and Contracts Administrator (effective July 7, 2008) [annual salary \$84,697.60] and assign him all of the duties and responsibilities of Purchasing and Contracts Administrator under County Code and State Law. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6G be approved.

#### 08-776 AGENDA ITEM 6H – RISK MANAGEMENT

Agenda Subject: "Authorize Finance Director to renew the aviation insurance policy with Old Republic Insurance Company for an initial premium of \$30,894 and a total annual premium not to exceed \$87,094. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6H be authorized.

#### 08-777 AGENDA ITEM 6I(1) – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Subject: "Appoint Erik Holland and Jennifer Oliver as At-Large members, and Christopher Micklon as an At-Large Alternate, to June 30, 2010 on the Central Citizen Advisory Board (Commission District 3, Commissioner Jung)."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Erik Holland and Jennifer Oliver be appointed as At-Large members to the Central Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) and Christopher Micklon be appointed as an At-Large Alternate to the Central CAB with terms ending June 30, 2010.

#### 08-778 AGENDA ITEM 6I(2) – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Reappoint Jane Countryman and Rod Smith as At-Large members to June 30, 2010, on the West Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board (Commission District 2, Commissioner Humke)."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Jane Countryman and Rod Smith be reappointed as At-Large members on the West Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board with terms ending June 30, 2010.

#### **08-779 AGENDA ITEM 6I(3) – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Agenda Subject: "Reappoint Patricia Phillips as a Lakeside/Holcomb member to June 30, 2010; appoint Nathan Earl Robison as a Mt. Rose member to June 30, 2010; and temporarily designate the South Hills member position to an At-Large member position to 2010 and appoint Richard D. Wood to June 30, 2010, on the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board (Commission District 2, Commissioner Humke)."

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Patricia Phillips be reappointed as a Lakeside/Holcomb member on the Southwest Truckee Meadows Citizen Advisory Board (CAB), Nathan Earl Robison be appointed as

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a Mt. Rose member on the Southwest Truckee Meadows CAB, and Richard Wood be appointed to the Southwest Truckee Meadows CAB with terms ending June 30, 2010. It was further ordered that the South Hills member position be temporarily designated to an At-Large member position to 2010.

#### 08-780 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6J(1) –TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD</u> MANAGEMENT PROJECT

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Approve Ground Lease Agreement between the County of Washoe and Truckee Meadows Water Authority for the use of flood project lands for a truck watering station [anticipated lease rental income per month \$2,000]; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Ground Lease Agreement. (Commission District 2.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6J(1) be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-781 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6J(2) –TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD</u> MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Agenda Subject: "Approve Truckee River Flood Project's Fiscal Year 2008/09 public education and awareness, outreach and special events program budget [not to exceed \$48,200 - revenue for these expenditures provided by the 1/8 cent sales tax dedicated to planning, implementing and operating the Truckee River Flood Project. (All Commission Districts.)"

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained the special event concerned the Living River annual event where awards were given to citizens who made significant contributions to the Flood Control Project as well as the advancement of the conservation and restoration issues for the river. She noted she was never aware of a band being present. She clarified that tribal governments were important partners in the Living River Program and there were representatives from a tribe last year that conducted an invocation that included singing.

Chairman Larkin stated he was Chairman of that committee and indicated there would not be a band.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6J(2) be approved.

#### 08-782 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6J(3) –TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD</u> MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Agenda Subject: "Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Lease Agreement with Bristlecone Family Resources, Inc. for extension of the lease to March 31, 2009 at 1725 S. McCarran Boulevard [anticipated income for Fiscal Year 2008/09 \$36,003]; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute the Amendment. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6J(3) be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-783 AGENDA ITEM 6K – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

Agenda Subject: "Approve Water Sale Agreement between the County of Washoe and Sun Valley General Improvement District leasing 14.05 acre-feet of water rights from Washoe County to Sun Valley General Improvement District in support of water service to three Washoe County Park properties located in the Sun Valley area (APN's 085-211-03, 083-730-11, 508-020-55); and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute the Water Sale Agreement and direct the Director of Regional Parks and Open Space to record the document. (Commission District 5.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6K be approved, authorized, executed and directed.

#### 08-784 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6L – INCLINE CONSTABLE</u>

Agenda Subject: "Accept donation [\$300] from Sierra Nevada College to the Incline Village Constable's Office for training and security needs; and if accepted, direct Finance to make necessary budget adjustments. (Commission District 1.)"

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Galloway thanked the Sierra Nevada College for their generous donation.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6L be accepted and directed.

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#### 08-785 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6M(1) – DISTRICT COURT</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve two Professional Services Agreements for Family Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Services for Family Drug Court: one between Washoe County (through the Second Judicial District Court) and Bristlecone Family Resources [\$61,181] retroactive July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 and one between Washoe County (through the Second Judicial District Court) and Step 2 [\$61,181] retroactive July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; and if both approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6M(1) be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-786 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6M(2) – DISTRICT COURT</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve Professional Services Agreement for Juvenile Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Services for Juvenile Drug Court between Washoe County (through the Second Judicial District Court) and Quest Counseling and Consulting, Inc. [\$44,100] retroactive July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

#### 08-787 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6N(1) - COUNTY CLERK</u>

Agenda Subject: "Acknowledge and approve assignment of the correct Ordinance Number of 1373 for Bill No. 1551, adopted on June 10, 2008, amending the Washoe County Code by changing the definition of "work week" to allow employees to work alternative work schedules which comply with the FLSA, allowing employees working in alternative work schedules to receive the same amount of holiday time off as other employees, and other matters properly relating thereto. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6N(1) be acknowledged and approved.

#### 08-788 AGENDA ITEM 6N(2) - COUNTY CLERK

Agenda Subject: "Acknowledge and approve assignment of the correct Ordinance Number of 1374 for Bill No. 1552, adopted on June 10, 2008, amending the Washoe County Code by moving the Health Benefits Program from Risk Management to the Department of Human Resources; provide for the Director of Finance to maintain oversight of the Health Benefits Program; move the administration of the prefunded Retiree Health Benefits Fund to the Director of Finance and other matters properly relating thereto. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6N(2) be acknowledged and approved.

#### 08-789 AGENDA ITEM 6N(3) - COUNTY CLERK

Agenda Subject: "Acknowledge and approve assignment of the correct Ordinance Number of 1375 for Bill No. 1553, adopted on June 10, 2008, amending the Washoe County Code by adding a provision which allows the Board of County Commissioners to increase the amount of sick leave payoff to departing employees, and other matters properly relating thereto. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6N(3) be acknowledged and approved.

#### 08-790 <u>AGENDA ITEM 60(1) – PUBLIC WORKS</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve Parking Agreement between the County of Washoe and Nevada Discovery Museum for the continued use of 41 parking spaces at 490 S. Center Street, Reno, Nevada; commencement shall be upon close of escrow and expire twelve months thereafter [annual lease cost \$19,680]. (Commission District 3.)"

Commissioner Galloway commented the staff report explained this would result in a reduction of parking spaces due to budget constraints. He clarified the annual lease cost of \$19,680 represented a \$4,000 decrease.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 6O(1) be approved.

#### 08-791 AGENDA ITEM 6O(2) – PUBLIC WORKS

Agenda Subject: "Authorization to retain NORESCO, an energy service company, to complete an Investment Grade Audit of energy savings opportunities in Washoe County buildings with the intent to use this audit to enter into a Contract for Preliminary Energy Services with NORESCO; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Contract and proceed with the audit. (All Commission Districts.)"

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated the County utilized an energy contract in the past which produced \$1.2 million in energy savings.

Commissioner Galloway stated he was on the selection committee that chose NORESCO; however, the committee did not go into the details of the compensation that would occur if an energy savings project was not brought forward. He asked if the County did not proceed with the project was there a precedent for determining whether the \$97,000 was a default payment to NORESCO.

Dan St. John, Public Works Director, explained the first part of the partnership for energy savings was to use the professional expertise from NORESCO to develop an energy audit. He said in this type of deal the County had to invest money and noted as long as the project proceeded NORESCO would invest money. Mr. St. John said the contract spoke to the eventuality of "what if." He remarked if all of the time and effort was devoted to the County and a plan was conceived, but then the County decided not to utilize the plan, NORESCO would be paid for their professional services. He indicated there was full intention to bring forth an energy savings project to the Board and at that time the cost of the professional services in the energy audit would be pulled into their Performa that would go into the energy services agreement. Mr. St. John said that would be paid for under that energy services agreement in which case NORESCO would not be receive a separate payment for \$97,000. He explained in the event that the County did not go forward; Washoe County would then be obligated for the \$97,000.

Commissioner Galloway asked how it was determined that \$97,000 was the correct figure and, if some of the projects were completed, would a portion of the payment be made. Mr. St. John replied as long as the County entered into an energy savings agreement and proceeded forward the upfront money would be rolled into the overall project cost. He said the \$97,000 was based on NORESCO's estimation as to the level of effort required from today to the point where staff could return to the Board with an energy savings agreement. Chairman Larkin asked if the cost had any market scrutiny. Mr. St. John explained it had because staff reviewed the cost of a typical audit.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6O(2) be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-792 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPEARANCE – CIVIL AIR PATROL</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Colonel Ralph Miller, Commander, Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Update on the Civil Air Patrol. (Requested by Commissioner Humke.)"

Colonel Ralph Miller, Nevada Wing of the Civil Air Patrol Commander, said the mission of the Civil Air Patrol was saving lives, reduce suffering, train the next generation of American leaders and contribute to the Nation's security. He said the Civil Air Patrol was chartered by Congress, and primarily funded by a congressional appropriation administered through the United States Air Force and served as the official auxiliary to the United States Air Force. Colonel Miller explained missions given to the Civil Air Patrol by Congress were a diverse array of ground and air emergency services, which included homeland security, disaster relief and crime prevention with the Forest Service. He said another mission was cadet programs and training future leaders. Colonel Miller explained the promotion of aerospace education and a broader sense of math and science in America was a key component in training future leaders.

Colonel Miller indicated there were facilities in parts of Nevada and the Tahoe Basin and added facilities were provided at no cost, or a nominal cost, by Lake Tahoe, Beckworth, Truckee, Minden, Hawthorne, Yerington, Henderson, Elko, Ely, Nellis Air Force Base, Winnemucca, and Las Vegas; however, the Reno/Tahoe International Airport was not listed. He said the Civil Air Patrol paid full charge at the Reno/Tahoe Airport and remarked the cost of the two aircrafts located there was more than double the total combined cost of all other facilities. Colonel Miller said that was a disappointment, but staff continued to work with the Reno/Tahoe Airport in an attempt to receive the kind of support enjoyed everywhere else. He stated the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had a special rule concerning Civil Air Patrols, which both encouraged and authorized federally funded airports to provide at below market rate facilities. He indicated the Reno/Tahoe Airport was the only airport in the nation that did not provide support to the Civil Air Patrol. Colonel Miller explained because of the nature of the emergency response the Reno/Tahoe Airport was extremely important since the Civil Air Patrol had to have their physical assets where their human assets were located and Washoe County was the primary seat of pilots, ground teams and administrative personnel. He summarized that the Civil Air Patrol was active and vital in the region and provided services of importance to the citizens and governments of Nevada.

Commissioner Humke asked if any fuel was contributed by Federal or State governments. Colonel Miller replied when Air Force authorized missions were conducted, the Air Force would pay for the fuel and a pro rate of maintenance. He said general proficiency training was supported by member contributions and the State

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appropriation. He indicated the annual membership contribution was approximately \$100,000.

Chairman Larkin requested an appearance from the Reno/Tahoe Airport for an update and to address the policy toward the Civil Air Patrol.

Commissioner Galloway commented the Civil Air Patrol was a great organization.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### 08-793 <u>AGENDA ITEM 8 – APPEARANCE – KEEP TRUCKEE</u> <u>MEADOWS BEAUTIFUL</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Maia Dickerson, representing Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Presentation on the Illegal Dumping Task Force and its clean-up efforts. (Requested by Commissioner Weber.)"

Maia Dickerson, Program Director, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk, that highlighted the Illegal Dumping Task Force, why illegal dumping was a problem, what the Illegal Dumping Task Force did, tightening laws, existing regulations, alternatives, accomplishments, financial support, Waste Management's role, success in the Truckee Meadows, six month action plan and how Governments could help.

Chairman Larkin asked what citizens could do if they saw active illegal dumping occurring. Ms. Dickerson replied citizens could call 334-COPS (2677). She said the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) had been very proactive when citizens reported illegal dumping. She remarked citizens could take pictures, write down a license plate number, but emphasized not to approach the dumper. Ms. Dickerson said to contact the WCSO for active dumping or the Health Department if it was a known dump site.

Commissioner Jung requested a Global Positioning System (GPS) map of the hot spots and asked if any wading through garbage was conducted to find names or addresses to help track down the culprits. Ms. Dickerson replied Deputy Jeff Masten of the WCSO completed such searches. Commissioner Jung requested a report on the steps for pulling a business license when a known business was illegally dumping. She asked if there was dedicated staff that served on the Illegal Dumping Task Force. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, explained Lynda Nelson, Planning Manager with Regional Parks and Open Space, spent time on that effort; however, there was not one person assigned. Commissioner Jung suggested her intern could be the dedicated staff member.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Captain Janice Blue, WCSO Patrol Division, replied every effort was made on the illegal dump sites to identify the culprits. She said if a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) number was available for abandoned vehicles that number would be put through the system and pictures were

taken. She added when the VIN number was not available the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) assisted in identifying vehicles.

Commissioner Humke asked for a description on the effect of "Free-Dumping Days." Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Executive Director, explained Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful was an affiliate of "Keep America Beautiful" who worked with communities across the country that conducted free dump days and found when there were free dump days less illegal dumping occurred. Commissioner Humke asked if the program worked collectively with the fire agencies. Ms. Cakiroglu said they did not currently work with fire authorities, but would look into that suggestion.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### 08-794 AGENDA ITEM 10 – SENIOR SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to accept various Federal Title III grant awards passed through the Nevada Division for Aging Services for Senior Services programs [total amount \$500,257 - with \$79,346 cash match] retroactive to July 1, 2008; and if accepted, direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)"

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke in favor of the grants; however, was concerned that the DayBreak Program was not filling a critical position.

Grady Tarbutton, Senior Services Director, explained the DayBreak Program had a vacancy that was frozen due to the current budget situation. He said contract staff was being used to ensure attendance and noted under the State license the Senior Services Department needed a five-to-one, clients to employee ratio, to oversee the care and that ratio had to be maintained. Mr. Tarbutton remarked when the budget situation improved this position was a significant priority in being filled.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 10 be accepted and directed.

#### 08-795 AGENDA ITEM 17 – MANAGER'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve and execute a Resolution designated as the "2008 Incline Village Election Resolution"; placing an advisory question on the ballot at the General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, asking if Incline Village General Improvement District should be reorganized into an Unincorporated Town; prescribing details in connection with the election; ratifying action previously taken relating thereto; and, providing the effective date hereof. (Commission District 1.)"

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There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be approved, authorized and executed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made apart of the minutes thereof.

#### 08-796 <u>AGENDA ITEM 11 – DISTRICT COURT</u>

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Services for Washoe County Adult Drug Court between the County of Washoe (through the Second Judicial District Court) and Bristlecone Family Resources [\$261,954] retroactive July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Agreement. (All Commission Districts.)"

Chairman Larkin noted that Agenda Items 11 and 12 would be discussed together.

Senior Judge Peter Breen explained these items concerned the Criminal Specialty Courts. He said approval was being sought for a Professional Services Agreement for Bristlecone Family Resources for a six-month period rather than a one-year contract because a study was being conducted, but not yet completed, reviewing the cost of services amongst the various drug courts in the State and the nation that the clients were required to pay back.

Commissioner Galloway said a contract would go out to bid after three years and asked how long the contract had been with Bristlecone. Judge Breen remarked this was the third year of the contract and indicated it would be going out to bid.

Chairman Larkin said it had been agreed that the Court would meet with the Internal Auditor and organize the quarterly performance measurements and asked if that had been completed. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said that discussion was completed and those performance measurements were being recorded internally to the County system and the State Administrative Office of the Courts.

Chairman Larkin suggested a workshop in September to fully discuss the program and the performance measures. Commissioner Galloway also suggested a baseline comparison on people who went through the system and the recidivism.

Commissioner Humke clarified the Court also reported to the Nevada Supreme Court and asked if there was any commonality in the keeping of statistics in drug courts across the State. Judge Breen said that was being developed and standard measures were being established.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke in favor of the Specialty Courts.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-797 AGENDA ITEM 12 – DISTRICT COURT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve Agreement Extending Professional Services Agreement for Adult Drug Court and Diversion Court Life Skills Services between the County of Washoe (through the Second Judicial District Court) and Case Management Services, retroactive July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 [\$167,988]; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (All Commission Districts.)"

#### \*See discussion under Agenda Item 11.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved, authorized and executed.

#### 08-798 AGENDA ITEM 13 – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve Special Offer Amendment to Westlaw Subscriber Agreement between the County of Washoe (Office of the District Attorney) and West, a Thomson Business (Westlaw) [\$129,744] retroactive July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011, for provision of on-line research capability to the Office of the District Attorney; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (All Commission Districts.)"

Commissioner Jung asked if this was the same software the Law Library needed for access and if it had been explored with the vendor to bundle or have the Law Library pay a lesser fee for the service.

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, explained she was not involved with the negotiations for this agreement, but in the past the District Attorney's Office worked with WestLaw as did the Law Library, the Public Defender's Office, the Alternate Public Defender's Office and the Senior Law Project. Commissioner Jung requested this be broken down and commented it was a line item in the Law Library budget.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said the information could be provided and noted the coordination amongst all the users was reviewed. She said the cost was assigned to the various departments based on their usage.

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Commissioner Galloway stated this contract went through 2011; however, he did not know if there were separate contracts for each department. He would like to see the total of what was spent annually for this program.

Ms. Singlaub suggested continuing this item until later in the meeting to have an opportunity to hear from the involved departments.

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Later in the meeting Ms. Singlaub stated the Public Defender's contract was for \$20,154 and was a separate contract. She noted there was interest on the Public Defender's part to attempt to negotiate a consolidated agreement.

Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney, said the Law Library was under agreement with WestLaw for three years. He did not think this was the opportunity to consider a consolidation because the using agencies in County government were on different time tracks. Mr. Lipparelli said each of the using agencies customized packets from WestLaw that reflected their mission and needs and the pricing that worked for those needs went with that agency. He remarked he spoke with a representative from WestLaw who explained there were some counties that had a package and one subscription for the entire county organization, but it was still priced based on the packages that the individual using agencies needed. He explained the proposed agreement had a three-year term and each year in that three-year term the price slightly increased. However, there was an advantage to signing up for three years because if the County signed on for one-year the price would increase 6 to 8 percent for the one year contract then for the first year of a three-year contract.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was not an advantage to packaging then why did other entities package the product. Mr. Lipparelli replied he did not know the answer to that question. Commissioner Galloway requested staff to determine if there was an advantage to consolidating these contracts by amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved, authorized and executed.

## 08-799 AGENDA ITEM 14 – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve and execute a Development and Finance Agreement between the County of Washoe, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust regarding construction of a levee/floodwall on Colony and State of Nevada land east of Highway 395 and north of Second Street in Reno, [Washoe County cost share not to exceed \$1.72 million, or 50% of the project costs, whichever is less]; authorize the Director of the Truckee River Flood Management Project and legal counsel to negotiate any required

easements; and authorize the Chairman to sign required easement documents. (Commission District 2.)"

Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Management Project Director, stated Wal-Mart and the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony signed the agreement. She said the primary change was that Wal-Mart was specifically authorized not to provide funds until they obtained the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) permit and that the County would not go out to bid until the money was received from Wal-Mart.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved, authorized and executed.

## 08-800 <u>AGENDA ITEM 15 – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT</u> PROJECT

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Update on the Flood Funding Study currently being performed by FCS Group to implement a flood funding area study and a regional cost-benefit analysis for the Truckee River Flood Project. (All Commission Districts.)"

Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Management Project Director, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk, highlighting the cost and revenue sources, a public survey on ways to address the shortfall, benefits of an engineering study, the local study team, the scope of work, the direct benefit areas, and contributing runoff areas.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### **08-801 AGENDA ITEM 18**

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible action with regard to the County Commissioners serving on various boards/commissions. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 18 be continued until a future date when all Commissioners would be present.

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#### 08-802 <u>AGENDA ITEM 19 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES/GOVERNMENT</u> AFFAIRS

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Washoe County or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Washoe County, or issues arising out of the special legislative session. (All Commission Districts.)"

John Slaughter, Management Services Director, said staff had been soliciting departments for Bill Draft Requests (BDR's). He remarked the County was only allowed four BDR's for the next Legislative session. He said staff was also asking departments for information on the possible impacts of the most recent special Legislative session and would return to the Board with a report when that information was compiled.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, added staff was reviewing depreciation as requested per Commissioner Jung.

Commissioner Humke said pursuant to the reduction of allowed BDR's from 10 to four had staff approached Legislators with the idea of carrying something that was a County issue with a broad impact. Mr. Slaughter commented that was discussed with Legislators during the last session when it was proposed to reduce the number of BDR's for all local governments and most of them stated they would review what was presented and then consider what would be carried.

There was no action taken on this item.

#### **08-803** AGENDA ITEM 23

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, with regard to the District Board of Health, he attended a subcommittee that dealt with air quality issues. He stated the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) was expecting an error service report from the Airport Authority. Commissioner Humke thanked his intern, Dylan Ciciliano, for serving his office and wished him well as he entered law school. He said Mr. Ciciliano was a natural in the position and did a wonderful job.

Chairman Larkin said he would attend the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) meeting on July 16, 2008 and noted the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was scheduled to meet on July 18, 2008.

Commissioner Galloway said he would attend a Nevada Conservation District special meeting on July 17, 2008. He commented there were some concerns how code was written for the proposed Shorezone Ordinance for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and said he would work with other individuals with similar concerns about the wording on July 21, 2008 with TRPA staff. Commissioner Galloway noted his open meeting was scheduled for July 18, 2008 at the Northwest Library.

Commissioner Jung said the Central Citizen Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for July 16, 2008. She remarked she would be attending a Foster Care Program orientation for the Regional Animal Services and noted she was also a Nevada Humane Society Foster Parent. Commissioner Jung stated she would attend the grand opening of the Donald Reynolds Regional Food Distribution Center on July 18, 2008.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, indicated she visited the warehouse for the Registrar of Voters that was securing and monitoring the integrity of the County's voting machines. She said one of the issues raised in California was that the original certified version of the software was not used. Ms. Singlaub commented the Nevada Secretary of State confirmed that the version that the County used was the original version and had recertified that process. She requested Dan Burk, Registrar of Voters, address the Board before the general election on the security measures.

#### 08-804 AGENDA ITEM 24 – LABOR RELATIONS

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220."

- On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered that the Board convene to a closed session in the Caucus Room for the purpose of discussing negotiations with employee organizations per NRS 288.220.
- 4:00 p.m. The Board reconvened in the Commission Chambers as the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) Board of Fire Commissioners.
- 4:10 p.m. The Board adjourned as the SFPD Board of Commissioners and recessed until 4:30 p.m. at which time there would be a closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030(1) for the consideration of the work card appeal of David Digiulio.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, it was ordered

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that the Board recess until 4:30 p.m. then go into a closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030(1) for the consideration of the work card appeal of David Digiulio. It was further ordered that the Board would reconvene in closed session in the Caucus Room to hear testimony as to why the work card should or should not be granted. Following the Closed Session, the Commission would return to open session in the Caucus Room to take action on the appeal and adjourn the meeting.

#### 08-805 AGENDA ITEM 22 – WORK CARD PERMIT – DAVID DIGIULIO

Agenda Subject: "The Washoe County Commission will adjourn from the Commission Chambers and reconvene in the County Commission Caucus Room (1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Reno) to consider the work card permit appeal for David DiGiulio. The <u>HEARING</u> will be a <u>CLOSED SESSION</u> to discuss the applicant's character or other matters under NRS 241.030(1). Following the Closed Session, the Commission will return to open session in the Caucus Room to take action on the appeal and finish the remainder of the July 15, 2008 Board Agenda."

- 4:30 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, the Board convened in closed session in the Caucus Room to consider Agenda Item 22 per NRS 241.030(1).
- 4:52 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session in the Caucus Room to take action on the work card permit appeal.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, the Board ordered that the work card permit be granted to David DiGiulio.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

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

#### **08-806 REPORTS**

- A. Clerk of the Court, Fee Collections for the Month of May 2008.
- B. Gerlach General Improvement District, 2007-08 Fiscal Year Report.
- C. North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.
- D. Sun Valley General Improvement District, Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09.

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<u>5:00 p.m.</u> There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Weber absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

ROBERT LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:** 

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

Minutes Prepared by: Stacy Gonzales, Deputy County Clerk

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#### RESOLUTION TO SET FEES

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, pursuant to NRS 259.025 and Washoe County Code Chapter 35.290 has the authority to create fees and charges for the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office provides autopsies, medical examinations, and other related services to extra-jurisdictional governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office seeks to recover all the costs associated with the provision of such services to those extra-jurisdictional governmental agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that it is the intention of the Board to set and approve fees that the Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office may charge and collect from extra-jurisdictional government agencies for services rendered as follows:

#### Postmortem Examinations:

Autopsy – Medical Examiner Fee	\$ 1	1,000.00
External (Medical) Exam – Medical Examiner Fee	\$	300.00
Autopsy – Facility Use Fee	\$	550.00
External (Medical) Exam – Facility Use Fee	\$	275.00
Phone consultation for case sign-out –		
Medical Examiner Fee	\$	150.00

Legal Consultation and Testimony by Medical Examiner (per District Attorney or other Attorney/Court):

Case preparation

\$ 275.00/hour

Records review

Phone consultation/conference

Research for case

Report preparation and other than items provided

Travel time \$ 275.00/hour Wait time \$ 275.00/hour

Travel Expense - Actual Cost (per approval or arrangement by referring agency)

May include:

Airfare

Vehicle rental

Mileage allowance per IRS rules

Overnight lodging

Testimony (Court, Grand Jury, Deposition)

\$ 375.00/hour

All fees for services rendered pursuant to contracts with extra-jurisdictional agencies and this Resolution shall be deposited in the County's General Fund.

Adopted this 15th day of July, 2

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY

Robert M. Larkin, Chairman

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Summary - a resolution setting forth an advisory ballot question regarding the reorganization of Incline Village General Improvement District, Nevada, into the new unincorporated Town of Incline Village.

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE "2008 INCLINE VILLAGE ELECTION RESOLUTION"; PLACING AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008, ASKING IF INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SHOULD BE REORGANIZED INTO AN UNINCORPORATED TOWN; PRESCRIBING DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELECTION; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN RELATING THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Washoe County, in the State of Nevada (the "County" and the "State," respectively), is a county organized and operating under the laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, Incline Village General Improvement District (the "District"), in the County, was duly organized and is operating as a general improvement district under Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") chapter 318 and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the District is seeking to measure support, within the District, for the reorganization of the District into the new unincorporated Town of Incline Village and has unanimously approved the language of an advisory ballot question on that issue (the "Question"); and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the Board of County Commissioners of the County (the "Board") place the Question on the ballot at the upcoming general election; and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Board, is authorized at any general election to ask the advice of the registered voters within its jurisdiction on any question which it has under consideration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 293.482(3), the Board may ask the advice of the registered voters of only part of the County's territory if (i) the advisory question to be submitted

affects only that part of its territory, and (ii) the Board adopts a resolution which sets forth the boundaries of the area in which the advice of the registered voters will be asked; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby deems it necessary and advisable that a question, in substantially the same form as the Question, be submitted to the registered voters residing in the District at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, asking if the District should be reorganized into the new unincorporated Town of Incline Village.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF NEVADA:

Section 1. This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "2008 Incline Village Election Resolution" (the "Resolution").

Section 2. Pursuant to NRS 293.482(3), the Board has determined that (i) the Question, hereinafter set forth in Section 9 of this Resolution, affects only the District and (ii) the boundaries of the area in which the advice of the registered voters will be asked shall be the same as the boundaries of the District.

Section 3. The Question shall be submitted to the registered voters of the District at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 (the "Election"). The Election shall be conducted in the manner provided by NRS chapter 293 and all laws amendatory thereof (the "General Election Act").

Section 4. The result of the voting on the Question does not place any legal requirement on the Board, any member of the Board or any officer of the County.

Section 5. Every citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or over, who has continuously resided in this State and in the District 30 days next preceding the date of Election, shall be entitled to vote at the Election if such person has complied with the registration laws of the State.

Section 6. Absent voting and early voting shall be permitted in the manner provided by the General Election Act and all laws thereunto enabling.

Section 7. On or before Monday, July 21, 2008, the County Clerk or her designee shall cause the registrar of voters of the County (the "Registrar of Voters") to be provided with a copy of this Resolution.

Voter registration for the Election shall be conducted in Section 8. accordance with the General Election Act. Any qualified elector whose name does not appear on the official registry list of qualified electors for the precinct in which he or she resides in the District, as shown by the records of the registry agent, may apply to the Registrar of Voters at his office or before a Deputy Registrar, up to and including the last day for registration of voters, as provided in NRS. Registration offices shall be open during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted); but during the last day before registration closes, which is the Tuesday on which registration closes, registration offices shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including Saturdays. The Registrar of Voters is hereby directed to give notice of the close of registration by publishing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District a notice indicating the day that registration will close. Such notice shall be published once in each calendar week for 4 successive calendar weeks next preceding the close of registration, and unless such notice is combined with the notice of close of registration for the Election, shall be in substantially the following form:

(Form of Notice of Close of Registration)

# NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION TO BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

REGISTRATION CLOSES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar of Voters of Washoe County, Nevada, will conduct a registration of qualified electors residing in the Incline Village General Improvement District, Nevada, for the advisory question to be placed on the ballot of the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Any qualified elector whose name does not appear on the official registry list may apply for registration by appearing before the Registrar of Voters in his office in Reno, Nevada or before a Deputy Registrar in the manner provided by law by not later than Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

The Registrar of Voter's office shall be open for the registration of qualified electors for the election between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excepted; but during the last day of registration for the election, the office of the Registrar of Voters shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including Saturdays.

Registration of electors for the election shall be closed after 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

DATED	, 2008.			
		/s/	Daniel G. Burk	
			Registrar of Voters	

(End of Form of Notice of Close of Registration)

Section 9. An electronic voting system or a mechanical voting system, including, without limitation, any ballot cards, ballot page assemblies, and a mechanical recording device, and, to the extent necessary or desirable, mail ballots shall be used at the election for voting, for registering, and for counting votes cast, including, without limitation, those cast on the Question, as provided in the General Election Act, and in all laws thereunto enabling. There shall be provided an electronic voting system or a mechanical voting system, any ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, or paper ballots, a ballot box or mechanical recording device, and other election material at each polling place. There shall be inserted in each of the ballot page assemblies used in conjunction with the voting system at the Election the submission clause and other ballot information in substantially the following form, with such changes therein as are approved by the County Manager:

[Form of Submission Clause and Other Ballot Information]

INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION NO.\_\_\_\_. This question is advisory only: Do you support the reorganization of the Incline Village General Improvement District into the unincorporated Town of Incline Village?

Explanation: Incline Village is currently organized as a General Improvement District with authority over water, sewer, recreation, garbage and refuse services. An NRS 269 unincorporated town is a general purpose government which provides for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. As a general purpose government, the proposed Town of Incline Village will have additional authority over matters involving land use planning, animal control, nuisance control and abatement. The additional authority for land use planning will be advisory to Washoe County. Additional services may be transferred to the Town at a later date by and with the concurrence of Washoe County.

The Town of Incline Village will have all the rights and obligations of the existing General Improvement District. It is anticipated that the members of the initial town board will be District Board members as of June 30, 2009 upon appointment by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners. The existing 474 Fire Protection District and its boundaries will remain unaffected by the implementation of the new Town. The initial boundaries of the Town will be the current boundaries of the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. The General Improvement District will be dissolved upon the establishment of the Town of Incline Village.

In order to insure the continuation of the powers of governance, administration and the bonding authority which general improvement districts currently enjoy, Incline Village will request the 2009 Nevada Legislature to amend the NRS 269 Town law to provide for a seamless transition from a general improvement district to an unincorporated town. It is anticipated the 2009 Nevada Legislature will pass the measure if the voters approve this ballot question to reorganize the Incline Village General Improvement District into the Town of Incline Village.

Arguments For the Advisory Question: To be provided by a committee appointed pursuant to NRS 295.121.

Arguments Against the Advisory Question: To be provided by a committee appointed pursuant to NRS 295.121.

Rebuttal to Arguments Against the Advisory Question: To be provided by a committee appointed pursuant to NRS 295.121.

Rebuttal to Arguments For the Advisory Question: To be provided by a committee appointed pursuant to NRS 295.121.

<u>Description of Anticipated Financial Effect</u>: It is anticipated that the Town of Incline Village will be financially viable without the addition of any new property taxes due to transfers of taxes and revenues to the Town from Washoe County in order to pay for the services the Town will assume. It is further anticipated the new Town will be autonomous in its fiscal affairs including budgeting, accounting, taxation and financing in a similar manner as the current General Improvement District.

[End of Form of Submission Clause and Ballot Information]

Section 10. A sample ballot shall be mailed to each registered voter in the District as provided by NRS 293.482 and NRS 293.565 and shall include, without limitation, the registered voter's precinct number and polling place, location for early voting and the following information in substantially the following form, with such changes therein as are approved by the County Manager:

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[End of Information to Be Included in Sample Ballot]

Section 11. If it is impractical to supply the polling place with an electronic voting system or ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, there shall be supplied as many such ballot cards and ballot page assemblies as it is practical to procure. The paper ballots to be used at the Election in those election precincts, if any, not using ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, if any, shall be in part in substantially the following form:

(Form of Paper Ballot)

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

## WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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## INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BALLOT QUESTION NO.\_\_\_\_.

(Insert in each paper ballot as printed the Submission Clause and Other Ballot Information and the following block.)

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<u>:</u>	YES	
:		:
:	NO	

The voter will prepare his or her ballot indicating his or her approval or disapproval of the foregoing proposal as the voter may desire by marking a cross (X) in the square after the group or groups of words which expresses his or her choice thereon.

(End of Form of Paper Ballot)

Section 12. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the inclusion in the ballots of provisions for the expression by the qualified registered voters of the District of their choice for any question or proposals other than the Question submitted at the Election to the qualified registered voters.

Section 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing sections, the District may conduct the Election through the use of mail ballots as authorized by the General Election Act and all laws supplemental thereto. Should the District use mail ballots in conducting the Election, the ballots and sample ballots shall contain information in substantially the forms set out in Sections 9 and 10 hereof, appropriately modified to reflect the use of mail ballots.

Section 14. The polls shall be opened at the hour of 7:00 a.m. on the day of the Election and shall remain open until and be closed at 7:00 p.m. of the same day, as provided in NRS 293.273 and all laws supplemental thereto. Should the District conduct the Election through the use of mail ballots, the polls shall be open as provided in the General Election Act for the conduct of mail ballot elections.

Section 15. Except as specifically provided in this Resolution, the Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the General Election Act and with all laws supplemental thereto.

Section 16. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the election officers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast on the Question, and certify the results so disclosed to the Board.

Section 17. Pursuant to NRS 293.387, the Board will canvass the returns within five (5) working days of the Election.

Section 18. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Board and by the officers of the District relating to:

- A. the Election, and
- B. the Question,

is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 19. The officers of the District are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 20. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution, are hereby repealed. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 21. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 22. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this July 15, 2008.

Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

Washoe County, Nevada

(SEAL)

Attest:

STATE OF NEVADA	
	:ss
COUNTY OF WASHOE	)

I am the undersigned duly chosen, qualified and acting Clerk of Washoe County (the "County"), Nevada and do hereby certify:

- 1. The foregoing pages constitute a true, correct and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") at a lawful meeting thereof held on July 15, 2008, and the original of such resolution has been approved and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Board and myself as Clerk, and has been recorded in the minute book of the Board kept for that purpose in my office, which record has been duly signed by such officers and properly sealed.
- 2. The members of the Board were present at the meeting on July 15, 2008 and voted on the resolution as follows:

Those Voting Aye:

Jim Galloway
David Humke
Kitty Jung
Robert M. Larkin
Bonnie Weber
Those Voting Nay:

Those Absent:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this July 15, 2008.

County Clerk

The undersigned County Manager of the County does hereby certify:

- 1. All members of the Board were given due and proper notice of the meeting held on July 15, 2008.
- 2. Public notice of the meeting was given and such meeting was held and conducted in full compliance with the provisions of NRS 241.020. A copy of the notice of

meeting and excerpt from the agenda for the meeting relating to the resolutions, as posted at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting on the District's website, if any, and at:

- Washoe County Administration Complex 1001 East Ninth Street, Bldg. A Reno, Nevada
- Washoe County Courthouse-Clerk's Office Virginia and Court Streets Reno, Nevada
- c. Washoe County Central Library301 South Center StreetReno, Nevada
- d. Sparks Justice Court 630 Greenbrae Drive Sparks, Nevada

is attached as Exhibit A.

3. Prior to 9:00 a.m. at least 3 working days before such meeting, such notice was mailed to each person, if any, who has requested notice of meetings of the Board in compliance with NRS 241.020(3)(b) by United States Mail, or if feasible and agreed to by the requestor, by electronic mail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this July 15, 2008.

#### EXHIBIT A

(Attach Copy of Notice of Meeting)

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Summary - a resolution setting forth a bond and special elective tax question for Sierra Fire Protection District, Nevada.

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATED AS THE "2008 ELECTION RESOLUTION"; DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF INCURRING A BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND LEVYING A SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX ON BEHALF OF THE SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; PLACING A FIRE PROTECTION QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008, REQUESTING VOTER APPROVAL TO ISSUE THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND LEVYING A SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX: PRESCRIBING DETAILS IN CONNECTION WITH THE **ELECTION; RATIFYING ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN** RELATING THERETO; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Sierra Fire Protection District (the "District"), in Washoe County (the "County"), State of Nevada (the "State"), is a political subdivision of the State duly organized and operating as a fire district under the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") 474.460 to 474.540, inclusive, and the general laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary and advisable that the District incur a bonded indebtedness (the "Bonds") pursuant to NRS 474.511 and 474.512 (the "Acquisition Project Act"), to NRS 350.011 through 350.0165 (the "Debt Management Commission Act"), to NRS 350.020 through 350.070 (the "Bond Election Act"), and to NRS 350.500 through 350.720 (designated in NRS 350.500 as the "Local Government Securities Law") (the "Bond Act"), for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping fire stations and acquiring fire engines and fire fighting equipment as set forth in NRS 474.511 (the "Acquisition Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and advisable that the District levy a special elective tax pursuant to NRS 354.5982 (the "Operation Project Act"), for the purpose of staffing, operating, maintaining and equipping fire stations and acquiring and

improving fire engines and fire fighting equipment as set forth in NRS 474.470 and 474.511 (the "Operation Project", and together with the Acquisition Project, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is necessary and advisable that a question be submitted to the electors of the District at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, on the issuance of the Bonds and the levying of the special elective tax; and

WHEREAS, the Debt Management Commission of the County has approved the District's proposal to seek voter approval to issue the Bonds and levy the special elective tax.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, WASHOE COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF NEVADA:

Section 1. This resolution shall be known and may be cited as the "2008 Election Resolution" (the "Resolution").

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and declares the necessity of incurring a bonded indebtedness and levying a special elective tax, on behalf of the District, to finance the cost of the Project.

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the registered voters of the District the question hereinafter set forth in Section 9 of this Resolution (the "Question") at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 (the "Election"). The Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Bond Election Act and in the manner provided by NRS chapter 293 and all laws amendatory thereof (the "General Election Act").

Section 4. Every citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or over, who has continuously resided in this State and in the District 30 days next preceding the date of Election, shall be entitled to vote at the Election if such person has complied with the registration laws of the State.

Section 5. Absent voting and early voting shall be permitted in the manner provided by the General Election Act and laws thereunto enabling.

Section 6. The authority to issue the Bonds as aforesaid, if conferred at the Election, shall be deemed and considered a continuing authority to issue and deliver the Bonds at one time or from time to time, in one series or in more than one series, all as ordered by the Board. Neither the partial exercise of the authority so conferred nor the lapse of time shall be

considered as exhausting or limiting the full authority so conferred; but no Bonds shall be issued or sold by the Board after the expiration of six (6) years from the date of the Election unless NRS 350.2013 shall be directly or impliedly amended to provide otherwise.

Section 7. On or before Monday, July 21, 2008, the Chief Financial Officer of the County or his designee shall cause the registrar of voters of the County (the "Registrar of Voters") to be provided with a copy of this Resolution.

Section 8. Voter registration for the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the General Election Act. Any qualified elector whose name does not appear on the official registry list of qualified electors for the precinct in which he or she resides in the District, as shown by the records of the registry agent, may apply to the Registrar of Voters at his office or before a Deputy Registrar, up to and including the last day for registration of voters, as provided in NRS. Registration offices shall be open during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted); but during the last day before registration closes, which is the Tuesday on which registration closes, registration offices shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including Saturdays. The Registrar of Voters is hereby directed to give notice of the close of registration by publishing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District a notice indicating the day that registration will close. Such notice shall be published once in each calendar week for 4 successive calendar weeks next preceding the close of registration, and unless such notice is combined with the notice of close of registration for the Election shall be in substantially the following form:

(Form of Notice of Close of Registration)

# NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, NEVADA BOND AND SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX QUESTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

REGISTRATION CLOSES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Registrar of Voters of Washoe County, Nevada, will conduct a registration of qualified electors residing in the Sierra Fire Protection District, Nevada, for the bond and special elective tax question to be placed on the ballot of the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Any qualified elector whose name does not appear on the official registry list may apply for registration by appearing before the Registrar of Voters in his office in Reno, Nevada or before a Deputy Registrar in the manner provided by law by not later than Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

The Registrar of Voter's office shall be open for the registration of qualified electors for the election between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, with Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excepted; but during the last day of registration for the election, the office of the Registrar of Voters shall be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including Saturdays.

Registration of electors for the election shall be closed after 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

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DATED

		/s/	Daniel G. Burk	
	•		Registrar of Voters	

(End of Form of Notice of Close of Registration)

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**Explanation:** A "yes" vote would permit the Sierra Fire Protection District to issue up to \$5,200,000 of general obligation bonds to defray the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping fire stations and acquiring fire engines and fire fighting equipment, and to levy a property tax of up to 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for a period of 30 years to staff, operate, maintain and equip the fire stations and to acquire and improve fire engines and fire fighting equipment. The property tax rate to be levied to repay the bonds is expected to range from 0.73 cents to 2.27 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation during the 30 year term of the bonds. The additional property tax levy would increase the cost for the owner of a new \$100,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 by approximately \$15.75 per year. Tax rates are levied against assessed value which is 35% of the taxable value. Taxable value may not be the same as market value.

A "no" vote would prevent the District from issuing general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$5,200,000 and levying the additional property tax of 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation at this time.

Argument For the Question: Fire protection services are of critical importance to the residents of the Sierra Fire Protection District. Funding levels over the past 20 years have been inadequate to keep up with development and population growth in the communities of St. James Village, Montreux, Galena, Saddlehorn and Arrowcreek. As a result, service response

times in several core areas of the District now greatly exceed national standards. Response times must be shortened in order to save lives and property, and that cannot be achieved without passage of the Question. The following projects will be possible if the Question is passed:

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Argument Against the Question: The Question should not be passed for the following reasons:

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- > If assessed value in the District declines, an additional increase in the property tax rate may be needed to repay the bonds which would not be subject to the property tax caps established by the 2005 Nevada Legislature.

Rebuttal to Argument Against the Question: The need to construct and renovate fire stations and to acquire fire engines and fire fighting equipment is already critical. In addition to straining the District's ability to provide fire protection service, development and growth in the District has also increased fire fuel levels and the threat of fire outbreak. The need for fire protection service is greater than ever.

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Anticipated Financial Effect: The maximum principal amount of the bonds is \$5,200,000. The maximum maturity of the bonds is 30 years. The anticipated interest rate on the bonds is 5.38% and the total anticipated interest cost is \$4,965,500. Accordingly, the total anticipated bond payments (principal and interest) on the bonds is expected to be approximately \$10,165,500. The actual interest rate and total bond payments on the bonds may be higher or lower than the above estimate, depending on the interest rates at the time the bonds are sold.

The Board of Fire Commissioners estimates that the range of property tax rates necessary to provide debt service on the bonds for the dates on which they are expected to be redeemed will be from 0.73 cents to 2.27 cents per \$100 of assessed value of the property in the District. This represents an annual average increase of 1.355 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or an average of \$4.74 per year for the owner of a new \$100,000 home. Assuming an average growth rate of 4%, the estimated assessed value of the property in the District against which the bonds are to be issued ranges from \$1,408,017,601 to \$4,566,760,782. The actual property tax rate necessary to pay the bonds may be higher or lower than the above estimates, depending on the interest rates at the time the bonds are sold, the maturity schedule, the term of the bonds as actually issued, and the assessed value of property in the District against which the bonds are issued at the time taxes to repay the bonds are levied.

The estimated annual cost to operate, maintain and repair the buildings, structures, facilities and improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds is \$7.00 per square foot. The Board of Fire Commissioners anticipates that the costs of operation, maintenance and repair, as currently budgeted, will be paid from the District's general operating budget and from the proposed 4.5 cent increase in the property tax rate.

From the additional property tax levy of 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, the District anticipates additional revenue ranging from \$633,608 in the first year to \$2,055,042 in the thirtieth and final year. The cost to the owner of a new home with a taxable value of

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[End of Form of Submission Clause and Ballot Information]

Section 10. A sample ballot shall be mailed to each registered voter in the District as provided by NRS 293.565, 350.024 and 350.027, and shall include, without limitation, the registered voter's precinct number and polling place, location for early voting and the following information in substantially the following form, with such changes therein as are approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the County:

#### [Information to Be Included in Sample Ballot]

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[End of Information to Be Included in Sample Ballot]

Section 11. If it is impractical to supply the polling place with an electronic voting system or ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, there shall be supplied as many such ballot cards and ballot page assemblies as it is practical to procure. The paper ballots to be used at the Election in those election precincts, if any, not using ballot cards and ballot page assemblies, if any, shall be in part in substantially the following form:

(Form of Paper Ballot)

#### OFFICIAL BALLOT

#### SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, NEVADA, BOND AND SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX QUESTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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## SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOND AND SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX QUESTION:

(Insert in each paper ballot as printed the Sierra Fire Protection District Submission Clause and Other Ballot Information, and the following block.)

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;	YES	<u> </u>	:
:		:	:
:	NO	·	<u>:</u>

The voter will prepare his or her ballot indicating his or her approval or disapproval of the foregoing proposal as the voter may desire by marking a cross (X) in the square after the group or groups of words which expresses his or her choice thereon.

(End of Form of Paper Ballot)

Section 12. Nothing in this Resolution prevents the inclusion in the ballots of provisions for the expression by the qualified registered voters of the District of their choice for any question or proposals other than the Question submitted at the Election to the qualified registered voters.

Section 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing sections, the District may conduct the Election through the use of mail ballots as authorized by the General Election Act and all laws supplemental thereto. Should the District use mail ballots in conducting the Election, the ballots and sample ballots shall contain information in substantially the forms set out in Sections 9, 10 and 11 hereof, appropriately modified to reflect the use of mail ballots.

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#### (Form of Election Notice)

#### NOTICE OF BOND AND SPECIAL ELECTIVE TAX QUESTION FOR SIERRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, NEVADA ON THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of the Sierra Fire Protection District (the "District"), in Washoe County (the "County"), State of Nevada (the "State"), adopted and approved on July 15, 2008:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Sierra Fire Protection District bond and special elective tax question will be placed on the ballot at the general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be submitted to the duly qualified electors of the District the following Question:

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- > If assessed value in the District declines, an additional increase in the property tax rate may be needed to repay the bonds which would not be subject to the property tax caps established by the 2005 Nevada Legislature.

Rebuttal to Argument Against the Question: The need to construct and renovate fire stations and to acquire fire engines and fire fighting equipment is already critical. In addition to straining the District's ability to provide fire protection service, development and growth in the District has also increased fire fuel levels and the threat of fire outbreak. The need for fire protection service is greater than ever.

The cost of these projects is minimal when compared to the potential property damage and loss of life that could result from the current level of fire protection service. Undertaking these projects now makes additional financial sense because the District would realize considerable savings from currently low construction costs.

Rebuttal to Argument For the Question: Current funding levels are adequate to meet the fire protection needs of the District. The cost of constructing additional facilities and acquiring equipment will exceed the benefits of those projects. The current facilities and equipment have been and will continue to be adequate for fire protection purposes.

Anticipated Financial Effect: The maximum principal amount of the bonds is \$5,200,000. The maximum maturity of the bonds is 30 years. The anticipated interest rate on the bonds is 5.38% and the total anticipated interest cost is \$4,965,500. Accordingly, the total anticipated bond payments (principal and interest) on the bonds is expected to be approximately \$10,165,500. The actual interest rate and total bond payments on the bonds may be higher or lower than the above estimate, depending on the interest rates at the time the bonds are sold.

The Board of Fire Commissioners estimates that the range of property tax rates necessary to provide debt service on the bonds for the dates on which they are expected to be redeemed will be from 0.73 cents to 2.27 cents per \$100 of assessed value of the property in the District. This represents an annual average increase of 1.355 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, or an average of \$4.74 per year for the owner of a new \$100,000 home. Assuming an average growth rate of 4%, the estimated assessed value of the property in the District against which the bonds are to be issued ranges from \$1,408,017,601 to \$4,566,760,782. The actual property tax rate necessary to pay the bonds may be higher or lower than the above estimates, depending on the interest rates at the time the bonds are sold, the maturity schedule, the term of

the bonds as actually issued, and the assessed value of property in the District against which the bonds are issued at the time taxes to repay the bonds are levied.

The estimated annual cost to operate, maintain and repair the buildings, structures, facilities and improvements to be constructed or acquired with the proceeds of the bonds is \$7.00 per square foot. The Board of Fire Commissioners anticipates that the costs of operation, maintenance and repair, as currently budgeted, will be paid from the District's general operating budget and from the proposed 4.5 cent increase in the property tax rate.

From the additional property tax levy of 4.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, the District anticipates additional revenue ranging from \$633,608 in the first year to \$2,055,042 in the thirtieth and final year. The cost to the owner of a new home with a taxable value of \$100,000 is estimated to be \$15.75 per year. Voters are encouraged to check their most recent property tax bill for the taxable value of their property to determine the estimated impact on their property taxes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sierra Fire Protection District has caused this notice to be published.

**DATED** this July 15, 2008.

/s/ Amy Harvey

County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners Sierra Fire Protection District, Nevada

/s/ Daniel G. Burk

Washoe County Registrar of Voters

(End of Form of Election Notice)

Section 18. Immediately after the closing of the polls, the election officers shall proceed to canvass the votes cast on the Question, and certify the results so disclosed to the Board.

Section 19. Within five (5) working days of the Election, the Board shall meet at its usual meeting place and publicly canvass the returns. Pursuant to NRS 293.387, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County will also canvass the returns within five (5) working days of the Election.

Section 20. If a majority of the votes cast is in favor of the Question, the proposal to issue the Bonds and levy the special elective tax shall have been carried, and the Board may cause an entry of that fact to be made upon its minutes and shall proceed to complete the printing, execution, advertising and sale of the Bonds and levy the special elective tax. If the majority of the votes is against the Question, the proposal to issue the Bonds and levy the special elective tax shall have failed, and the Board shall proceed no further with the printing, execution, advertisement or sale of the Bonds or the levy of the special elective tax.

Section 21. All action heretofore taken (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution) by the Board and by the officers of the District relating to:

- A. the Election,
- B. the Question,
- C. the Project, and
- D. the issuance of Bonds and the levy of the special elective tax for said purposes,

is ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 22. The officers of the District are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 23. All orders, bylaws and resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Resolution, are hereby repealed. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any bylaw, order or resolution, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 24. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of

such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 25. This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this July 15, 2008.

Chairman

Board of Fire Commissioners Sierra Fire Protection District

(SEAL)

Attest:

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Board of Fire Commissioners Sierra Fire Protection District

STATE OF NEVADA	)	
	)	
COUNTY OF WASHOE	)	SS
	)	
SIERRA FIRE	)	
PROTECTION DISTRICT	)	

I am the undersigned duly elected and acting Clerk of Washoe County, Nevada and ex officio Clerk of the Sierra Fire Protection District (the "District"), and do hereby certify:

- 1. The foregoing pages are a true, correct and compared copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of the District at a lawful meeting thereof held on July 15, 2008.
- 2. The members of the Board were present at the meeting on July 15, 2008 and voted on the resolution as follows:

Those Voting Aye:	Jim Galloway David Humke Kitty Jung Robert M. Larkin
Those Voting Nay:	Bonnie Weber
Those Absent:	Weber

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on behalf of the Sierra Fire Protection District, on this July 15, 2008.

Clerk

Board of Fire Commissioners

Sierra Fire Protection District

The undersigned District Fire Chief does hereby certify:

1. All members of the Board were given due and proper notice of the meeting held on July 15, 2008.

- 2. Public notice of the meeting was given and such meeting was held and conducted in full compliance with the provisions of NRS 241.020. A copy of the notice of meeting and excerpt from the agenda for the meeting relating to the resolutions, as posted at least 3 working days in advance of the meeting on the District's website, if any, and at:
  - Washoe County Administration Complex 1001 East Ninth Street, Bldg. A Reno, Nevada
  - Washoe County Courthouse-Clerk's Office Virginia and Court Streets Reno, Nevada
  - Washoe County Central Library
     301 South Center Street
     Reno, Nevada
  - d. Sparks Justice Court630 Greenbrae DriveSparks, Nevada

is attached as Exhibit A.

3. Prior to 9:00 a.m. at least 3 working days before such meeting, such notice was mailed to each person, if any, who has requested notice of meetings of the Board in compliance with NRS 241.020(3)(b) by United States Mail, or if feasible and agreed to by the requestor, by electronic mail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this July 15, 2008.

District Fire Chief		

#### **EXHIBIT A**

(Attach Copy of Notice of Meeting)

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