

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 12, 2016

PRESENT:

**Kitty Jung, Chair**  
**Bob Lucey, Vice Chair**  
**Marsha Berkgigler, Commissioner**  
**Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner**  
**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**John Slaughter, County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. 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:

Chair Jung explained although the agenda noted the Board would recess at 10:45 a.m. to attend the Virginia Street Bridge Project Ribbon Cutting, it was anticipated that public comment would not conclude before that time. It was determined that only Commissioners Berkgigler and Hartung would represent the Board at the ribbon cutting so the meeting could continue.

**16-0253      AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.**

Rick Snow submitted a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He spoke regarding a burned trailer in Lemmon Valley and thanked the County for their help.

Pam McNeil spoke regarding congested area boundaries for shooting. She stated there were people shooting close to her back yard. She thought there was a safety issue with shooting and outdoor activities taking place in the same area. She was glad the boundaries were being revised.

Larry Thomas spoke regarding his concerns about the Master Plan Amendments at Blackstone Estates and Sugarloaf Ranch Estates in Spanish Springs. He thanked the Planning Commission for their due diligence and consideration of the facts. He was concerned the new infrastructure would only benefit the new homes and would not consider the existing homes. He said there was overcrowding in the local schools, a lack of firefighters to service the growing area and the new communities would create increased traffic. He stated he was a contractor and was in support of development, but he

thought the proposed development would be more than what the area could support. He noted both of the proposed developments would enter Pyramid Highway from Calle de la Plata and there was not a traffic light at that intersection. He said citizen notifications for proposed zoning changes should extend further than 750 feet.

Tim Stoffel indicated he was a volunteer at the Sierra Safari Zoo and worked with big cats. He said he was sad to report the Liger at the Zoo passed away recently. He noted volunteers ran the Sierra Safari Zoo and said animal owners needed to be included in the Animal Services Advisory Board.

Marilee Wintz spoke regarding her concerns about shooting on Peavine Mountain. She noted many people used the mountain for recreation and it was dangerous to have target shooting in the same area. She said signs should be posted indicating where citizens could shoot safely. She said the flowers were in bloom on the mountain, which was bringing out hikers, walkers, bicyclers, and runners. She was concerned about safety and she hoped that precautions would be taken before someone was hurt.

Kent Ervin spoke regarding his concerns about safety on Peavine Mountain. He said he had been hiking and biking on the mountain for more than 25 years and it was a great recreational resource. He stated he had personal experiences with reckless people who were target shooting in unsafe areas. He read a letter from a citizen who lived close to the open area of the mountain. The letter writer indicated they encountered someone shooting over a trail on Peavine Mountain. They could not see or get the attention of the person shooting; therefore, they had to retreat from the trail. Mr. Ervin asked for greater protection on the mountain.

Reverend Neal Anderson spoke about his concerns regarding the increased fees charged to groups and organizations who requested more than 50 voter registration forms at one time. He indicated the fee for the forms was inconsistent across the State. He said there was not a PDF version of the form on the Registrars of Voters website and he did not believe the County should charge for the forms. He stated non-profit organizations utilized volunteers to recruit citizens to register to vote. He asked the Board to remove the cost for the forms.

Stacey Shinn stated that since 2008 she had helped youth and low-income individuals embrace their voting rights. She said Black and Hispanic voters were more likely to organize voter registration drives. She explained the need to scale back efforts due to the increased cost of the voter registration forms. She asked the Board to consider reducing or eliminating the fee.

Mike Thornton spoke about his concerns regarding the increased fees for voter registration forms. He said his work involved civic engagement, particularly as it pertained to the poor, disenfranchised, and politically marginalized communities. He stated the outreach efforts were important due to the low voter registration rate in Nevada. He noted organizations were providing voter registration services to people in the community and he urged the Board to reconsider the increase in fees.

Lonnie Feemster spoke about his concerns regarding the impact of the increased fees for voter registration forms. He stated the increase was harming the non-profit organizations who worked to get people registered to vote in the community. He said the turn-out for the last general election was poor and that organizations could not afford to pay the increased fees for the forms. He asked the Board to consider not charging for the voter registration forms.

Patricia Gallimore spoke about her concerns regarding the increased fee for voter registration forms. She said organizations were working to protect voting rights and she thought the County should not charge for the forms.

Jan Browne spoke about improving voter registration. She stated she was opposed to the fees charged for the forms. She thought the Registrar of Voters should only charge people who did not return the voter registration forms and not charge the people who advocated to increase voter registration. She asked the Board to reconsider the fees charged to organizations for voter registration forms.

Stefanie Seabolt spoke regarding efforts to increase voter registration and voter turn-out within the college student population. She stated social engagement programs at the University of Nevada Reno were encouraging students to become more involved in democratic voting. She stated accountability was the reason the fees for the voter registration forms were increased. She urged flexibility for organizations that consistently returned the forms.

Holly Welborn spoke about her concerns regarding the increase in the cost of voter registration forms from \$0.03 to \$0.20. She thought non-profit organizations should not be charged the fees and she noted the fee structure was not consistent throughout the County and the State. She suggested limiting the number of forms distributed to 1,000 per organization at one time and to charge them if they did not return the forms. She also thought if the form was available to the public online it could save time and money because organizations could print their own forms.

Thelma Lou Graybeal spoke regarding a burned trailer in Lemmon Valley. She said safety was her concern since the subject property was close to a school. She wanted to know what action was being taken to resolve this issue.

Garth Elliott spoke about elections. He said two of the County Commissioners were up for re-election and he was up for re-election to the Sun Valley General Improvement District. He stated he was proud when he heard the Board say they did not want to add any further burden to the people who elected them. He said he thought every day about what his constituents would want him to do.

Sam Dehne spoke regarding the media, firefighting airplanes and a newspaper article about Sheriff Chuck Allen.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

**10:43 a.m.** Commissioners Berkbigler and Hartung left the meeting.

Mary Savoy spoke in opposition to the proposed Master Plan Amendment in Spanish Springs. She noted many residents were waiting to be converted to the County's sewer system and she thought the existing homes should be a priority.

Donna Clontz provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She stated she was on the County Senior Services Advisory Board. She said there were seven seats open for the Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners would be helping to fill the positions. She noted the Stuff a Bus fundraiser would be held during the month of May. She explained there were activities for seniors in the community and she encouraged County employees to participate.

**16-0254**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, stated Agenda Item 5E would be pulled from the Consent Items.

Commissioner Herman stated she received a letter of support for public parks from Thomas Guinn, Chair of the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. She read the letter, which asked the Board to consider the community parks when reviewing the budgets. It also encouraged the Board to approve the proposed funding to support parks.

Commissioner Herman stated she had talked to the Community Services Director regarding the issue on Peavine Mountain. She said they were working with the Sheriff's Office on a multiple use plan with designated areas for each activity. She noted the report would be coming soon. She stated landowners in Monte Cristo had been waiting for the ability to build on their properties. She wanted the issue to come back to the Board as an Agenda Item.

Chair Jung spoke regarding the issue in Lemmon Valley and she wondered if there was a need for an amended ordinance to deal with abandoned, dangerous or burned property. She thought the School District should be involved regarding this issue because the property was only one block from a school. She noted she discussed a regional approach with Sparks Mayor Gino Martini and Reno City Manager Andrew Clinger to address potholes and graffiti. She stated that information about graffiti was shared with the Sheriff's Office in terms of the ability to prosecute offenders. She wanted staff to come back to the Board with solutions to the issues on Peavine Mountain and for the designation of safe shooting areas. She said there needed to be safety provisions for all who enjoyed the mountain. She thought the Sheriff's Office should be issuing citations to violators. She explained she did not want anyone to get hurt before the issue was resolved. She asked for a report from the Registrar of Voters regarding the fees for registration forms to include the impact of prorating the fees back to the lower rate for the current fiscal year. She noted that organizations could not easily

adjust their budgets to pay more for the forms. She thought the non-profit organizations should get a reprieve from the costs.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

**16-0255**      **AGENDA ITEM 18** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

**11:01 a.m.**      On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner's Berkgigler and Hartung absent, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

**2:00 p.m.**      The Board reconvened with all members present.

**CONSENT ITEMS 5A through 5I6**

**16-0256**      **5A** Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioners regular meetings of March 8, 2016 and March 15, 2016.

**16-0257**      **5B** Accept Registrar of Voters' report of early voting locations and schedule for the 2016 Primary Election per NRS 293.3561 (2b). Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

**16-0258**      **5C** Approve additional expenditures [ in the amount of \$40,000] to the existing Purchase Order for National Medical Service (NMS) for toxicology testing (\$140,000 total Purchase Order) through June 30, 2016. Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)

**16-0259**      **5D** Approve authorization to utilize the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract resultant from RFP No. AL7081, administered by the State of Nevada, awarded to Herman Miller Office Furniture (manufacturer) and purchased through Henriksen Butler (vendor) to cover several projects in the Detention Facility for an aggregated amount [not to exceed \$130,000.00 in FY 15/16]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**16-0260**      **5F** Discussion and possible adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Implementation of the Washoe County Health District Air Quality Management Division's Ozone Advance Program. District Health. (All Commission Districts.)

**16-0261**      **5G1** Approve the revised Pro Tem Justice of the Peace panel for the Justice Courts pursuant to NRS 4.032; and, approve same to serve as a list

of potential Administrative Enforcement Code hearing officers pursuant to WCC section 125.225. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

- 16-0262**      **5G2** Approve recommendation for Commission District Special Fund grants for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for Commission District 2 in the [total amount of \$2,000]; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [\$2,000] grant to Washoe County Libraries to support and enhance Science Technology Engineering and Math programs; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. (Commission District 2)
- 16-0263**      **5H1** Authorize the Tax Collector to strike names and amounts identified on delinquency/uncollectible Personal Property Tax list for fiscal years 1988/1989 to 2012/2013, [totaling \$30,499.] (All Commission Districts.)
- 16-0264**      **5H2** Approve the attached resolution to augment the Health Benefits Fund budget for fiscal year 2015-16, [increasing revenues by \$4,696,135] and [increasing expenditure authority by \$4,696,135,] adopt the attached resolution to amend the fund's budget accordingly; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments (net impact is zero). (All Commission Districts.)
- 16-0265**      **5H3** Approve the joinder use of the National Association of State Purchasing Officials (NASPO), formerly the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), Contract #1862 with W.W. Grainger Inc., for Facility MRO (Maintenance, Lighting products, and Industrial tools and supplies); and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Grainger Political Subdivision Contract Participation Form Price Agreement #1862 valid through February 28, 2017 with (1) three year option if extended. Annual expenditures for Facility Maintenance MRO items with W.W. Grainger Inc., may [aggregate to exceed \$100,000] but will not exceed budgeted amounts of those departments requesting facility maintenance items from W.W. Grainger. (All Commission Districts.)
- 16-0266**      **5H4** Approve retroactive and continued purchases of computer software, hardware, electronics, parts, and accessories from CDW Government Inc., 200, N Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills, IL that [aggregate to exceed \$100,000 annually,] but will remain within available adopted budget funding during Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016; and approve purchases for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 that may again [exceed \$100,000] in the aggregate but will remain within available adopted budget funding. All such purchases will continue to be subject to competitive bids or to being purchased through joinders to existing government contracts. (All Commission Districts.)

- 16-0267**      **5I1** Approve a Resolution calling a public hearing (to be set for May 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.) on the amendment of the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation/Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District) in Washoe County, Nevada; providing for a notice of hearing, and providing other matters properly related thereto. (All Commission Districts.)
- 16-0268**      **5I2** Award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the STMWRF Utility Operations Metal Building Project, [staff recommends Reyman Brothers Construction in the amount of \$176,518.05]. (Commission District 2.)
- 16-0269**      **5I3** Authorize the purchase of 15.00 acre feet of water resources from the TMWA Rule 7 water resource inventory [\$112,500]; and if approved, adopt a Resolution to augment the budget of the Golden Valley Artificial Recharge Program located within the Washoe County Water Resources Enterprise Fund 566 [\$112,500]; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 5.)
- 16-0270**      **5I4** Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the City of Reno for the Stead/Lemmon Valley Sanitary Sewer Capacity Analysis and Master Plan Amendment [County share is \$68,569.50]. (Commission District 5.)
- 16-0271**      **5I5** Award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder for the Lemmon Valley Park Playground Rehabilitation project [staff recommends Building Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$124,594.35]; and approval of a [separate \$20,000 project contingency fund]. (Commission District 5.)
- 16-0272**      **5I6** Update on the Spanish Springs Valley Phased Sewering Project and other related sewer planning efforts throughout Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Berkbigler questioned the dollar amounts related to Agenda Item 5I4 and Dwayne Smith, Community Services Department Division Director, confirmed some numbers on the staff report were transposed and he would amend the figures in his report.

Commissioner Hartung spoke regarding Agenda Item 5I6 stating there were many people in Spanish Springs who wondered about the sewer project and the affected parcels. He wanted the item to be brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

Mr. Smith reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Spanish Springs Valley Phased Sewering project. He noted the project was now being

implemented by the Community Services Department. He stated there were seven residents who chose not to connect to the County sewer system. He indicated when the project first started there was an incentive for residents to connect to the sewer system but there was no regulation that required participation. He noted there were other activities going on in Washoe County that pertained to nitrate levels. He said there was no directive from the State to convert septic systems to the municipal sewer system at this time. He believed a great deal had been learned about nitrates by sampling the ground water table in Spanish Springs. He stated there was an agreement with the Western Regional Water Commission who was completing a second phase of testing on domestic wells, which noted that domestic wells were not regulated. He explained that they had concerning information about nitrates and it was important to get it out to the affected areas in a timely fashion. He indicated they were working on the final draft of a letter that would be sent to the residents of the affected areas to notify them of the findings, provide recommendations for additional testing, and to provide resources for answers to questions. He said it was the County's responsibility to get this information out to the residents as soon as possible.

Chair Jung said regarding Agenda Item 5F, she was proud of the Health District's Air Quality Manager because she had gone above and beyond. She noted the ozone work had been done voluntarily. She also stated the Air Quality Manager had taken the opportunity to develop and strengthen the relationships with the Cities of Reno and Sparks.

Commissioner Lucey said in regards to Agenda Item 5G2 he would be donating \$2,000 to the Washoe County Library to enhance the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) program.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5I6 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5I6 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

#### **BLOCK VOTE (7, 8, 9, 13 and 14)**

**16-0273** **AGENDA ITEM 7** Award Bid #2954-16 for Janitorial Products and Supplies, for various Departments/Divisions of Washoe County, on a primary and secondary basis to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Central Sanitary Supply, 4830 Longley Lane, Reno, NV 89502 as primary supplier, and Brady Industries, LLC, 150 East Greg Street, Sparks, NV 89106 as secondary supplier. This award recommendation is made on a requirements basis with [an estimated annual amount in excess of \$200,000.00 per fiscal year.] The term of the award shall be from the date

of bid approval through December 31, 2017, with the County retaining the option for a one (1) year extension. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be awarded.

**16-0274**      **AGENDA ITEM 8** Rescission of the Board of County Commissioners' approval of the resolution to augment the General Fund in the amount of \$1,752,651.16 on March 8, 2016; approval of the attached amended resolution to augment the General Fund in the amount of \$1,752,651.16 for the use of General Fund Carryover to cover unbudgeted expenditures for the fiscal year 2015-16; and, direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments (net impact to County Budget is zero). Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be rescinded, approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**16-0275**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Farr West Engineering, Inc. to provide facility planning and engineering services for the Cold Springs Water Reclamation Facility 2016 Plan Update Project [\$322,300.00]. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

**16-0276**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Discussion and possible direction to the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to initiate a review for a regional coordinated approach to addressing opiate abuse--Request by Commissioner Jung.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Garth Elliott spoke regarding opiate abuse. He said people relied on opiates when they had chronic pain but a body could develop tolerances to the

medication. He stated he had experienced a tolerance to pain medication himself but there were no long term ill effects to the body when one stopped taking them.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

**16-0277**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Discussion and possible direction to the County Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to initiate a review for the potential of a human rights diversity commission--Request by Commissioners Berkbigler and Hartung.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

**16-0278**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation by Jeff Hale, P.E., Engineering Director, Regional Transportation. Regional Transportation Commission's Street and Highway Program of Projects and the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Fuel Tax Street and Highway Program of Projects.

Lee Gibson, Executive Director, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), extended his appreciation for the opening of the new Virginia Street Bridge. He stated it was a great example of the type of projects and initiatives that RTC liked to collaborate on in Washoe County. He explained Jeff Hale, Director of Engineering, would be reviewing a number of new initiatives for the upcoming year.

Mr. Hale conducted a PowerPoint presentation. He stated there were approximately 5,000 miles of local and regional roads; 1,500 miles of them were regional road networks, which RTC maintained. He reviewed the presentation, which covered fuel tax rates, regional roads, project development processes, projects, pavement preservation needs, the Pyramid Way and McCarran Boulevard intersection project, the street master plan and streets and safety.

Mr. Gibson stated they were in the process of preparing their five-year business plan. He explained with their paratransit service they had been able to secure over \$500,000 to assist seniors with transportation to doctor's appointments, physical therapy appointments, drug stores and grocery stores. He said Access to Health Care, the Sierra Nevada Transportation Coalition and Seniors and Services had been able to work with non-profits organization to leverage new and innovative ways to deliver programs. He explained that seniors could call (844)-469-4932 to make a reservation for transportation. He thanked County staff for helping to deliver this much needed service to seniors in the community. He introduced Michael Moreno, Public Affairs Administrator. He thanked the Board for their support.

Commissioner Hartung asked if there were any future plans to do maintenance on Pyramid Way past Egyptian Drive.

Mr. Hale stated the road north of Calle de la Plata was in the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOTs) area.

Chair Jung asked what their funding sources were.

Mr. Gibson replied for the street and highway program they collected local fuel taxes and received funds from the Federal Government. He stated those funds flowed through the NDOT. He indicated RTC received sales tax that went towards transit capital and operations, and they received federal grants for transit capital and senior services. He stated they were the first RTC in the State of Nevada to receive Federal Transit Administration Small Start Funds, which they used towards the 4th Street, Prater Way and Virginia Street projects.

In response to Chair Jung's question whether RTC performed road maintenance, Mr. Gibson replied they performed maintenance to the pavements and the physical condition of roads to maintain longevity, but they did not perform preventative maintenance such as cleaning drains or changing light bulbs. He stated they did not perform preventive or rehabilitative work on non-regional roads for two reasons; one reason was due to state statutes and the second reason was that the County, the Cities and RTC collaboratively reviewed the travel demands and constantly redefined regional roads. He said a regional road was one that had a transit line on it. He noted if a transit line was added to a road that was not on the regional network, it would become part of the regional network and would be eligible for part of the funds for maintenance. He stated they wanted to ensure that they not only built and maintained good roads but good sidewalks with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) accessibility. He said when a transit line was placed on a road it experienced more pedestrian activity and they wanted to make sure that pathways were safe and well constructed.

Chair Jung stated she had a meeting with Sparks Mayor Gino Martini; Reno City Manager Andrew Clinger; County Manager John Slaughter and Sparks City Manager Steve Driscoll. She said at that meeting it was informally agreed upon that they wanted to start a regional partnership that included the three municipalities working together as one to focus on pothole correction, blight, and graffiti removal. She asked the RTC Board Members to advocate for the partnership. She thought it would be much more efficient with the municipalities working together. She stated they could create a program using the pavement condition indexes from each of the municipalities. She thought if a crew was fixing an issue on one street and noted the next street over needed work while they were there, it could be fixed as well. She indicated the other municipalities were taking the suggestion back to their Boards and she hoped RTC would also. She said it seemed as if Mayor Martini, Mr. Clinger and the County Manager were in agreement. She noted every winter the roads faced deterioration and this winter proved to be extremely hard on them.

Commissioner Lucey asked Mr. Gibson to explain the benefits of the Fixing America Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for the County's and Northern Nevada's regional roads.

Mr. Gibson said one item in the FAST Act that would immediately benefit RTC, NDOT, Washoe County, the City of Reno and the City of Sparks was an increase in the amount of funds that would be available to RTC to be used for roads in the near future, which could include projects on the freeway system and the major arterial system. He indicated RTC was working closely with NDOT on the North Valley's US Route 395 corridor. He noted he had not seen the apportionment tables yet, but he thought it was important to note the section 5310 program could bring money that may assist with senior projects. He said the FAST Act had enabled and authorized the beginning of the planning and development of the Interstate 11 corridor from Clark County to Interstate 80. He stated this would have a positive economic development impact on the community. He thought it was important for all the municipalities to start working together.

There was no action taken or public comment on this item.

**16-0279**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Discussion and possible action by giving policy direction to staff on the composition and duties of the Animal Services Advisory Board. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Shyanne Schull, Animal Services Director, provided an update about the Advisory Board for Animal Services and stated a request was made to create the Board in 2014. Chair Jung corrected Ms. Schull by stating the request for the Advisory Board was made by herself in September of 2007. Ms. Schull continued the update stating the purpose of the Advisory Board was to facilitate communications between the community and Animal Services regarding programs, operations and goals relative to the care and health of animals. She said the Advisory Board provided a public forum specifically centered around Animal Services issues and allowed for questions, comments and information sharing to take place. She stated a recommendation was made to develop regional representation by including an elected member of the County, the City of Sparks and the City of Reno to serve on the Board. She mentioned Animal Services worked with the District Attorney's Office and the County Manager's Office to develop the concept and duties of the Board. She read the proposed criteria for the Board and the duties of the members from the staff report.

On the call for public comment, Dr. Richard Simmonds stated his comments were his own and he was not representing any organization with his opinions. He thought an Animal Services Advisory Board would be useful in providing advice to regional Animal Services and administration staff as well as to the County Commissioners. He said he had a suggestion regarding the comment made about members being elected and he thought they should be appointed. He liked the idea of having representatives from the Cities and County on the Advisory Board but he thought the veterinarian representative should be licensed in the State of Nevada and a resident of Washoe County. He provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

John Potash said since the animal issues were so contentious and there seemed to be lack of expertise and experience with staff in certain areas, he would like to see a more diverse representation on the Advisory Board to give the citizens a fair voice. He thought a citizen with the experience and knowledge of breeding, showing, animal competitions, exotic animals, zoo operations or some other form of display and exhibits, and someone to represent animal retail would be best. He said that would provide for more diverse and fair representation.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Commissioner Berkbigler thought having an Animal Services Advisory Board was a good idea. She noted that one of the problems in the past was ensuring people knew what was happening with Animal Services. She stated it seemed appropriate to have elected officials on the Advisory Board so they would get the information first and could present the information at their designated Board Meetings. She said she was in support of this.

Chair Jung stated it should be specified that the elected officials and professional representatives would present the information back to their Boards. She stated that the duties needed be conveyed to the elected members.

Commissioner Hartung said it was suggested to increase the size of the Advisory Board, but he noted it was a seven-member Board and if it was any larger, it could get unruly. He stated the elected officials could be the liaisons to their designated Boards. He said he was in support of the Advisory Board but he thought someone from the animal industry would be a better fit than a real estate or business professional.

Bobby Smith, Animal Services Manager, said many animal issues came up against Home Owner's Associations (HOA's); real estate and business professionals understood those types of issues.

Chair Jung asked Mr. Smith if the Board of County Commissioners was the appointing authority. Mr. Smith confirmed that the applications would be vetted and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the three elected officials could be allowed to vet the applications so they could be involved with the selection of the Advisory Board Members.

Chair Jung said that concerned her since they gave up the authority to make decisions when Animal Services was made a regional entity.

Commissioner Herman stated there needed to be more input from citizens who were working in the field that was being regulated.

Commissioner Berkbigler commented on Commissioner Herman's statement of concern. She said Mr. Smith indicated a civic affairs person would be someone who dealt with animal issues. She agreed the number of people on the Board should not be increased. She said she felt strongly that there needed to be an animal advocate on the Board.

Chair Jung agreed that the Advisory Board needed an animal advocate and that would be the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners when the appointments were considered. She agreed about the size of the Advisory Board and thought more than seven members would be too many.

Paul Lipparelli, Deputy District Attorney, stated the item was to give policy direction and there would be at least three more chances to hear issues. He said he was sure that staff benefited most from getting as much direction as possible so when it came back to the Board it would be what was expected. He stated the Board did not have to be precise at this level.

Chair Jung said she wanted to ensure a report from the Advisory Board would be brought back to the Board of County Commissioners after the meetings.

Mr. Smith said this proposal was part of the original initiation of the Animal Services Department and he asked Mr. Lipparelli if they would have to present a request to amend the Code or if it could be continued as it was.

Mr. Lipparelli replied that he would be happy to talk to Mr. Smith offline to ensure they were not adding processes that were not necessary. He said if there was not a current Code provision that covered this function, they would have to create an Ordinance and it would be a three-step process to do so.

Commissioner Berkbigler said it could make Commissioner Herman more comfortable if Item F in the staff report was reworded to remove "an individual with an interest in civic affairs" and leave the wording about "an individual with an interest in promoting the health and safety of animals in Washoe County". She said it would make it clear that the person was someone who was currently working with animals.

Commissioner Herman stated she wanted that individual be someone who was actively in an animal business like a breeder, retailer or a zoo operator.

Commissioner Berkbigler said she thought it would be good to indicate the representative would be someone who worked in the field of animal services and not someone who just had an animal business.

Commissioner Herman said it should at least be someone who was involved with animals of all sorts.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be directed.

**16-0280**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Discussion and possible action of the role, composition, duties and history of the Animal Control Board, and possible direction to staff to maintain or initiate modifications to the Animal Control Board. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Bobby Smith, Animal Service Manager, said he was requested to review the function and responsibilities of the Animal Control Board. He stated they were responsible to hear contested permit applications for people who wanted to own more animals than the law allowed. He stated any person who owned four or more dogs or seven or more cats had to apply for a permit. He reviewed the permit and appeal processes listed in the staff report.

On the call for public comment, Dr. Richard Simmonds said he was disappointed the Animal Control Board was not notified that there was going to be a review of the Board on the agenda for this meeting. He requested that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Animal Control Board be formally invited to attend meetings in which Washoe County Code Chapter 55.030 would be discussed. He submitted a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

John Potash spoke regarding his experiences and concerns about the Animal Control Board. He stated Bonnie Weber, former County Commissioner, appointed him at the inception of the Animal Control Board and he served for two full terms. He said applicants who were applying for a permit were already in fear of losing their animals so they would not voice their objections to so many restrictions at the meeting. He thought denials for permits could be based on bias from Board members or neighbor disputes that did not pertain to animals. He stated there were already codes in place to handle complaints, but a neighbor should not have the right to protest or deny a person from their rights simply based on their own fears or beliefs. He thought there were changes that could be made to save staff time and citizens frustrations.

Commissioner Hartung stated he knew a number of people who had more than three dogs and his fear was that changes could push people into illegally exceeding the number of allowed animals. He asked what size parcels were considered to be in a congested area.

Paul Lipparelli stated he would have to research that because he was not sure. He thought they were different based on location.

Mr. Smith stated the application and over the limit number was already in the existing Code. He explained that an animal congested area was the City of Sparks, the City of Reno and the congested areas of the County.

Chair Jung stated if someone who was denied a permit could appeal and have an administrative hearing where a third party would hear their complaint. She thought the Animal Control Board was a waste of staff time.

Mr. Smith stated when Animal Services got a complaint of barking dogs or the smell of feces, it could be discovered that the resident was over the limit of allowed animals. He said if that was the case, the resident would be instructed to reduce the number of animals or apply for a permit to keep them. He stated most cases that came through were for four or five dogs and the neighbors did not usually have an issue with that number.

Commissioner Berkbigler thought the Animal Control Board seemed to be micromanaging the staff and staff was very qualified to do their jobs. She said the Board should perhaps be disbanded. She asked what the time commitment was for staff to attend these meetings.

Mr. Smith stated the time that staff spent was an average of eight hours per permit when they went to the Board for approval. He thought that four to five hours could be saved if the process did not require the applications to be heard by the Board. He said the appeal process should still work the same with the applicant getting an administrative hearing through a third party and Animal Services presenting their case. He stated he would have to consult with the District Attorney's Office to confirm the process.

Commissioner Herman said it seemed to her that the passing of Agenda Item 11 would make the Animal Control Board obsolete. She wondered if that was the intention.

Mr. Smith stated that it was not the intent. He said in 2014 when the Department was created it was on the agenda to create an Animal Services Advisory Board.

Commissioner Berkbigler stated the direction to staff was to begin the process of looking at the value of the Animal Control Board and whether or not it should be disbanded.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be acknowledged.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**16-0281**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Master Plan Amendment Case Number MPA15-003 and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA15-005 (Blackstone Estates) – (1) To acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's report regarding the Board of County Commissioners' action January 26, 2016 to reverse the Planning Commission's action December 1, 2015 to deny MPA15-003 and RZA15-005; and (2) to take possible action to: (a)

Adopt an amendment to the Washoe County Master Plan, Spanish Springs Area Plan to change the Master Plan Category on one parcel of ± 58.49 acres from a mix of Suburban Residential, Industrial and Commercial to Suburban Residential; and (b) Subject to final approval of the associated Master Plan amendment, to adopt an amendment to the Spanish Springs Regulatory Zone Map, changing the Regulatory Zone on the same parcel from a mix of Low Density Suburban, Open Space, Industrial and Neighborhood Commercial to Medium Density Suburban; and if approved (c) Authorize the Chair to sign the two resolutions to adopt the amendments to the Spanish Springs Master Plan Map, after a determination of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission, and to adopt amendments to the Spanish Springs Regulatory Zone Map. The applicant is SP58, LLC and the property owner is Jacie, LLC. The subject parcel (APN: 534-571-01) is located on the north side of Calle de la Plata, approximately 650 feet east of its intersection with Pyramid Highway. It is within the Spanish Springs Area Plan and Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and within Section 23, Township 21N, Range 20E, MDM. The Development Code articles applicable to this amendment are Article 820, Amendment of Master Plan and Article 821, Amendment of Regulatory Zone. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against this agenda item.

On the call for public comment, Larry Thomas said he had concerns about the quality of life for the people who already lived in Spanish Springs. He stated the new homeowners coming into the community would become the majority and they would complain about the horses and cattle and he thought the existing residents would have to defend their rights. He said they have had the same annual equine events there for more than 35 years but he thought people did not know about the events and they could be affected by the new development. He feared the character statement would change from what it had been for the past 40 years. He was concerned about school overcrowding and not enough resources in the community to serve new homeowners. He asked the Board to please consider the citizens who lived in the area currently.

Mike Railey stated he represented Blackstone Development Group and he conducted a presentation at the last meeting. He wanted to clarify that the original plan for Spanish Springs included industrial and commercial use, which could have allowed for more intense urbanized development than what they were proposing with this application. He stated there had been comments that the developers were from out of state, but he lived in the community and had kids at each of the schools in Spanish Springs. He stated they were consistent with the plan and policies contained in the staff report. He noted they had worked with the neighbor directly to the west who would be most impacted from this development and he was in support of the project. He explained

that the new development would be a benefit to the area and he asked the Board for continued support.

Sandra Theiss stated her property was two parcels over from the subject property and she did not receive notification of the hearing. She thought when the parcels were large the guidelines for notification should be broader to reach the people who needed it. She said the school issues had already been addressed but the roads were not going to support the extra traffic. She noted the roads were already a mess.

Ralph Theiss stated he had been fighting this development a long time. He said recently he needed to go from his home near Calle de la Plata in Spanish Springs to the Sands Regency in downtown Reno and it took him over an hour to get there. He indicated there were 11 cars waiting to turn south on Pyramid Highway and it took 12 minutes to turn. He said Spanish Springs could not afford to have more houses and traffic out there. He said there would need to be improvements to the schools, the intersections, sewers, water, and fire and police protection.

Commissioner Hartung stated this was not a project as of yet, but if it became a project, he wanted to know if the Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Highway intersection would receive a traffic signal.

Bill Whitney, Director of Planning and Development, stated with both developments in place, the additional traffic could warrant a traffic light.

Commissioner Hartung said one of the things people were complaining about were the schools. He stated the entire region needed more schools. He said he was concerned about the traffic on Calle de la Plata and wondered who would be responsible for the improvements if one developer built before the other.

Mr. Whitney stated the regional road impact fees would be enacted as well as the tentative maps for road improvements. He said the developers would each pay their fair share of the improvements. He indicated the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) set up the systems for recovery of road impact fees and the intersection at Calle de la Plata had been a topic of discussion.

Commissioner Hartung said he had discussions with the Theiss' to find out what they could live with. He wondered what the legalities were if this item was denied.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, stated there was not a project development proposal before the Board for approval. He said the decisions to be made would be based on a high altitude review of the item and were meant to determine whether the master plan would go forward to the Regional Planning Commission for conformance review. He noted this item was intended to determine if the master plan and zoning were appropriate for the area.

Commissioner Hartung stated he met with citizens of Spanish Springs and asked them what improvements they would want and most of them said if there could be three dwelling units per acre along with improving the intersection at Pyramid Highway and Calle de la Plata, they would be happy.

Commissioner Hartung moved to overturn the Planning Commission's action to deny MPA15-003 and RZA15-005. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The Resolutions for same are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

Later in the meeting (during the discussion for Agenda Item 17) Mr. Lipparelli requested clarification of the motion for Agenda Item 16. He asked if the intent of the motion was to overturn the Planning Commission's objections to the Board of County Commissioner's earlier approval of a master plan; thereby, affirming the Board's earlier approval of the master plan amendment. Commissioner Hartung confirmed the intention of the motion for Agenda Item 16.

**16-0282**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Master Plan Amendment Case Number MPA15-004 and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number RZA15-006 (Sugarloaf Ranch Estates) – To acknowledge receipt of the Planning Commission's report regarding the Board of County Commissioners' action January 26, 2016 to reverse the Planning Commission's December 1, 2015 denial of MPA15-004 and RZA15-006; and take possible action to: (1) Adopt an amendment to the Washoe County Master Plan, Spanish Springs Area Plan to change the Master Plan Category on one parcel of ± 39.84 acres from a mix of Industrial (I), Commercial (C) and Open Space (OS) to Suburban Residential (SR); and (2) Subject to final approval of the associated Master Plan change, to adopt an amendment to the Spanish Springs Regulatory Zone Map, changing the Regulatory Zone from a mix of Open Space (OS), Industrial (I) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Medium Density Suburban (MDS); and if approved (3) Authorize the Chair to sign the resolutions to adopt the amendments to the Spanish Springs Area Plan after a determination of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission. The applicant and property owner is Sugarloaf Peak, LLC. The subject parcel (APN: 534-562-07) is located on the north side of Calle de la Plata, approximately 2/10 of a mile east of its intersection with Pyramid Highway. It is within the Spanish Springs Area Plan and Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and within Section 23, Township 21N, Range 20E, MDM. The Development Code sections applicable to this amendment are Article 820, Amendment of Master Plan and Article 821, Amendment of Regulatory Zone. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

On the call for public comment, Larry Thomas stated he did not feel the Board had the citizens in mind. He said Commissioner Hartung talked to his wife and they never agreed to the terms that Commissioner Hartung discussed.

Sandra Theiss spoke regarding her concern about the highways, the schools, and the way of life in Spanish Springs. She stated she would appreciate the Boards consideration.

Ralph Theiss stated he was concerned about this agenda item.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, requested clarification of the motion for Agenda Item 16. He asked if the intent of the motion was to overturn the Planning Commission's objections to the Board of County Commissioner's earlier approval of a master plan; thereby, affirming the Board's earlier approval of the master plan amendment. Commissioner Hartung confirmed the intention of the motion for Agenda Item 16.

Commissioner Hartung stated he represented the entire valley and he had tried his hardest to make this the best for everyone involved. He noted there had been huge changes to the area since he moved there 29 years ago. He explained that this was not an easy decision to make.

Commissioner Herman stated she knew how hard it had been for Commissioner Hartung to make this decision.

Commissioner Hartung stated it was not appropriate for Commissioners to attend the lower Board meetings and voice their concerns. He did not think the development was going to be as bad as people thought it would be.

Having made the appropriate finding as identified in Exhibit D, Commissioner Hartung moved to approve (1) an amendment to the Washoe County Master Plan, Spanish Springs Area Plan to change the Master Plan Category on one parcel of 39.84 acre parcel (APN: 534-562-07) from a mix of Industrial (I), Commercial (C) and Open Space (OS) to Suburban Residential (SR) as noted in the staff report and to overturn the Planning Commission's denial. Commissioner Lucey seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0. The Resolutions for same are attached hereto and made a part of the record thereof.

**16-0283**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code (WCC) Chapter 110 (Development Code) at Article 500, Sign Regulations: Title and Contents, to remove Article 502, Billboard Regulations, and Article 504, Sign Regulations, and replace them with Article 505, Sign Regulations. (Bill No. 1762) Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1578, Bill No. 1762.

On the call for public comment, Garth Elliott said there needed to be change. He stated the County had paid for an electronic sign to be installed at the Sun Valley Pool, but the new language in the Code would prevent legal installation. He said there needed to be language in the Code for this sign installation to be in compliance. He submitted a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

An email was submitted from Jim Galloway, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Lori Wray, on behalf of Scenic Nevada, said she urged the Board to adopt the Ordinance with the amendment that would prohibit off-premise advertising on freestanding signs. She stated the billboard ban that existed since 2002 would be preserved, which was one of Scenic Nevada's goals. She stated she did not agree with everything in the sign Code but she agreed with passing the Code amendment. She submitted handouts, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, stated the area of regulating speech was very complicated and there was litigation all over the Country over sign codes and similar types of regulations. He said County staff, the District Attorney's Office and the stakeholders in the community had worked for a very long time on these matters and it was finally at a place where everyone was ready to recommend it. He believed that all the evidence, the statements, the comments, the pictures and other papers that had been submitted throughout the process of this revision were part of the Codes record. He stated the Board and the District Attorney's Office could rely upon the information, if called upon to defend this Code, as proof of what was important to the County in constructing the new sign Code. He thought this Code was far superior in its clarity, its readability and its applicability and those were important legal concepts. He state there were no guarantees that someone would not challenge the Code, but if someone did, the Code had a severability provision in it that would allow a court to examine the potentially unconstitutional portion of the Ordinance without having to throw the whole thing out. He indicated controversial issues remained regarding the regulation about the content of signs and courts were not consistent on the issues. He said there had been cases decided on commercial speech, on non-commercial speech, and on many variations of sign codes. He thought this was a great effort and people had done their best to make sure that it represented what the law allowed.

Commissioner Herman stated that over the weekend she did some traveling on County roads and saw signs that would probably be illegal as of today. She noted it would cost the County money to ensure compliance because there would not be revenue from sign permits. She stated she was thankful for the time the staff had put into this code amendment.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, with Commissioner Herman voting “no”, Chair Jung ordered that Ordinance No.1578, Bill No. 1762, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

**16-0284**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve and possible direction to County Staff for Collection of Prior Fiscal Years’ AB 104 Gaming Tax and Repayment of Prior Years’ Under-Collected AB 104 Accounts Receivables to Other Local Governments and Special Districts. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated the new budget staff discovered an error that was made dating back to 2009 on the collection of the Assembly Bill 104 (AB104) Gaming Taxes. He indicated an independent audit was conducted that confirmed the staff findings. He said the discussion would be to gain direction from the Board for possible resolution to this issue. He indicated there were two sides of the equation, one being the taxpayers, and the other being the 340 gaming operators who paid quarterly taxes through their business licenses. He noted the issue was how to deal with the past incorrectly calculated gaming taxes. He stated the recommendation in the staff report was to forego retroactively billing the AB104 Gaming Taxes. He explained that decision was not made lightly but it was the belief after legal review, administrative review and procedural review that the taxpayers had relied on the County for the amounts to be correct and it could cause a hardship to them to bill for the corrected calculations after the fact. He stated the current year had already been billed but should be corrected and revised bills should be sent to the taxpayers. He said the County should allow the taxpayers additional time to pay the corrected amount because of the billing error. He stated the corrected billing for next year would be sent out soon. He asked for direction from the Board.

Commissioner Lucey stated this issue had been in the evaluation process for some time and the error was due to a miscalculation. He stated his recommendation was to go back and collect the corrected amount for fiscal year 2015-16, then distribute the funds to the 10 other local government agencies. He said he had spoken to staff and he was assured there were controls in place to prevent errors such as this from happening again. He thanked staff for discovering the error.

Commissioner Lucey moved to collect the corrected funds for the fiscal year 2015-16 and to distribute the funds to the 10 local government agencies.

Mr. Slaughter indicated the County did not control the distribution of funds; the State handled the distributions and had a formula for that.

Commissioner Lucey amended his motion. He moved to collect the corrected funds for fiscal year 2015-16. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lucey asked if the County would be able to choose to not collect their amount that should be disbursed to them from the State.

Mr. Slaughter stated the funds were distributed by the State and they would go into the County's General Fund and what the County did with the funds would be at the Board's discretion.

Commissioner Hartung stated he thought it would be difficult to go back and recoup the funds due to the incorrect calculations. He agreed it would be best to only correct and collect for the current year's billing. He thought the other local government entities should calculate their own taxes for verification.

Commissioner Berkbigler concurred with Commissioners Lucey and Hartung. She was concerned that the other local government entities were missing the expected revenue and she thought the County should reimburse them the corrected amounts for the past three years.

Chair Jung stated the city mayors did not expect reimbursement for the miscalculation. She thought it would be right to give them the corrected amount for fiscal year 2015-16. Commissioner Lucey concurred with the Chair.

Commissioner Hartung asked for clarification regarding what was to be paid back to the other entities.

Chair Jung stated only the money that was collected from the corrected billing would be distributed to the other local government entities.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, stated when the Board voted on a motion and made a decision, he would appreciate them authorizing the County Manager to send communication to the other tax receiving entities to inform them of the Board's decision.

Commissioner Lucey agreed to amend his motion to include authorizing the County Manager to send communication to the other tax receiving entities to inform them of the Board's decision. Commissioner Berkbigler concurred and seconded the amended motion.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the motion would include asking the entities to calculate their own taxes for the purpose of quality control. Commissioner Lucey stated he would add that language to his motion.

Mark Mathers, Budget Manager, stated the calculations were not as simple as they seemed.

Chair Jung stated the Board could respectfully request the entities to calculate their taxes. She indicated she knew the Peppermill knew exactly what they should pay every year.

Mr. Mathers stated the County calculated the total due and each gaming operator's portion was based on their other gaming fees in proportion to total gaming estimated for all gaming operators. He asked the Board to give staff time to research the calculations and they would bring their findings back to the Board. He asked the Board not to include in the motion a request for the entities to calculate their own figures.

Chair Jung suggested Mr. Mathers talk to the agency partners and advise them of the work being done to true up the figures.

Commissioner Hartung suggested the motion include staff direction to come back to the Board with a procedure or a policy that would allow the County to request the entities to calculate their own tax figures.

Commissioner Lucey withdrew his original motion. He moved that the County collect the AB104 Gaming Taxes for fiscal year 2015-16 and to direct staff to create quality control by coming back to the Board with processes to prevent any further discrepancies. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion.

Chair Jung commended Mr. Mathers. She stated this was an incredible discovery and it proved how important it was to have new eyes on the numbers.

Mr. Lipparelli stated that earlier in the presentation, the County Manager explained there were already some tax bills that had been sent out at the incorrect lower figures and they would have to be revised. He said he thought Mr. Slaughter recommended allowing the taxpayers additional time to pay the corrected taxes. He asked if it was understood by the Board that this would be the case even though it was not included in the motion language. Chair Jung confirmed that it was.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On the call for the question the motion was passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

**16-0285**      **AGENDA ITEM 19** Public Comment.

John Potash spoke about Agenda Items 11 and 12 and he said that too many times staff was given misinformation. He stated he had heard time after time that something was currently in Code when it was not. He thought there were other areas in Chapter 55 that needed to be reviewed. He said he was not opposed to the Animal Control Board; he was opposed to the Animal Control Board Members overstepping their authority and the neighbor notifications, which he thought caused the majority of the issues.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

**16-0286**      **AGENDA ITEM 20** Commissioners’/County Manager’s announcements, reports and updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

Commissioner Lucey spoke regarding the public shooting issue and he wanted staff to look into it and report back to the Board. He said regarding charging for voter registration forms, he said he would like the PDF form to be available online if possible. He said that Commissioner Hartung had spoken about being able to opt out of sample ballots and he wondered if the cost savings for that might possibly cover the costs for the registration forms. He stated that with the recent snowstorm, there were garbage service issues in Montreux and Galena and he wanted staff to come up with some sort of remedy if those situations happened again. He noted that Urban Land Institute was in town did a presentation. He said there was an item in the newspaper about the Sheriff’s Office’s use of the Regional Aviation Enforcement Unit (RAVEN) helicopter and he would like to direct staff to see what policies were in force regarding government officials and the usage of County vehicles to ensure there was a clear understanding by all.

Commissioner Berkbigler said as related to shooting on Peavine, she and Chair Jung met with Dave Solaro, Director of Community Services, and Sarah Tone, Community Outreach Coordinator, to discuss the issue of the maps and updated information, which would be brought back to the Board. She indicated that today was “Equal Pay for Equal Work Day”, which meant that for every dollar a white, non-Hispanic man made, a Nevada woman earned 85 cents. She suggested that the County work towards “Equal Pay for Equal Work”.

Chair Jung echoed Commissioner Berkbigler’s sentiments regarding the importance of this issue. She noted that everyone did better when they were all treated the same.

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**5:12 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**KITTY K. JUNG**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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**NANCY PARENT**, County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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