

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 17, 2017

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Marsha Berkbigler, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Jan Galassini, Chief Deputy County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
David Watts-Vial, Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:15 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:

17-0842 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ms. Sharon Zadra spoke about the Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities' Remote Area Medical (RAM) event in September that provided free medical care. She indicated Commissioner Herman used her discretionary funds to enable them to provide free service to 430 individuals, which equated to \$137,000. She said Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities provided doctors although the National RAM Corps provided some as well. She mentioned people camped out at midnight to receive dental and vision services and told a story about a person who had to have six teeth removed but was so appreciative.

Ms. Darlene Hesse spoke in defense of the Wildcreek Golf Course and said the County had a fiduciary responsibility to Washoe County citizens. She stated she did not think it was a good location for a high school and expressed concern about traffic and flooding. She said if the course was taken away the land should be made into a park and suggested considering the beauty of the land.

Ms. Kathleen Shupp agreed there was a need for high schools but felt the Wildcreek Golf Course was not an appropriate location. She stated nobody had been able to determine who owned the water rights for the land and expressed concern about water issues. She said it took 50 years to legalize marijuana and worried the Board might approve Wildcreek in a matter of months. She urged the Board not to sign off on the deal.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke against putting a school at the Wildcreek Golf Course and discussed a school tax.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still provided a document that was distributed to the Commissioners and placed on file with the Clerk. She stated a Reno Councilwoman toured Lemmon Valley and suggested Washoe County should impose a building moratorium there until all surveys and studies were completed. She expressed concern about water emptying into Swan Lake especially with developments being built on Military Road and in the Sky Vista area. She stated Federal Emergency Management Agency funds were being distributed and inquired where those funds were going.

Ms. Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

17-0843 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager John Slaughter announced there would be a statewide earthquake drill on Thursday October 19 and he invited everyone to consider what they would do during a major earthquake.

Commissioner Berkbigler requested a presentation on the status of the dispatch issue and the study that had been done.

Chair Lucey mentioned the Washoe Impact Awards were held the prior week and said employees were the lifeblood of the County. He indicated the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center and the Citizen's Emergency Response Team were presented with awards. He thanked Communications Director Nancy Leuenhagen and the Washoe Leadership Team for putting the event together.

Commissioner Hartung echoed Commissioner Berkbigler's request and asked that it be expedited.

17-0844 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Sean Hubbard, Animal Services
Kasey La Foon, Human Services
Aaron Smith, Community Services Department

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

17-0845 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

John Slaughter, County Manager, recognized the following employees:

Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program

Angelica Arteaga, Human Services Agency
Heather Belding, Human Services Agency
Genine Rosa, Health Department

Essentials of Management Development

Diane Wozniak, Human Services Agency,
Stephanie Zoncki, WCSO

Essentials of SAP for Financial Staff

Sophia Cardinal, Community Service Department

Essentials of SAP for HR Reps

Lisa Lane, WCSO

Essentials of Support Staff

Lisa Lane, WCSO

Chair Lucey praised the employees who chose to continue their growth and thanked department heads for encouraging their employees to take part in the program.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

17-0846 **7A** Proclaim Sunday, October 22, 2017 as the Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter noted Commissioner Jung had requested this Proclamation but she could not be present. He read and presented the Proclamation to many members of the Bahá'í Faith.

Roxanne McPherson said they were excited to share their vision and she distributed invitations to a celebration on October 22, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She said they were striving with their neighbors to grow spiritually and serve the community. The McPherson family sang a song.

17-0847 **7B** Proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Berkbigler invited anyone who was a survivor of breast cancer to join her at the podium. She said the County adopted this Proclamation every year and it was very important to them. She read and presented the Proclamation to employees of Washoe County. She noted the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure held the prior Sunday was very well-attended.

Heather Goulding from Susan G. Komen thanked Washoe County employees for their generosity year after year. Elaine Anagnostou, Human Resources, shared she was a nine-year survivor of breast cancer and she promoted a bake sale for Susan G. Komen with support from the Peppermill casino. Marilyn Kramer, Assistant to the County Manager, said she was a three-year survivor and she thanked the County, the Board, and her employer for their care and compassion.

17-0848 **7C** Proclaim the week of October 15-21, 2017 as National Friends of Libraries Week. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Lucey welcomed members of Friends of Washoe County Library (Friends) and County library staff. He described libraries as community centers at the heart of all residential communities that provided a safe place for citizens to share ideas. He praised Friends for being a wonderful partner. He read and presented the Proclamation to Keith Judson, Secretary/Treasurer of Friends.

Mr. Judson thanked the Board and reminded them Friends was a volunteer organization. He thanked Library Director Jeffrey Scott for his support. He announced Friends would likely be donating over \$100,000 to the library.

There was no public comment on the Proclamations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A to 7C be adopted.

DONATIONS

17-0849 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Accept a donation of [\$500.00] from Hot August Nights Inc., to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), including funds to be used for food purchases, and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Berkbigler read the agenda item. County Manager John Slaughter noted the Citizen Corps Program was part of the Citizen's Emergency Response Team, which won the Manager's Award at the Washoe County Impact Awards.

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

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA

17-0850 **9** Approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement [in the amount of \$9,900] for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$4,900] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District towards the purchase of a portable fire pump to support fire suppression efforts in Verdi, Nevada, and a [\$5,000] grant to the Renown Health Foundation to help support Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities host the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic that was held in September 2017; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager. (Commission District 5.)

Commissioner Berkbigler read the donation and referred to Sharon Zadra's public comments about the impact of the Remote Area Medical Clinic event. She thanked Commissioner Herman.

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

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Item 9 be approved and directed. The Resolution pertinent to Consent Agenda Item 9 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

END OF CONSENT ITEMS

17-0851 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Accept Resignation Due to Retirement of Luanne Cutler, Registrar of Voters effective January 5, 2018; Accept County Manager's Recommendation; and Appoint Assistant Voter Registrar, Deanna Spikula to the Position Registrar of Voters, effective November 27, 2017. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter noted this was a bittersweet item but the timing necessitated that it be brought before the Board at this meeting.

Assistant County Manager Christine Vuletich stated according to Nevada Revised Statute 244.164, in any County with more than 100,000 people the Board of County Commissioners could appoint an individual to the position of Registrar of Voters. She stated the position was highly specialized and required technical knowledge and previous election experience, ideally specific to Washoe County. She said Luanne Cutler was appointed as Registrar of Voters in 2013 based on her technical experience to ensure continuity in the operation of the office, but she would be retiring on January 5. There were plans to honor her at a later date. She pointed out Ms. Cutler's worked with the Nevada State Legislature to secure \$1.7 million for the replacement of the County's voting equipment, which was approved in August. She noted implementation was planned for the following month.

Ms. Vuletich said Ms. Cutler recommended appointing Assistant Registrar of Voters Deanna Spikula in the interest of furthering stability in the operations of the office with a seamless transition. She praised Ms. Spikula's experience, education, and integrity and pointed out Ms. Spikula was tasked with leading the redistricting process. She repeated the recommendation that Ms. Spikula be appointed and asked for an effective date of November 27, which would result in a six week overfill of the position. She remarked the fiscal impact was \$4,182, which the department's budget could absorb.

Commissioner Hartung stated nobody could step into the position without training as seamlessly as Ms. Spikula and lauded her work with the County. Commissioner Berkbigler expressed excitement and thanked her for accepting the position. Chair Lucey said Ms. Spikula was a tremendous asset and felt she would do a stellar job in her new role.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Jan Galassini distributed a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

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

Ms. Spikula thanked Ms. Cutler for her years of service and for being an inspirational leader and mentor. She aspired to continue Ms. Cutler's legacy of excellence, integrity, transparency, and accountability in voter registration and election administration. She thanked the County Manager, the Registrar of Voters' staff, and the Board for its support.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Deanna Spikula be appointed to the position of Registrar of Voters in January.

Mr. Slaughter pointed out the action taken by the Board was also to accept the resignation of Ms. Cutler.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that the resignation of Luanne Cutler be accepted.

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Chair Lucey announced Agenda Item 11 would be pulled as the Board had already convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners and there was no need for an update.

17-0852 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

17-0853 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

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11:28 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Derek Sonderfan, Deputy County Clerk*

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Monies to a Government Entity

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or to a governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County upon the recommendation of Commissioner Jeanne Herman for District 5, has determined that \$4,900 will be granted to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District towards the purchase of a portable fire pump to support fire suppression efforts in Verdi, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District is committed to excellence, service, and the protection of life and property in the community; and

WHEREAS, a portable fire pump in Verdi, Nevada will provide additional water resources for fire suppression efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board finds that in making this grant a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants for the County by providing equipment for fire suppression efforts.
2. The Board hereby grants to the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose, a grant for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$4,900.
3. Funds shall not be used for the purchase of tickets to special events.

ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2017

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Jan Galassini chief Deputy


Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Monies to a Nonprofit Organization Created for Religious, Charitable or Educational Purposes

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or to a governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County upon the recommendation of Commissioner Jeanne Herman for District 5, has determined that \$5,000 will be granted to Renown Health Foundation to help support Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities host the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic that was held in September 2017; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Remote Area Medical - RAM™ is to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free quality healthcare to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Remote Area Medical - RAM™ is the largest free mobile medical clinic in the country helping underserved and uninsured individuals, children and families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board finds that in making this grant a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants for the County by providing free mobile medical, dental and vision services to the uninsured in our community.
2. The Board hereby grants to the Renown Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or education purposes, a grant for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$5,000.
3. Funds shall not be used for the purchase of tickets to special events.

ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2017


Bob Lucey, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:


County Clerk

Chief Deputy

