

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 11, 2018

PRESENT:

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

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**John Slaughter, County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Assistant District Attorney**

ABSENT:

**Kitty Jung, Vice Chair**

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

**18-0885**     **AGENDA ITEM 3** Appearance: James Popovich, Specialty Court Administrator Second Judicial District Court. Presentation and update on Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts' Recidivism statistics.

Specialty Court Administrator of the Second Judicial District Court (SJDC) James Popovich conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Court Programs; Second Judicial District Court's Specialty Courts; Specialty Courts' Mission Statement; Proportion of Participants with no Subsequent Re-Arrests within 3 Years, 2014 Discharges; Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Youth Offender Diversion (YOD) Courts; and Key Takeaways and Benefits to Washoe County.

Mr. Popovich provided an overview of the nine specialty court programs. He said the Mental Health Court provided treatment for criminal offenders diagnosed with a serious mental illness. It was one of the two multi-jurisdictional courts, meaning they would accept misdemeanor cases from limited jurisdiction courts as well as the general jurisdiction court. He stated participants of the program would be serving a County jail or State prison sentence if not for the program. He noted the Mental Health Court had been recognized as a national model and learning site.

Mr. Popovich said the Veterans Court was the other multi-jurisdictional court. It served veteran criminal offenders diagnosed with a service-related substance use disorder or mental illness. The program was the first veterans court in the State.

Mr. Popovich indicated Diversion Court was designed for low-risk felony criminal offenders with substance use disorders. The Felony DUI Court was a three-year program for offenders charged with a felony DUI. He said there were 335 successful graduates since the program began in 2008.

Mr. Popovich stated Adult Drug Court was similar to Diversion Court but it served moderate to high risk felony offenders. It was established in 1995 and it was the first criminal specialty court of northern Nevada.

Mr. Popovich said Prison Re-Entry Court was an early-release program for state prison inmates who were within two years of their parole date. It assisted participants with successful re-entry into society by treating their substance use or mental illnesses. He stated 92 percent of participants in the previous four years did not return to prison in Nevada.

Mr. Popovich indicated Family Treatment Court, established in 1994, was the first family drug court in the nation. It was a non-criminal court for offenders who were charged with neglect or abuse of their children. The primary mission of the program was to treat substance abuse or mental illness with the goal of reunifying children with their parents.

Mr. Popovich noted the success of the specialty courts was due to the contributions of a multidisciplinary team. They helped to ensure due process was followed as well as best practice standards for treatment, drug testing, and case management.

Mr. Popovich said the SJDC partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services the prior year to work on a recidivism project for the specialty courts. The project cross-referenced every discharge case with the State's central repository while identifying new arrests. He said project outcomes showed recidivism rates were aligned with national averages; 75 percent of graduates were arrest-free for three years after completing the program. He indicated the percentage of individuals re-arrested within 3 years of release was 18 percent lower for graduates of the program. He said the high percentage of individuals who had not been re-arrested saved the County on detention costs, as well as civil services, social services, and emergency room costs.

Mr. Popovich described two specialty court treatment programs established in 2015 to address the local opioid epidemic. He affirmed the SJDC had not lost sight of methamphetamines, which were still the most widely used drug across all specialty programs, both within the community and statewide. He said they elected to launch the MAT and YOD Courts because medication was available to help participants overcome withdrawal symptoms and subsequent cravings associated with heroine and

opiate use. He said none of the patients discharged from the MAT program in 2017 had subsequent re-arrests and 83 percent of graduates from the YOD program in 2016 and 2017 remained arrest-free.

Mr. Popovich hoped he conveyed the importance and value of specialty courts at the SJDC, the two regional justice courts, and the two city municipal courts. He noted the impact made on the community by each individual served by the programs was significant and he invited the Board to visit the courts at any time.

Chair Berkbigler thanked Mr. Popovich for the presentation. She stated specialty courts were very important to the community and said the Board appreciated the work they did.

**18-0886      AGENDA ITEM 4 Public Comment.**

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still presented documents, a copy of which were placed on file with the Clerk. She spoke about the Prado Ranch development project and Lansing Companies, the development company. She expressed concern about Board approval of the development and about possible future flooding issues in Lemmon Valley. She said the Board needed to act in the best interest of all constituents. She read a quote by Thomas Jefferson.

Ms. Denise Ross showed a video which she stated was from the Regional Governing Board meeting. She expressed frustration with her attempts to speak with Commissioners at public meetings. She felt the Board held a prejudice against residents of Lemmon Valley. She reminded the Board of the oath of service each Commissioner took to serve all constituents. She requested a moment of silence for the passing of Vicky Maltman.

Mr. Michael J. Pitkin submitted a letter written to Senator-Elect Jacky Rosen, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He quoted from the United Nations charter on HIV/AIDS and stated he had some healthcare complaints which he felt violated the charter. He said Nevada had the infrastructure for HIV prevention and should also provide HIV care. He spoke about difficulties he experienced obtaining medication refills.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about the proposed renaming of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and about Reno media.

Ms. Beth Webb spoke about difficulties she experienced getting her foster care license renewed. She stated she spoke with her Commissioner some months back and was told it was taken care of but she had not heard back. She said the special needs boy she adopted was in a detention center while she waited for her license to be renewed. She requested information about why her license was not renewed.

**18-0887**      **AGENDA ITEM 5** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Herman felt the bar installed between the podium and the dais alienated the people from the Board. She understood why it was installed but felt it should be removed. She said she received requests from constituents to reverse the use of Mason's Law and return to Robert's Rules for Board meetings. She stated constituents felt Mason's Law was designed for the Legislature but everyone understood Robert's Rules. She noted District 5 had many roads in disrepair and she wanted some of the money that had been set aside for roads to be used for those roads. She stated homes which had partially burned down caused a health and safety issue, not just an eyesore or inconvenience. She hoped the Board would help constituents to remove those structures.

Chair Berkgigler asked Commissioner Herman if she would like to request a moment of silence for Vicky Maltman, who was her friend and constituent. Commissioner Herman answered yes and there followed a moment of silence. Chair Berkgigler offered her condolences to Commissioner Herman.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Ms. Marilyn Kramer for the time she took to add tabs to meeting agendas. He said it made it easier to digest the content for the meetings.

**DONATIONS**

**18-0888**      **6.A.1.** Accept cash donations to Senior Services in the amount of [\$106.15] retroactive for the period September 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

**18-0889**      **6.A.2.** Accept cash donations to Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$3,161.51] retroactive for the period September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Hartung read the donations and thanked everyone who had donated to Washoe County.

County Manager John Slaughter said Agenda Item 6A1 was a donation from an angel donor. He said the donor had made several donations valuing approximately \$5,000 but did not want to be recognized by name. He noted Agenda Item 6A2 was made by a citizen who was on a ride-along with the Mobile Outreach Safety Team and overheard a comment about someone who needed socks; that citizen responded by donating \$250 worth of socks.

There was no public comment on the donations listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 6A1 to 6A2 be accepted and directed.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 7A THROUGH 7G11 EXCEPT 7F5 AND 7G71**

- 18-0890**      **7A** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk. (All Commission Districts)
- 18-0891**      **7B** Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 secured and unsecured tax rolls and authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A and B and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$18,146.41]. Assessor. (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)
- 18-0892**      **7C** Approve amendments totaling an increase of [\$57,711.00] in both revenue and expense (no match required) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division Chronic Disease Prevention Program IO#11534 and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0893**      **7D** Approve State Collection Development funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$23,058.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for the augmentation of Library Collections, direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments and authorize the Director to sign the grant award document. Library. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0894**      **7E** Approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, NV Energy, and Washoe County for Sharing GIS Base Map Data and Setting Data Licensing Requirements; and requiring Washoe County to contribute [\$10,000] annually to the Regional Base Map Committee Fund. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts).
- 18-0895**      **7F1** Acknowledge receipt of the following Facility Plans: 1) South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Plan Update and addendum updates, January 2016; 2) Spanish Springs Sanitary Sewer Collection System Facility Plan, July 2016; 3) Cold Springs Wastewater System Facility Plan, June 2017; and 4) Pleasant Valley Interceptor Reach 3 and 4 Alternatives Alignment Study. Community Services. (Commission Districts 2, 4 and 5.)

- 18-0896**      **7F2**    Acknowledge receipt of the Washoe County Water and Sanitary Sewer Financial Assistance Program Status Report as of September 30, 2018. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0897**      **7F3**    Approve the renewal of a Lease Agreement between Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) as Lessor and Washoe County by and through the Reno Sparks Convention/Visitors Authority (RSCVA) as Lessee for land located at 969 Tahoe Boulevard in Incline Village, Nevada. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 18-0898**      **7F4**    Approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Comprehensive Transportation Coordination and Corridor Planning for the Lake Tahoe Bi-State Region and authorize the County Manager to execute the document. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 18-0899**      **7G1**    Approve acceptance of 2018 HIDTA Northern Nevada Drug Task Force funding [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, no County match required] to be used for overtime, investigative, and travel expenses from High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) as administered through Las Vegas Metro Police Department, for the retroactive grant period of 01/01/2018 - 12/31/2019, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0900**      **7G2**    Approve a direct grant award [\$6,600.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program Enhancement for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020; and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0901**      **7G3**    Approve a direct grant award [\$80,663.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program Sustainment for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020; and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0902**      **7G4**    Approve the Joining Forces 2019 grant [\$108,000.00, No cash match required; 20% in-kind match required] from the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to cover overtime costs related to conducting Traffic Enforcement Checkpoints and events and for limited travel expenses, for the retroactive grant term of 10/1/18 through 9/30/19 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

- 18-0903**      **7G5**    Approve a direct grant award from the State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Project No. 18-JAG-24 for [\$21,900.00, no County match required] to purchase a TruNarc™ screening instrument to be used in the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of 10/1/18 through 9/30/19; and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0904**      **7G6**    Approve a Consolidated Bomb Squad 2018 grant [\$100,636.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, project number 18-3000 to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Bomb Unit for the purchase of equipment for the retroactive grant term of 9/1/18 through 8/31/20 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Allen to retroactively execute grant award documentation, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0905**      **7G8**    Approve the Forensic Support Services Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Reno Tahoe Airport Authority for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service fees for the retroactive term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 with a total income of [\$1,945.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0906**      **7G9**    Approve a Cyber Security grant [\$28,000.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, project number 18-3000 to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to enhance Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of 9/1/18 through 8/31/20 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Allen to retroactively execute grant award documentation, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0907**      **7G10** Approve a Cyber Security grant award [\$45,060.00, no match required] from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Federal FY 2018, Project number 18-3000, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to sustain current Cyber Security for the retroactive grant term of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Allen to retroactively execute grant award documentation, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**18-0908**      **7G11** Approve a grant award [\$18,343.75, no match required] in overtime reimbursement for a deputy assigned full time to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Northern Nevada Child Exploitation Task Force (NNCETF). Washoe County will be reimbursed for overtime and benefit costs directly related to activities in conjunction with the FBI NNCETF. Funds are available for Federal FY 2019 for the retroactive period of 10/1/18-9/30/19. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Herman said she could acknowledge receipt of Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 but was unsure of why they were on the Consent Agenda. In regards to Agenda Item 7F3 concerning the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID), she wondered whether the County would benefit if the property was released to IVGID. She requested Agenda Item 7F5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Lucey addressed Commissioner Herman's query about Agenda Item 7F3. He said IVGID had leased the property for quite some time. The agenda item was intended to clean up the lease agreement. The lease would be amended to include maintenance of the property because it was not drafted in the original agreement. He stated IVGID had elected to continue leasing the property; they did not want the property conveyed to them. He noted IVGID requested the agenda item for final approval, and it was just document clean up.

Commissioner Herman said the agenda item mentioned improvements IVGID would make to the property. Commissioner Lucey clarified the item was for general ongoing maintenance of the property, not for improvements.

Commissioner Hartung noted Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 lead to Agenda Item 16. He said it would be appropriate to group the three items together because they were all about facilities' plans and water treatment. He noted he welcomed the conversation on Agenda Item 7F5 which was a Memorandum of Understanding. He requested Agenda Item 7G7 be pulled from the Consent Agenda because he felt it was important to discuss changes instituted by the Sheriff's Office at the detention facility. The transition from one elected official to another meant changes in management at the Sheriff's Office. He said it was important to look at some of the changes because he felt the Board had done the responsible thing by making substantive changes at the Sheriff's Office.

County Manager John Slaughter said if questions had been answered on Agenda Item 7F3, the motion could exclude Agenda Items 7F5 and 7G7. Staff would refer back to Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 when presenting on Agenda Item 16.

Commissioner Hartung said he would defer to staff for the best way to discuss the items, but he thought they needed to refer back to Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 because they were part of the discussion.

County Clerk Nancy Parent clarified that, unless Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 were pulled from the Consent Agenda, they would be approved when the Board voted on the Consent Agenda.

Chair Berkbigler asked Commissioner Hartung if he agreed with Ms. Parent's statement. Commissioner Hartung answered yes, adding he thought Agenda Items 7F1 and 7F2 were precursors for Agenda Item 16.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 7A through 7G11 except 7F5 and 7G7 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 7A through 7G11 except 7F5 and 7G7 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0909**      **7F5**    Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Washoe County and the City of Reno establishing the rights and responsibilities for the conveyance, treatment and effluent management of wastewater flows from the StoneGate Master Planned Community to the Washoe County Cold Springs Water Reclamation Facility. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith stated this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) preceded an Interlocal Agreement and it established the basis for how the City of Reno and Washoe County would respond to new development in the Cold Springs area. It identified the concepts for the ownership of infrastructure, customer billings, and how the development community would be required to pay connection fees for the infrastructure in response to new development.

Mr. Smith said the area for the development project was annexed into the City of Reno sometime in the past. The City of Reno required developers to enter into the MOU and an Interlocal Agreement. He said this agenda item was identified as a condition for the developer at the most recent Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The Reno City Council would be voting on the MOU also.

Chair Berkbigler asked whether the PC approved the item. Mr. Smith responded the PC approved the special use permit at the City of Reno meeting the previous week. Chair Berkbigler asked whether the issue had regional significance which would require it to go to the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Smith believed the item was approved at the regional level.

Commissioner Hartung asked what the plan was to get the Cold Springs plant up to class A+ classification with the potential assistance of the City of Reno. Mr. Smith said regionally there were significant demands being placed on sewer

infrastructure, collection systems, and treatment facilities. At the same time there was a strong regional approach to consider alternatives for the operation of effluent treatment systems and ways to maximize the benefit of effluent for current and future customers. He stated the planning work which was done focused on maximizing the benefit of effluent, recognized opportunity, and capitalized upon it. He said there was a lot of work done regionally to obtain class A+ classification. Washoe County, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and the Nevada Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Nevada Water Innovation Institute, were working to consider how class A+ classification would benefit the community.

Commissioner Hartung asked whether connection fees had been established for the StoneGate development project. Mr. Smith responded the connection and service fees would correspond with the ordinance which was in place when the connection application was submitted. He stated Capital Planning would initiate rate study questions based on infrastructure needs identified by Facility Planning. The rate studies would determine if rate adjustments were required.

Commissioner Hartung anticipated connection fees would ultimately pay for upgrades to the treatment plant and be one of the ways effluent would move from a liability to an asset. He felt the goal was utilizing effluent anywhere in the system for a variety of purposes. He said every facility in the region needed to work toward class A+ classification. He predicted at some point in the future all treatment plants would be required to treat to class A+ standards and he wanted to be ahead of the curve.

Commissioner Herman said it looked like the project would result in another Swan Lake situation if developers did the same thing they did in the past. She said adding water would make things worse. There were already three lakes full of water. She stated new development not being carefully crafted would negatively affect existing homes and people. She would vote against the MOU as she had voted against any development in the North Valleys, particularly in Lemmon Valley, until the existing issue was fixed.

Chair Berkbigler noted there was a lot of talk at Regional Governing Board meetings about how sewer issues would be addressed. She asked Mr. Smith whether there had been discussion about expanding the Stead plant and closing some of the other plants in the area to allow for a class A+ plant.

Mr. Smith said he understood both the community and elected officials expected staff to plan for the future and to make the best decisions possible for existing and future customers while focusing on minimizing impacts and maximizing opportunities. With that in mind, a study was commissioned for the Lemmon Valley area to review future options for both the Washoe County and City of Reno/Stead facilities. He said the focus was to find opportunities to maximize the benefit of class A+ classification along with standard effluent for irrigation purposes. He noted the quality of water was directly related to the purpose of that water. Sometimes effluent would be adequate for irrigation without being treated to the higher standards.

Mr. Smith said staff was seeking existing opportunities to aid in regional decision making. He said the goal was to complete required preliminary work and then have transparent discussions with the Board about findings and options. The Board would then provide direction to staff about pursuing options.

Chair Berkgigler said the Regional Governing Board acknowledged growth was inevitable but they were concerned about having adequate infrastructure. While infrastructure included many things the consensus was that water treatment was the most important. She asked for a presentation about what could be done, what the costs were, and how soon they could move in that direction.

Commissioner Hartung stated people thought water was the controlling factor but the controlling factor was waste-water. He noted what was happening with all facilities was a response to growth. The Board did not drive growth, they responded to it. Developers were meeting a demand for housing. He said the Board had the responsibility to respond to the demand because the County operated the waste treatment facilities and dealt with water.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli remarked policy questions were important and should be discussed as a noticed item on a future agenda.

Chair Berkgigler thanked Mr. Smith for the presentation.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Tammy Holt-Still said Cold Springs was a closed basin and spoke about issues with discharging effluent into a closed basin. She asserted the Board needed to find a different way to deal with effluent in the Cold Springs basin.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Jung absent and Commissioner Herman voting “no”, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Item 7F5 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Item 7F5 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0910**      **7G7**    Acknowledge receipt of FY 18-19 First Quarter Status Update for Washoe County Regional Detention Facility to include security of the jail, conditions of confinement, staffing and medical care of inmates housed at the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Captain Jeff Clark, Services Captain for the Washoe County Jail, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Welfare of the Inmates (4 slides); Booking Data; Inmate Average Daily Population; Average Daily Population; Inmate Booking Types; Inmate Bookings Increase; Inmate Bookings by Calendar Year (2 slides).

Captain Clark said the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (SO) provided the Board a quarterly report which generally focused on the conditions of confinement and the security of the jail as delineated in the Nevada Revised Statutes. The report also contained information from the Sheriff to the Board on emerging topics and trends.

Captain Clark stated the health of inmates was an important factor in their welfare because they were generally not healthy from the start. He stated the out-of-cell time was important for the safety of the inmates because it reduced anxiety and fights within the jail.

Captain Clark discussed some of the programs the SO worked on for the quarter. He spoke about working with the medical provider NaphCare on a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. He said the SO worked closely with Specialty Court staff on developing the program. He believed the more services they offered, the greater the effect on recidivism.

Captain Clark reported on SO's partnership with the non-profit organization Northern Nevada HOPES and the State Health and Human Services, which provided medical services. He spoke about a new program established to provide transportation to HOPES from the jail for inmates requesting services upon release. He noted partnerships with beneficial services in the community were necessary because the jail continued to see an increase in arrestees with mental illness, homelessness, and drug addiction.

Captain Clark reported there were no significant trends in booking types or in length of stay. He said the annual report would provide booking and inmate population details.

Commissioner Hartung said an interesting data set would be a cost analysis of putting arrestees into alternative services, such as HOPES, instead of incarceration. He asserted alternative services had to be less costly than having them in jail. He said it was well-known that incarceration did not work, so he applauded the SO team for making radical changes. He asked if Dr. Michael Alvarez, named in the staff report, worked locally on a full-time basis.

Captain Clark responded Dr. Alvarez worked for NaphCare as their West Coast Medical Director. He was previously the Medical Director for Maricopa County and started the MAT program for that county.

Commissioner Hartung said he would like inmate populations to decrease because the County did not have the funds to build a new jail. The issue was to keep people out of jail or have them moved into programs which would allow them to become productive members of society. He looked forward to working with the new sheriff and seeing some of the new and reinstated programs at the SO. He congratulated Captain Clark for his new position at the detention facility and thanked him for the presentation.

Commissioner Lucey congratulated Captain Clark and said he looked forward to working with him and the new administration at the jail. He wanted to see more progress toward implementing alternative programs as the new administration addressed healthcare within the correctional system. He noted the SO was not solely responsible for the implementation of alternative programs. He requested a future agenda item so the Board, the Alternative Sentencing department, the Specialty Courts, and the SO could assess options to eliminate the recidivism rate and increase alternative program successes. He wanted to discuss establishing a true task force that would include all County departments to address issues in the correctional system and maximize the use of available programs and services.

Commissioner Lucey asked to tour the jail with Captain Clark and the new Sheriff after the first of the year.

Commissioner Hartung noted Commissioner Lucey put a lot of effort into traveling with Court staff, visiting other facilities, and looking at other programs. He looked forward to hearing his ideas about alternative programs.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G7 be acknowledged.

**18-0911**      **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Washoe County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), auditor's report, and report on internal control for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 as presented; approve the re-appropriation of [\$26,745,576] for the fiscal year 2019 budget, consisting of [\$11,627,803] for purchase order encumbrances committed in fiscal year 2018 and [\$15,117,773] for spending of restricted contributions and fees; and, authorize the Comptroller to proceed with distribution of the CAFR for public record, as required by law. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.).

Comptroller Cathy Hill said the County implemented two new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) changes directly related to other post-employment benefits (OPEB). She stated there were no compliance violations since all expenditures were statutory, recognized, and allowable. The Statement of Net Position resulted in an unrestricted balance of -\$518,000,000 as a direct result of the GASB Statement implementation. The overall County net position was \$123,400,000. She said note 19 of the CAFR was a County correction of an error recognized by GASB Statement number 82 concerning net pension liability. The correction was a result of the Public Employee Retirement System report, which was a year behind Washoe County. In response to GASB Statement number 75 the County was required to reissue a net position statement for OPEB. She said overall the audit resulted in an unmodified designation, which was a clean opinion of the accounting records for Washoe County.

Auditor Felicia O'Carroll, Eide Bailey partner, said there were two items that needed to be read into the minutes: confirmation the Board received an unmodified report, and whether there were any findings or management letters. She said most of the findings were related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Ms. O'Carroll said programs were selected for audit each year by using the single audit system. One of the programs selected for audit for the current year was FEMA. It resulted in a number of very technical findings, most of which were related to the timing of expenditures. For FEMA, reimbursable expenses changed depending on whether the expenditure happened during an emergency or after the emergency. She said there were no findings indicating a not-for-business purpose for any expense.

Ms. O'Carroll stated the findings depended on whether the expenses were in the format allowed by the State for reimbursements because the State acted as the agent of the Federal Government. She said County staff had previously identified many of the items in the findings, had worked with the State, and had reported them to the County.

Ms. O'Carroll introduced the audit staff: Amy Ozuna, who performed the financial audit, and Kurt Schlicker, who performed the Federal grant audit. She thanked her staff and County staff for their work on the audit.

Chair Berkbigler thanked Ms. O'Carroll for the work she did over the years and said she would be missed after her retirement.

There were no public comments on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be acknowledged, approved, and authorized.

**BLOCK VOTE – 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15**

**18-0912**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Acknowledge Publication of Notice of Intent to augment budget and approve attached Resolution to augment the Other Restricted Special Revenue Fund [in the amount of \$89,257.29] to appropriate the May Arboretum Chinese Lantern Festival revenue unbudgeted for Fiscal Year 2019; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget amendments (net impact to Other Restricted Special Revenue Fund is zero). Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter said this item was specifically related to revenue from the Dragon Lights Festival at the May Arboretum the past summer.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be acknowledged, approved, and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0913**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve the resolution to augment the Health Fund in the amount of [\$783,310.11] to increase expenditure authority for Public Health projects for fiscal year 2018-2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments (net impact to General Fund is zero). Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter said this item concerned revenue from regional permitting fees as well as new revenue from hazardous material programs.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0914**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve the resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of [\$825,649.74] to increase expenditure authority for capital projects for fiscal year 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter said Agenda Items 11 and 12 were related to projects funded during the previous fiscal year and were continuing and rolling the funds forward to the next fiscal year.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0915**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve the resolution to augment the Roads Fund in the amount of [\$1,656,355.51] to increase expenditure authority for projects associated with the flood-caused natural disasters declared in January 2017 and February 2017 for fiscal year 2019; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0916**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Jail - Slider Door Actuator Replacement, [staff recommends Southern Folger, in the amount of \$ 293,338.00]. Community Services. (Commission Districts 3.).

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be awarded and approved.

**18-0917**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept the William N. Pennington Foundation grant [in the amount of \$447,715 with a Washoe County cash match in the amount of \$25,000] and approve the Grant Agreement with grant period of one year from notice to proceed; and authorize the Community Services Department Director to sign the Grant Agreement, reports, and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission District 2.).

County Manager John Slaughter noted it was a significant grant but it was also coupled with previous grants the Pennington Foundation made for the Bowers Pool. He stated the pool might not have remained open over the years if not for the Foundation's partnership. It had become a very nice facility and continued to operate because of grants from the Pennington Foundation. He thanked the Foundation for their support.

Commissioner Hartung said Mr. Pennington was a wonderful man and personal friend. He remarked Mr. Pennington did many things for the community and continued to affect the community in positive ways after his passing. He was thankful for the support of the Foundation.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, approved, authorized, and directed.

**18-0918**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to adopt a Resolution declaring a nuisance under Nevada Revised Statutes 244.360 and Washoe County Code Chapters 50 and 125 to declare that a public nuisance exists on private property located on Quartz Lane, Sun Valley, Nevada, at APNs 085-330-19, 085-330-23, and 085-330-20, and to order the person or persons responsible for the nuisance to abate the same. Community Services. (Commission District 5).

Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro noted the Board's decision on November 27 to declare a public nuisance. As required by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 244.360, staff prepared the Resolution declaring the nuisance. He said Board approval of the Resolution would allow staff to move forward with the notice and abatement of the nuisance. He stated the most difficult aspect of the Resolution would be how to deal with similar situations and prevent them in future.

Chair Berkgigler asked Commissioner Herman if she had specific questions about the item. Commissioner Herman responded no but she noted it was a health hazard besides being a nuisance.

Commissioner Hartung asked Mr. Solaro what the path forward was. Mr. Solaro responded staff would work with the District Attorney's Office to find the best path. One option would be for the court to order certain things to happen; another option would be for staff to work through the process directly. He said there were risks associated with either method and it would not be a quick process.

Commissioner Hartung noted the owners of the property were deceased and asked how the abatement would be accomplished. Mr. Solaro replied that, following the proper noticing process for the property, staff identified a funding source to be used and the County would likely perform the abatement.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Eugene Pfennig spoke about egress and ingress issues on Quartz Lane. He said the road meandered into both adjoining properties and did not exactly follow the easement. He stated a television special about garbage dumping on Quartz Lane only exacerbated the issue and it became a public dumping ground. He hoped the Board would pass the Resolution to declare the nuisance and take steps to abate it.

Mr. Ivan Pfennig said the dumping on Quartz Lane obstructed the roadway because things had been deposited almost to the center of the road. He expressed frustration that the County had not abated the Quartz Lane public nuisance but they fined citizens for having unregistered vehicles inside fenced private property. He hoped the Board would take more interest in Sun Valley because there were other low-population density areas in Sun Valley where the public abandoned recreational vehicles.

Commissioner Hartung said Mr. Pfennig's comment about parking unregistered vehicles on private property was salient. Both the Cities of Sparks and Reno allowed unregistered vehicles to be parked on private property but the County did not. He said he would like the Board to review the Code and asked for a future agenda item.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be adopted and ordered. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**18-0919**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to direct staff to submit an application for a \$50-million loan from the State of Nevada Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program on behalf of the Washoe County Utility for construction of the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility 2020 Expansion Phase I Project, Huffaker Hills Reservoir Lining Improvements Project, and the Pleasant Valley Reach 3 Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project; and if approved, designate the County Manager as Washoe County's representative to sign all related SRF loan documents. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith said County staff had initiated facility planning work for waste water treatment plant facilities and collection systems in response to the Board's strategic goals. Due to new development, staff planned for expansions and alternatives, identifying multiple projects. He said current fee structures and connection fees were used to make enhancements and build capacity, but the cost for new infrastructure, expansions to facilities, and alternatives for managing effluent was very expensive.

Mr. Smith said Washoe County utilities used Clean Water State Revolving Fund loans in the past to expand while carrying the cost over time. Agenda Item 16 sought approval to submit an application for \$50 million from the revolving fund to proceed with specific projects in the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (STMWRF). He outlined three goals for the funds. The first was to increase treatment capacity in the treatment facility and allow for new process improvements to be built which would identify water quality and create opportunities for class A+ effluent management. The second was a third lining project for the Huffaker Hills Reservoir, which was used to store water during the winter. The third goal was the Pleasant Valley Reach 3 Interceptor project, which included conveyance lines, interceptors, and a lift

station. He stated the three projects were necessary to meet the demand for new development.

Mr. Smith said the County had a good history with the State revolving loan program staff and had worked with them on the details of the application.

Commissioner Lucey inquired what the present capacity was for STMWRF. Mr. Smith replied the permitted capacity was 4.1 million gallons per day. Commissioner Lucey asked what percentage of capacity the plant was operating at. Mr. Smith replied the present day flow was between 3.4 and 3.5 million gallons per day. He said the present flow was at a threshold which triggered a State requirement to provide a plan for new development responsiveness. He noted part of the plan at STMWRF was effluent management both with the Huffaker Reservoir lining and working toward a Phase 2 project for class A+ effluent management.

Commissioner Lucey clarified the present flow was at 85 percent of capacity as per the staff report. Mr. Smith responded there were times when the flow went above or below the percentage but it stayed approximately at 85 percent. He said the permit for STMWRF did not allow effluent to be discharged into the Truckee River. All effluent needed to be managed at the facility so it was vital to include the effluent management projects.

Commissioner Lucey asked how much of the water treated at STMWRF was serviced for the City of Reno versus the County. Mr. Smith replied about two thirds to three quarters of the flow was from City of Reno residents. Commissioner Lucey said one challenge was that effluent going out must be managed. He noted nitrate levels were increasing. He asked whether the expansion would address nitrate levels and improve water quality. Mr. Smith replied a portion of the improvements would address the quality directly.

Commissioner Hartung said the draft report noted surcharges would be applied to new development at a rate of \$4,204 per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU). The cost was spread over new development but current users would benefit from higher quality water as well. He asked whether the County would raise sewer rates as the City of Sparks had recently done. He believed new development should assume all of their costs and possibly more, but in future there would be a need for upgrades and he wanted to know how staff would respond to that need.

Mr. Smith said all new development paid for connection to the system and the subsequent ability to treat the increased flow. Commissioner Hartung asked if the County paid for interceptors and collectors within a subdivision when a new development was built. Mr. Smith replied in most cases the developer built the infrastructure and then dedicated it to the County for operation, maintenance, and replacement. He said there were also cases where project-specific off-site infrastructure was required and built by the developer. He stated not only did developers pay the connection fees based on Code, they were also responsible for building off-site and on-site infrastructure at their cost and

dedicating it to Washoe County for operation, maintenance, and replacement. Established user fees were used for operation, maintenance, and replacement, not for building new infrastructure.

Commissioner Hartung asked what the water loss was from the Huffaker Reservoir and how much loss would be eliminated by performing the lining project. Mr. Smith said the first lining project alleviated much of the drainage from the bottom of the reservoir. Subsequent projects identified the need to raise the liner. He said the proposed project was the third and final phase of lining, which would reach the top of the reservoir.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be directed and designated.

**18-0920**      **AGENDA ITEM 19** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

**12:12 p.m.**      On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung 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.

**1:30 p.m.**      The Board reconvened with Commissioner Jung absent.

**18-0921**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Hearing and possible action to adopt an ordinance to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 100 Building and Construction, Article 100.100.10) to adopt the following specialized or uniform codes (to replace existing 2012 versions now in effect) pursuant to NRS 244.105 by reference, with any changes necessary to make it applicable to conditions within Washoe County:

- 1) 2018 International Building Code (“IBC First Print”), chapters 1 through 35 and Appendices C, E, and I;
- 2) 2018 International Residential Code (“IRC First Print”), chapters 1 through 44 and Appendices A, B, C, G, H, J, K, and Q;
- 3) 2018 International Existing Building Code (“IEBC First Print”), chapters 1 through 16 and Appendices;
- 4) 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (“IECC First Print”);
- 5) 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (“UPC First Print”), chapters 1 through 17 and Appendices A, B, D, E, I, and L;
- 6) 2018 Uniform Mechanical Code (“UMC First Print”), chapters 1 through 17;
- 7) 2018 International Mechanical Code (“IMC First Print”) chapters 1 through 15;
- 8) 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (“IFGC First Print”), chapters 1 through 8 and Appendix A;

- 9) 2018 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“IWUIC First Print”), chapter 5;
  - 10) 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (“ISPSC First Print”), chapters 1 through 11;
  - 11) 2018 National Fire Protection Association (“NFPA”) 54 and 2017 NFPA 58 Code;
  - 12) 2017 National Electrical Code (“NEC First Print”);
  - 13) 2018 Northern Nevada Amendments by the Northern Nevada Chapter of the International Code Council; and
- Other matters relating to the provisions of Chapter 100, effective July 1, 2019. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1627, Bill No. 1813, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.105.

**18-0922**      **AGENDA ITEM 18** Discussion and possible action on evaluation of Washoe County Manager including but not limited to discussion of goals and results of Annual Evaluation Survey; possible action on increase in base salary effective January 1, 2019 and lump sum bonus pursuant to existing employment agreement to be paid in Pay Period 1 of 2019, and amendments to employment agreement, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary adjustments. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

Acting Human Resources Director Patricia Hurley provided an overview of the performance evaluation process. She stated 44 participants were invited to contribute; of those 32 responses were received. Based on an overall evaluation, County Manager John Slaughter received a rating of 97 percent meets or exceeds expectations.

Commissioner Lucey asked for Mr. Slaughter to speak about his successes, the evaluation process, and his thoughts on the outcome.

Mr. Slaughter was supportive of having a public evaluation because the public deserved to see and hear the evaluation of their County Manager. He noted the added division directors and community stakeholders for this year’s evaluation resulted in a better response rate. He referenced the list of County accomplishments and said they were employee accomplishments, not his own; he would mention every employee if he could.

Mr. Slaughter mentioned several accomplishments he was particularly proud of: community outreach programs, specifically Washoe 311; the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus achievement spearheaded by Amber Howell; and

receiving national recognition in the form of the Lifesaver Award for the Sober 24 Program. He reiterated he did not take credit for the accomplishments; he recognized they were a result of the Board's leadership and work done by division directors and all 2700 Washoe County employees.

Chair Berkgigler said the Board was successful because Mr. Slaughter had a great team and was a great leader. She received several emails from employees asking the Board to take good care of him so he would remain with the County a long time. She was honored to work with him and appreciated his being there.

Commissioner Lucey felt it was important to note the only true employee of the County Commission, which was a Board of elected officials, was Mr. Slaughter. He said Mr. Slaughter had a tremendous load to carry as the conduit to the 24 departments and more than 2600 County employees. Mr. Slaughter had to be intelligent, aware, versed in multiple aspects of the job, and able to handle the many challenging issues that arose. He said the job was not pre-described and often changed from day to day. It took a strong leader to guide an institution and take direction from the Board. He said it was impressive that Washoe County accomplished so many things that had been acknowledged nationwide. He stated Mr. Slaughter put his heart and soul into the job and the level of commitment helped the County stand out.

Commissioner Lucey said there were always challenges and room for improvement. He asked whether the performance feedback felt valid to Mr. Slaughter and if there were things he wanted to work on or change.

Mr. Slaughter replied there were regional partners involved in the evaluation and he recognized there was always room for improvement on collaboration and inclusiveness in the decision making process. He said some comments from evaluators were about including regional partners earlier in regional project processes. It was certainly one area he recognized he could improve on.

Commissioner Lucey said he enjoyed working with Mr. Slaughter and he felt the helm was in good hands. He wished him continued success and said he would support Mr. Slaughter for as many years as he was willing to offer.

Commissioner Hartung stated Mr. Slaughter was available and open. He received timely responses from Mr. Slaughter even during off hours and weekends. Mr. Slaughter was always available to all employees regardless of the level of the employee. He commended Mr. Slaughter for attributing the year's accomplishments to staff and for being open to ideas and direction from staff. He said Mr. Slaughter surrounded himself with very intelligent people, which was a sign of a good leader. He stated everyone made mistakes but the mark of a good leader was learning from mistakes; Mr. Slaughter never failed to learn from a mistake. He commended Mr. Slaughter for his accomplishments and the staff he assembled, and he looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Herman thanked Mr. Slaughter for always having an answer or a promise to find it, for his patience, his steadfast leadership, willingness to listen, and for being who he was. She said she was proud to know him.

Chair Berkgigler said the Board had the option of accepting Mr. Slaughter's evaluation and offering him a raise, which he said he did not want. Mr. Slaughter did receive a raise the previous year. The Board could give him a bonus of up to 10 percent which was what he received the previous year.

Commissioner Herman suggested a little of both. Commissioner Lucey said there was no disputing Mr. Slaughter's leadership ability but as public servants they needed to preserve the finances of the County. He said a bonus might be more fitting if Mr. Slaughter did not want a raise.

Mr. Slaughter confirmed he was not seeking a raise. He said the previous year's performance bonus was very generous and he did not believe the Board needed to go to that level. If he was given a bonus he would like to donate 10 percent of the bonus to the Washoe County Leadership Program.

Commissioner Hartung asked Ms. Hurley whether Mr. Slaughter received longevity pay in addition to his 2.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Ms. Hurley replied Mr. Slaughter received 30 year longevity pay which was \$3,000. The longevity pay was paid in two equal payments, one in June and one in December. Commissioner Hartung asked whether Mr. Slaughter also received the annual increase that all employees received. Ms. Hurley responded yes.

Commissioner Hartung suggested a 5 percent lump sum bonus. Commissioner Lucey suggested a 7.5 percent lump sum bonus. Commissioner Hartung, Commissioner Herman, and Chair Berkgigler agreed to the amount.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli stated Mr. Slaughter was working under an employment agreement which extended to the year 2021. He noted the lump sum bonus was within the confines of the employment agreement. He asked the Board and Mr. Slaughter to confirm that no amendments or changes would be made to the employment agreement.

Chair Berkgigler confirmed no changes to the employment agreement were required. Mr. Slaughter replied he did not seek any changes to the employment agreement. Commissioner Hartung stated he read the employment contract and did not see the need for any changes.

Mr. Slaughter reiterated he wanted 10 percent of his bonus to go to the County Leadership Program.

There was no public comment on this item.

Mr. Slaughter thanked his executive team: Assistant County Managers Christine Vuletich, Dave Solaro, and Kate Thomas, Communications Director Nancy Leuenhagen, and Assistant to the County Manager Marilyn Kramer. He said the accomplishments of the year were the result of a team effort and the named individuals made it all work.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Mr. Slaughter be awarded a one-time bonus of 7.5 percent of his annual salary, with 10 percent of that bonus to be reallocated to the Washoe County Leadership Program.

**18-0923      AGENDA ITEM 20 Public Comment.**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**18-0924      AGENDA ITEM 21 Announcements/Reports.**

County Manager John Slaughter referred to Commissioner Herman's comments about meeting rules and procedures used by the Board. He said the staff would draft some minor changes to the rules and procedures to reflect current practices. The draft of changes would be an item on the December 18 agenda. He noted other suggestions the Board might have about changes to rules and procedures would be discussed then.

Mr. Slaughter said he provided each Commissioner a list of department assignments for the Assistant County Managers and the County Manager. The list included the departments overseen by each, the departments they served as a liaison to, and an organization chart. He stated the chart was a good guide of who to contact when dealing with constituent issues. He noted Washoe 311 was the best system for responding to constituent concerns, requests, and questions. Using the Washoe 311 system served to track the issue as it was resolved. He prompted everyone to utilize the system either by calling Washoe 311 or by logging into the system.

Commissioner Lucey said at the most recent Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (RSCVA) meeting they discussed tearing down the exhibition hall at the Reno Livestock Events Center because of issues with the facility. The decision was vetted by the Reno Rodeo Association and other individuals who worked on the facility. He stated the decision would prove to be beneficial for the rodeo because it would provide more flexible space. The armory was another facility considered for demolition. He felt the armory should be torn down because of the challenges involved with the facility and to allow for future growth.

Commissioner Lucey mentioned the RSCVA lost the Interbike Show due to internal challenges within the industry. He said the RSCVA would continue to try to procure more large business. Depending on the direction of Legislature he hoped the

RSCVA would move forward with plans for expansion of the Convention Center and expansion of business in order to stay competitive.

Commissioner Lucey welcomed Councilman Delgado from the City of Reno to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Board. He anticipated a public forum would be scheduled early in 2019 to discuss public transportation within the region. He said the date of the forum would be posted on the RTC website when it was scheduled. He invited the public to attend and provide feedback to help improve public transportation in the region.

Commissioner Hartung said Paul Anderson was appointed to fill Ron Smith’s seat at the latest Sparks City Council meeting. He said he would be attending a discussion at Truckee Meadows Water Authority about effluent management and would report back to the Board.

Commissioner Lucey thanked Washoe County staff for participating in a public meeting the prior week which pertained to Mount Rose Highway. The Nevada Department of Transportation provided the road safety assessment and results for studies they performed. He thanked Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith and Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro for answering questions from concerned residents pertaining to the growth in the south part of the valley. He said there would be subsequent meetings and discussions as the County continued to grow. Public safety was and would continue to be the principal concern at the meetings.

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**2:16 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**MARSHA BERKBIGLER**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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**NANCY PARENT**, County Clerk and  
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