

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 11, 2019

PRESENT:

**Vaughn Hartung, Chair**

**Bob Lucey, Vice Chair**

**Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner**

**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**

**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**

**John Slaughter, County Manager**

**Paul Lipparelli, Assistant District Attorney**

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 Hartung mentioned June 6, 2019 was the 75th anniversary of D-Day. He spoke about the Allied invasion of Normandy and said 4,414 men died on June 6, 1944 so freedom would not. He asked for a moment of silence for all veterans and active military. There followed a moment of silence.

**19-0431**     **AGENDA ITEM 3**     Appearance: Sean Gephart, Noxious Weed Coordinator, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Presentation and update for noxious weed control.

Sean Gephart, Noxious Weed Coordinator with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Noxious Weeds Informative Update; State Laws Regulating Noxious Weeds (2 slides); Washoe County Noxious Weeds Data; Washoe County Weed Distribution; Identified Noxious Weeds (3 slides); State and County Collaboration (3 slides); Challenges County Weed Crews Face; and Resources are needed.

Mr. Gephart said there were 54 weeds on the NDA's list of noxious weeds. Seven additional species were added to the list the previous fall. He explained three new species were winter annual grasses in northern Nevada, two were specific to southern Nevada, and two were aquatic species potentially threatening Lake Tahoe and other bodies of water throughout the state. He highlighted a distinction between a noxious weed and an invasive species was that a noxious weed was not so widespread it was impossible to control. He noted many people believed cheatgrass was a noxious weed but

it was too widespread to expect any level of control so it was an invasive species. He stated Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 555.150 expected effort be made to prevent noxious weeds from spreading. He indicated noxious weeds were placed in one of three categories based on how widespread they were. He mentioned 80 percent of noxious weeds were introduced through the horticultural industry because they were beautiful but they had escaped and naturalized. He noted three priority weeds were yellow starthistle, purple loosestrife, and medusahead. He expressed concern about the rapid spread of yellow starthistle because he believed it contributed to the California wildfires and was challenging to control.

Mr. Gephart said Governor Kenny Guinn introduced a Noxious Weeds Cost Share Abatement Program in 2004. The program allowed the County to perform abatement on uncontrolled noxious weeds and the State covered up to 80 percent of the cost. The County had to put a lien on the property and would need to reimburse the State if the property was sold. He mentioned the NDA was developing a Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA) which would encompass Storey and Washoe Counties. The CWMA was a conglomerate of private citizens, public land owners, and weed management professionals. He said they would be able to apply for grants to pay for the weed abatement by focusing on noxious weed infestation. He mentioned the NDA had a Weed-Free Gravel and Weed-Free Hay Certification Program to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds. The program involved inspecting and certifying the products of gravel or forage producers who wanted to sell to federally-funded projects. He spoke about some of the challenges involved in the control of noxious weeds.

Commissioner Jung asked how the NDA balanced the need to control noxious weeds with the safety of the community from the use of chemicals. Mr. Gephart replied he tried to ensure private owners implemented the most efficient means possible to effectively control noxious weeds; using chemicals was not enforced and was not always the best option. He explained an annual weed could be mowed before it went to seed and no chemicals would be needed. Regarding the environment, he noted letting noxious weeds grow created a fire hazard.

Commissioner Jung said Sun Valley had a significant weed problem and eradication control because residents owned their own ditches. She inquired whether the NDA worked with Fire Prevention or with the Wildland-Urban Interface to clear areas like Sun Valley. She felt Sun Valley posed a high risk of fire because there were many mobile homes which burned very quickly. She inquired how she would get the NDA and other grant funders to clean up an area that had noxious weeds. She noted Sun Valley residents had limited income and many were elderly and could not do the abatement work. She asked whether the NDA had any solutions or whether the County should begin working on one. Mr. Gephart replied the first step was to ensure the weeds were noxious weeds. There were only 54 designated noxious weeds, many of which were aquatic or grasses. According to NRS, abatement was the responsibility of the property owner if it was a noxious weed. He tried to provide assistance to property owners without means to perform the abatement. He stated he had not communicated with any Commissioner directly but worked with Parks Operations Superintendent Colleen Wallace-Barnum

frequently. He said he would work with any Commissioner who was interested. He noted there was an active Cooperative Weed Association in Gerlach and he wanted to attend some of their meetings. Commissioner Jung suggested touring some areas of concern and developing a plan, perhaps using Job Corp students for the labor.

Commissioner Herman referred to the map of noxious weeds in the presentation and noted the dots were all in populated areas. She conjectured seeds were spread by attaching themselves to shoes and car tires. She observed there were less noxious weeds in the northern part of the county because ranchers were the stewards of the land and knew how to take care of it. Mr. Gephart stated the northern part of the state had not been thoroughly surveyed but he agreed residents in rural areas saw the monetary value of addressing noxious weed issues which impacted agricultural lands.

**19-0432**      **AGENDA ITEM 4**      Appearance: Kara Housby, Development Coordinator Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Presentation and update on results from the Waste Characterization Study.

Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) Executive Director, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Lemmon Valley, November 2013; Lemmon Valley, Military Road, November 2018; Hidden Valley, 2006; Hidden Valley, November 2018; Damonte Ranch, 2011; Damonte Ranch, November 2018; Great Community Clean Up; Litter Survey 2018; Managing and monitoring Adopt-A-Spot litter removal; Available Adopt-An-Open-Space Sites; Adopt-A-Spot Map; Christmas Tree Recycling; KTMB Community Education; KTMB Recycling Guide; KTMB online education; a slide with statistics; Washoe County Health District; Methodology; Sample Cell Selection; two slides of images; Incline, Stead & Sage Spring & Fall Data Results (2 slides); Telegraph Transfer Station Spring & Fall Data Results; Study Highlights; Self-Haul Findings; C&D Findings; and Recommendations (2 slides).

Ms. Cakiroglu displayed images of illegal dumping sites in Lemmon Valley, Hidden Valley, and Damonte Ranch. She noted significant improvement at the historic illegal dump sites was due to development. She said KTMB continued to organize great community clean up events and had been getting considerable volunteer involvement. She noted the community's Litter Survey score improved from 2 to 1.6 in 2018. She mentioned the Adopt-A-Spot program continued to operate through funding from the Washoe County Health District (WCHD). The program included road-side clean up, Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-An-Open Space, and Adopt-A-River. She noted the area most in need of adopters was Adopt-An-Open Space. She mentioned the Christmas tree recycling event would run for two weeks and two days in 2019. She indicated education had become a big focus for KTMB with outreach efforts reaching over 5,000 kids and expanding to the Spanish speaking community.

Ms. Cakiroglu explained the waste characterization study conducted by the WCHD the previous year included samples from spring and fall, which were used to analyze waste going to the landfill. The study showed more than half of the waste sent to

the landfill could be processed in different ways. She mentioned the results of the study were on the WCHD's website. She said education was the primary recommendation. She hoped to spark discussions within the community about diverting some recoverable materials.

Commissioner Jung commended Ms. Cakiroglu for raising awareness in the community. As a Master Gardner through the University of Nevada, Reno, Cooperative Extension, she mentioned composting in the community was very challenging because of the climate. She noted there was a new business in town called Down to Earth Composting that collected compostable waste on bikes for a fee and gave the compost back afterwards. She asked whether there were rules concerning people being on hand at transfer stations and dumps to reclaim waste or whether Waste Management disapproved of that practice. She thought it could be a source of materials for Burning Man projects. Ms. Cakiroglu responded waste became the property of Waste Management when it reached the curbside. Commissioner Jung stated discussing a cooperative agreement with Waste Management might be worthwhile. She noted Waste Management owned the dump so they had no incentive for diverting waste. She thanked Ms. Cakiroglu for the work she did.

Chair Hartung mentioned there used to be a dump site in the area off of Vista Boulevard and Los Altos Parkway in the City of Sparks where a subdivision and elementary school had since been built.

**19-0433      AGENDA ITEM 5 Public Comment.**

Mr. Robert Parker spoke about the importance of high morale when leading a large team of people. He stated one of the Commissioners had recently made accusations which appeared to be intended to reduce the morale of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) personnel. He noted there had been no allegations of poor fire safety performance, only personal attacks toward TMFPD Chief Charles Moore and senior personnel. He spoke about the high level of service offered by the TMFPD and conjectured about the political motivations of the accusations. He stated it was a matter of life and death and asked the Commissioner to recuse herself from any further interaction with TMFPD staff.

Mr. Gerry Mifsud was called but was not present to speak.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still expressed frustration because the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) had a meeting the previous day but staff had double-booked the secretary. Citizens at the CAB meeting had no secretary, no sign-in sheets, and no way to document their views about a project. She displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She indicated the images were of water in the culvert on Idaho Street in Lemmon Valley. She said the water was not running from residences, it was coming from under the road as a result of the elevation of Lemmon Drive. She stated it had been leaking for some time and something needed to be done.

Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke about her dissatisfaction with Walmart, Summit Church, waiting at traffic lights, child support issues, the Washoe County School District, and Truckee Meadows Community College. She said she would say no to everything on the meeting agenda.

Ms. Rebecca Goff spoke regarding Agenda Item 12. She indicated she sought the appointment to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Board because she had loved animal all her life. She had dedicated her career to helping animals and had experience being an advocate and community leader.

Mr. Sam Dehne spoke about the Reno media, the combined dollar amount of the items listed on the meeting agenda, the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors' Authority, and the Wildcreek High School project.

Mr. Richard Bayquen spoke about the Barracuda golf tournament, stating his residence was across the street from the vacant lot used for staging, storing, catering, bus loading/unloading, ticket sales, and restrooms for the tournament. He stated the activity had caused significant disruption the previous summer. He indicated he met with Chris Hoff, Executive Director for the tournament, and Bryce Leon, Director of Operations for the tournament. He said Mr. Hoff and Mr. Leon took his concerns seriously and made alternate arrangements. He submitted a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk, which outlined those arrangements. He thanked Planning Manager Chad Giesinger for his help on the matter.

Mr. Gerry Mifsud displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He spoke about a party he was organizing for seniors on July 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Paradise Park. He stated the Sierra Arts Foundation was his fiscal agent. He said he received money from City of Reno Councilmembers Oscar Delgado and Bonnie Weber and Reno City Mayor Hillary Schieve. He indicated there would be music, food trucks, and senior services and organizations at the event. He hoped to empower seniors to seek out and help other seniors. He thanked Commissioner Jung for her generous donation of \$500.

**19-0434      AGENDA ITEM 6 Announcements/Reports.**

Chair Hartung requested a future agenda item about the possibility of placing deed restrictions on what was left of Wildcreek Golf Course to ensure it remained a golf course, park, or open space into perpetuity.

Commissioner Jung supported the request. She thought the Board needed to show good faith to constituents who paid a premium to live on a golf course and provide assurance there would be no future changes. She said the Board realized it was a big change for them. She thought residents understood it was a necessary change but they wanted to be able to predict their life as it went forward.

Commissioner Jung mentioned she attended the Eddy House press conference on May 30 to announce they had found a facility for homeless youths which would have 54 beds and be open 24 hours a day every day of the year. They were currently open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. She mentioned she and her husband donated \$1,000 to the Eddy House two years earlier to begin the fundraising momentum. She had asked for donations to the shelter in lieu of birthday gifts for herself in the past. She encouraged others to go see the shelter. She noted the youth shelter was purposely kept separate from other homeless shelters because youths were different from other homeless individuals and were usually very vulnerable. She said the theory was homelessness could be eradicated forever if it was eradicated during people's youth. She expressed pride for representing the Board at the opening of the facility.

Commissioner Herman quoted one item on the County's strategic direction plan: "Elevating the quality of life so our community is a great place for everyone to live, regardless of means". She thought it was a powerful goal if it could be accomplished. She said she received a request from Air Sailing Inc. that Winnemucca Ranch Road be graded because they were hosting many events and the gliders were fragile. She thought it was a good time of year for it to be done. She mentioned she received several calls from constituents regarding the meeting agenda because the combined items dealt with a significant amount of money. Taxpayers worried about the expenditures which were sometimes simple but not explained clearly on the agenda. She noted she previously requested three items be agendaized and thought they needed to be discussed and either approved or disapproved. The items were the reservoir on the east side of Swan Lake, the second amendment sanctuary County designation, and a moratorium on building.

In reference to Commissioner Jung's update about the Eddy House, Commissioner Lucey expressed admiration about the advances the community and the region were making in approaching vulnerable citizens and homelessness. He conveyed pride about the steps taken by the County at the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) campus. He noted the County had taken the leadership role through the Community Homeless Advisory Board (CHAB), which the County would run for the following year. It would be the organization which would bring the region together as a whole to address homelessness and the next steps to help those individuals. He noted the NNAMHS campus alone would not solve homelessness. He asserted a continuum of care and an ability to approach the issue from a number of different facets were necessary. He thanked the Eddy House, the community, and faith-based communities who were helping drive the message forward. He stated it would take a collaborative effort to really address homelessness but he thought the NNAMHS campus was a good first step. He requested the County put together a task force outside of the CHAB because he thought it would take concerted efforts to address the issue going forward. He said there was a difference between action and going through the motions, which did not necessarily get anything done. He stated he would be happy to participate in any group work and said there were many people willing to contribute to help address the issue. He noted there was no

accountability at the homeless shelter, which was not under the purview of the County, and the existing challenges needed to be addressed going forward.

Commissioner Lucey said he had been participating in the opportunity zones (OZs) in northern Nevada. He requested staff investigate a software tool called ZoomProspector developed by GIS Planning, Inc. The software could integrate with the County's geographic information system to identify parcels located within OZs. He was interested in learning whether integrating the software was possible.

Commissioner Jung supported considering the software because the OZ program was for people looking for a tax shelter. It was a bipartisan, federally-supported program that reduced blight because people invested in areas where other investors were not willing to take the risk. She said OZs mitigated risk and offset capital gains for ten years, which was why it was supported almost unanimously at the federal level. She thought some opportunities were not pursued because the process was not streamlined. She said she received calls from across the country asking whether areas of the County were located in OZs but there was no easy way to tell. She believed the program was being extended using model communities to make the case for continuing the program and she wanted the County to be one of those communities.

Commissioner Jung mentioned the 2019 Artown book was available and noted she would mail them out upon request. She noted the County had been a major supporter of Artown for several years because Commissioners thought it was something worthwhile in the community. She highlighted the art trail, created in a partnership between Artown, Washoe County, and Burning Man which brought art to many different mediums. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of Artown events and noted most were free and open to the public.

Chair Hartung stated he, County Manager John Slaughter, and Assistant County Managers Kate Thomas and Christine Vuletich had attended the Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy graduation on June 10, 2019. He said 22 cadets graduated and would go to the Sheriff's Office, the Reno Police Department, the Sparks Police Department, University of Nevada, Reno Police, and Juvenile Services. He remarked City of Sparks Police Chief Brian Allen gave a keynote speech to the graduating officers, which included his son, on the last day before his retirement.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

**19-0435**      **7A** Proclamation thanking John Slaughter for his 33 years of public service.

The Board presented a video showcasing County Manager John Slaughter's service to Washoe County.

Chair Hartung recounted the first time he met Mr. Slaughter in the 1990s through an early Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) training program. He noted Mr. Slaughter had accomplished many things and had been a great friend and mentor. He read the Proclamation. He presented the Proclamation and a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Slaughter.

Mr. Slaughter thanked his wife and sons for their support throughout his career. He thanked the Commissioners for their leadership and dedication to public service, although their sacrifices were not always appreciated. He expressed gratitude to the County management team, Department Directors, and the Assistant County Managers. He asserted the County had the best management team in public service. He stated he believed Washoe County employees were the heart of the organization. County employees worked 24 hours per day, seven days a week to serve the public of Washoe County and should not be overlooked. He noted his management philosophy had been to give initial direction, a possible outcome, get out of the way, and thank staff for what they did. He thanked the employees of Washoe County for their work and said nothing would be achieved without them.

Commissioner Herman mentioned Mr. Slaughter was the only County Manager she had worked with and thanked him for showing her what the County Commission did. She said he would be missed.

Commissioner Berkgigler expressed appreciation for Mr. Slaughter's leadership and the guidance he provided during her time on the County Commission. She said he would be missed and thanked Mrs. Slaughter for sharing him with the County.

Commissioner Jung wished Mr. Slaughter happy trails and hoped he would have the opportunity to explore the difficult hikes and mountains where he felt rejuvenated. She acknowledged working for five elected officials could be challenging and time consuming. She surmised he would continue to serve the public because it was part of who he was. She echoed Commissioner Berkgigler's sentiment thanking Mrs. Slaughter for allowing the County to have so much of Mr. Slaughter's time. She thanked Mr. Slaughter for doing so much for women.

Commissioner Lucey stated Mr. Slaughter had been a mentor and friend during the previous five years. He noted Mr. Slaughter's family had made tremendous sacrifices and put a significant amount of time into his career. He said the Commissioners agreed with the sentiment that Mr. Slaughter had always put the organization first and always tried to ensure the County served the half million citizens of the County well. He

asserted the County owed him a debt of gratitude and he wished him joy in his retirement.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Sam Dehne said he nominated Mr. Slaughter to be County Manager several years before because he knew Mr. Slaughter would do a good job. He spoke about Reno media and the video commemorating Mr. Slaughter's tenure.

Ms. Elise Weatherly said Mr. Slaughter made a good decision by getting a government job. She spoke about government jobs and the Public Employees' Retirement System, child support, and the Truckee Meadows Community College High School. She indicated she would excuse herself from Board meetings in the future because she was not being heard by the Board.

On motion by Commissioner Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7A be adopted.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 8A THROUGH 8F4**

**19-0436**      **8A** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

**19-0437**      **8B** Recommendation to approve grant funds from the State of Nevada, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission For Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation in the amount of [\$10,632; no County match] for a grant term beginning July 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020, for Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Library Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (Commission District 3.)

**19-0438**      **8C1** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Crystal Peak Park Improvement Project [staff recommends Spanish Springs Construction Inc. in the amount of \$114,444.00]; and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriation transfers [net impact to County budget is zero]. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

- 19-0439**      **8C2** Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$20,986.81 with no County match] for Fiscal Year 2019 from the USDA Forest Service, received under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act) for the benefit of public schools and roads within Washoe County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0440**      **8C3** Recommendation to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement for Contractual Professional and Administrative Staff Services between the Western Regional Water Commission and Washoe County to reimburse the Community Services Department for staff services provided to the Western Regional Water Commission and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0441**      **8C4** Recommendation to approve a Standard Industrial/Commercial Multi-Tenant Lease between Washoe County and Los Angeles Iron & Steel Company, for continued occupancy of warehouse premises for the Health District Vector Program located at 405 Western Road, Reno, Nevada, for a 60 month term, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 [\$37,440.00 annually with a 3% annual increase and \$55.00 per month for common area operating expenses]; and if approved, authorize Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to execute the Lease. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)
- 19-0442**      **8C5** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of University of Nevada, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, commencing June 11, 2019 through December 31, 2022, to provide for the Regional Category A+ Reclaimed Water Program Coordination Project [not to exceed \$106,859]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0443**      **8D1** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of University of Nevada, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, commencing June 11, 2019 through December 31, 2022, to provide for the Regional Category A+ Reclaimed Water Program Coordination Project [not to exceed \$106,859]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0444**      **8D2** Recommendation to approve a grant award to Artown in the amount of [\$25,000] and approve Resolutions necessary for same. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

- 19-0445**      **8E1** Recommendation to approve the Sheriff's Security Agreement between the Hyatt Regency - Lake Tahoe and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [no charge to the County] during requested Hyatt Events, retroactively from May 1, 2019 through January 1, 2022 to be held at the Hyatt Regency - Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Washoe County. Sheriff. (Commission District One.)
- 19-0446**      **8E2** Recommendation to approve the Inter-local Agreement between the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno Police Services and Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to establish a multijurisdictional SWAT Team. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0447**      **8E3** Recommendation to approve Sheriff's Security Agreement between the Incline Community Business Association (ICBA) and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [costs to be reimbursed by the Incline Community Business Association] during requested Incline Community Business Association Events, retroactively from May 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 to be held at various locations in Incline Village, Washoe County. Sheriff. (Commission District One.)
- 19-0448**      **8F1** Recommendation to approve a supplemental award for the FY19 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) grant from the State Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to support food costs for senior congregate and home delivered meals in the amount of [\$79,102.00; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant documents, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0449**      **8F2** Recommendation to approve amendments totaling an increase of [\$75,612.04] in both revenue and expense (no match required) for the FY18/19 Medical Marijuana Grant IO #11465; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

**19-0450**      **8F3** Recommendation to approve amendment #1 to the 2019 Interlocal Agreement to Use Account for Low-Income Housing Welfare Set-Aside Funds by Washoe County between Washoe County and the Nevada housing Division of the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry providing a supplemental increase in the amount of [\$45,130.00; no county match required] to provide emergency housing assistance retroactive from April 15, 2019 through June 30, 2021; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

**19-0451**      **8F4** Recommendation to approve amendments totaling an increase for (1) the FY19 Congregate Meals Grant IO #11510 in the amount of [\$46,421.56] in both revenue and expense (no additional match required); and (2) the FY19 Home Delivered Meals Grant IO #11508 in the amount of [\$107,236.41] in both revenue and expense (no additional match required); and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly said she would vote ‘no’ on Consent Agenda Items 8B, 8C1, 8C2, 8C5, 8D2, 8F1, 8F2, and 8F3. She stated the County had no money to spend on programs that would not work. She spoke about using discretion when spending money.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A through 8F4 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A through 8F4 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**BLOCK VOTE - 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25**

**19-0452**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to acknowledge the grant award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to the Second Judicial District Court, in the amount of [\$369,804 No Match Required], to support the Specialty Court programs, effective retroactively May 31, 2019 through May 30, 2020, and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.).

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly said she would not support Agenda Item 13 because she believed people who took drugs did so voluntarily. She spoke about accountability and researching options for the best return on investment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be acknowledged and directed.

**19-0453**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [\$1,225,000] for unbudgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2019; approve cross function appropriation transfers of [\$50,000] within the General Fund required to move savings from one function to another function so as to bring the budget authority to the level of anticipated actual expenditures required for Fiscal Year 2019; and, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate appropriation transfers prior to June 30, 2019 (net impact to County is zero). Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.).  
There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved and directed.

**19-0454**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 3086-19 for Medical Services-Washoe County Personnel to the lowest, responsive, responsible proposer, ARC Health and Wellness, [in the estimated annual amount of \$216,030.00], on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute a three year agreement, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, with two one-year renewal option, at the discretion of the County. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be awarded and authorized.

**19-0455**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to: 1) approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. [not to exceed \$173,000.00] for on-call survey map review services for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; and if approved, 2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to issue a multi-year purchase order to cover the specified services for a one-year period with two additional one-year renewal options [not to exceed \$200,000.00 annually]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be approved and authorized.

**19-0456**      **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to: 1) approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. [not to exceed \$179,472.00] for On-Call Building Permit Review Services for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; and if approved, 2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to issue a multi-year purchase order to cover the specified services for a one-year period with two additional one-year renewal options [not to exceed \$200,000.00 annually]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved and authorized.

**19-0457**      **AGENDA ITEM 19** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Consulting Engineering Services between Washoe County and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., to provide feasibility study engineering services for the Steamboat Lift Station Upgrade project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [\$176,804]. Community Services. (Commission District 2.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved.

**19-0458**      **AGENDA ITEM 20** Recommendation to approve a sole source designation and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to issue purchase orders [in excess of \$100,000] to Sierra Control Systems, Inc. for preventative maintenance, repair, replacement, emergency electrical service, and purchase of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems for the Washoe County Community Services Department Utility Operations annually through FY21. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 20 be approved.

**19-0459**      **AGENDA ITEM 21** Recommendation to approve Amendment #1 to a Memorandum of Understanding, A Contract Between the State of Nevada Acting by and Through its Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Washoe County, a Political Subdivision of the State of Nevada Acting by and Through its Community Services Department-Regional Parks and Open Space to extend the funding arrangement on State Question 1 projects through June 30, 2020; and if approved, authorize Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to executed the Amendment. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 21 be approved and authorized.

**19-0460**      **AGENDA ITEM 22** Recommendation to approve the Resolution to augment the Equipment Services Fund in the amount of [\$494,267] to increase fiscal year 2019 budget authority for various operating expenses; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 22 be approved and directed.

**19-0461**      **AGENDA ITEM 23** Recommendation to approve the Resolution to augment the Utilities Fund in the amount of [\$1,837,572] to increase fiscal year 2019 budget authority for the write-off of construction in progress related to the Pleasant Valley Interceptor Project; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 23 be approved and directed.

**19-0462**      **AGENDA ITEM 24** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Jacobs Engineering Group, commencing June 11, 2019 through August 31, 2020, to provide Phase 1 design engineering services for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation 2020 Facility Expansion Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [\$1,530,922]. Community Services. (Commission District 2.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 24 be approved.

**19-0463**      **AGENDA ITEM 25** Recommendation to authorize payment to the City of Reno [in the amount of \$603,271.80] for the disposal of treated effluent from the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility diverted to the City of Reno sanitary sewer collection system. Community Services. (Commission District 2.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 25 be authorized.

**19-0464**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to adopt an ordinance designated by the short title "2019A&B RSCVA Ratification Ordinance"; consenting and agreeing to be bound by the provisions of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority's resolution authorizing the issuance of the Washoe County Nevada Taxable/Tax-Exempt General Obligation (Limited Tax) Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority Refunding Bonds (Additionally Secured with Pledge Revenues), Series 2019A&Bin the combined aggregated principal amount not to exceed [\$70,000,000; ratifying action taken, approving and confirming action to be taken in the Authority's financing and in the imposition, collection, and assignment of room taxes and the pledge of such taxes to said bonds; prescribing other details in connection therewith; and providing for its adoption as if an emergency exists and the effective date. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.).

County Clerk Nancy Parent read the title for Bill No. 1825, Ordinance No. 1636.

Assistant County Manager Christine Vuletich stated the item was a bond refunding of an existing bond originally issued to build the expansion of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) in 2000. She said the item would be the third refunding of the bond. She indicated the purpose of refunding was to save money by taking advantage of existing low interest rates. She stated the debt was primarily paid from room taxes. The County had a general obligation, which was the reason for the ordinance to ratify a Resolution adopted by the RSCVA Board on April 25, 2019. She noted a two-thirds majority was needed for the Board to ratify the Resolution. She mentioned the refunding would not change the final maturity date of the bond, which would be in July of 2032. She said the bond was a private placement. Six bids were received from different banks in response to the request for financing. The savings estimate had originally been between \$4.8 to \$6.8 million over the life of the refunding, but it increased to more than \$8 million based on the 2.68 percent interest rate.

Chair Hartung clarified that no general Washoe County taxpayer dollars had been used to pay the bond. Ms. Vuletich confirmed that was correct, it was funded by room tax.

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Chair Hartung asked Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli for the parameters when introducing and adopting an ordinance at the same meeting. Mr. Lipparelli replied it was the usual practice in the adoption of bond ordinances because the delay between first and second readings of an ordinance could be disadvantageous for the marketing of the bond. He said it was a specific provision allowed for by state statute for the adoption of bond ordinances.

Commissioner Herman asked whether the bond was in default. Ms. Vuletich replied there was no default as the bonds had been paid over the years. The purpose was to refinance the bond and save money for the RSCVA. Commissioner Herman inquired whether the Board oversaw this. Commissioner Lucey confirmed that was correct.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1636, Bill No. 1825, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**19-0465**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Discussion and possible direction to appoint David Solaro Interim County Manager effective June 14, 2019 and until such time as a permanent County Manager is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, and provide that the compensation shall be 10% above the compensation of the Assistant County Manager or set the compensation for the interim. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.).

Human Resources Director Patricia Hurley indicated the role of the Interim County Manager was to keep the County moving in the same direction until a permanent County Manager was appointed. She noted an Interim County Manager was necessary because the recruitment for County Manager was being performed by a third party. She said the Commissioners provided recommendations for the appointment and all three Assistant County Managers were considered. She stated Assistant County Managers Kate Thomas and Christine Vuletich opted out of consideration for the position.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly thanked Mr. Solaro for stepping into the interim position and hoped he would consider taking on the position permanently. She spoke about hotels, the room tax, and the entertainment industry. She hoped the Board would find a County Manager who would say ‘no’ sometimes.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that David Solaro be appointed Interim County Manager effective June 14, 2019 until such time as a permanent County Manager was appointed and provide that the compensation should be 10% above the compensation of the Assistant County Manager.

**19-0466**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Presentation and discussion on Washoe County’s plans for the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.).

Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Northern Nevada Mental Health System; Project History – 2018; Project History – 2019; Construction Schedule; NNAMHS Campus Parcel Map; Vulnerable Populations Strategic Goal; Project Population Impact/Data; and Upcoming Board Items.

Ms. Thomas recounted that the County began working with partners in the region to build a new men’s shelter in 2018. During that time, Human Services Agency (HSA) Director Amber Howell had been re-evaluating how those vulnerable populations were moved and decided to move some services from the Record Street Community Assistance Center facility to under-utilized State buildings on the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) campus.

Ms. Thomas reviewed the project history from 2018 and 2019. She noted the plan had been for at-risk populations to begin occupation before the winter, but the estimated completion date was now the spring of 2020. The change in schedule was due to construction availability and a desire to complete the project correctly rather than quickly.

Ms. Thomas reviewed the vulnerable population strategic goal and indicated staff recognized community needs might change over time. The hope was that the investment in the NNAMHS campus would shift the focus from homelessness to other members of the population. She noted the project had taken a large team effort and cooperation from the HSA, the budget team, and the Community Services Department.

Commissioner Berkbigler acknowledged there was a large team working on the project but she thanked Ms. Thomas and Ms. Howell for getting the project started. She noted Ms. Thomas and Ms. Howell developed the idea and proposed it to the State. She thought the project had the potential to be a national model for how a community dealt with the homelessness issue. She expressed concern about not being able to move families before winter because it would require the use of a temporary tent for shelter, which would cost more money. She thanked everyone on the team for their efforts on the project.

Ms. Thomas stated the vulnerable populations strategic team, lead by Human Services Coordinator Kimberly Schweickert, anticipated delays in construction schedules and there were contingency funds built into the budget.

Commissioner Lucey thought it was a significant step in the right direction but it would not solve all homelessness issues. He thanked Mr. Mike Willden, who was Chief of Staff to Governor Brian Sandoval when the initiative was proposed. He said Mr. Willden and Governor Sandoval's leadership had allowed the project to move forward. He agreed with Commissioner Berkbigler's assertion that the NNAMHS campus could be a national model, much like the Crossroads program had been.

Commissioner Lucey remarked a portion of the NNAMHS campus was located within an opportunity zone (OZ), specifically the portion of vacant land directly to the north between the veteran's hospital and the NNAMHS campus. He suggested the property could potentially be secured through negotiations with the State. He noted OZs were not only for revitalizing business buildings, but they could be used to provide transient, temporary, or intermediate housing. There were multiple potential projects which could be used to get developers involved to evolve the continuum of care. He expressed interest in what the County could do to continue the discussion as the NNAMHS project moved forward. He acknowledged the NNAMHS campus was a large project but he urged staff not to lose sight of opportunities to develop private/public partnerships to identify OZs; these could be built and constructed by developers and then managed. He mentioned the expansion of Crossroads had been discussed because they were at capacity and he suggested OZs might be a possible solution. He noted the challenge would be to find funds to subsidize those types of actions.

Commissioner Berkbigler expressed enthusiasm for the aid that people unable to manage in the growing economy would receive at the NNAMHS campus. She said they would receive food and assistance and would be able to learn to care for themselves and their families. She noted it was exciting because the project would help the various types of people who ended up homeless rather than targeting one section of the homeless population.

Chair Hartung approved of the project but noted he was also cautious. He expressed concern about long-term funding and wondered what would happen if the economy declined. He was interested in the transition plans to guide homeless individuals toward being productive members of society. He noted there was a section of the homeless population that was capable of being transitioned back into society but said assistance programs only worked when individuals wanted help. He strongly approved of separating pregnant women and women with children. He looked forward to reviewing the security and health plans.

Commissioner Lucey asked whether the youth building which housed individuals aged 18 to 24 would be co-ed. Ms. Thomas replied HSA staff understood the population and were designing the building to allow for mixed populations without worrying about security or privacy.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke about the history of mental illness, criminalization of the mentally ill, and accountability for the homeless. She suggested instituting a work program in exchange for assistance.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be accepted.

**19-0467**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve the Building/Land Lease between Washoe County and the State of Nevada, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services, to lease property located at the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus, APN 032-050-56 for Washoe County programs that serve Northern Nevada's vulnerable populations; replacing the existing Inter-Local Contract as requested by the State of Nevada [no lease cost to Washoe County; maintenance and service related costs are approximately \$717,338 annually]. Community Services Department. (Commission District 3.)

Commissioner Herman commented the rent listed on Agenda Item 11 was the least expensive part of the entire deal. She wondered whether the County was prepared for the larger expenses that would follow. Chair Hartung expressed a similar concern.

On the call for public Comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly said she voted 'no' on Agenda Item 11.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved.

**19-0468**      **AGENDA ITEM 29**      Public hearing: Approve an Outdoor Festival business license application (pursuant to Washoe County Code Chapter 25 and related provisions) and associated license conditions submitted by Bryce Leon on behalf of the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation for the Barracuda Championship 2019 golf tournament, scheduled to be held from July 22 through July 28, 2019 at the Montreux Golf and Country Club. The event is proposed to be held at the Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno (APNs 148-010-25, 55, 56, and 59; 148-061-65; 148-100-02; 148-140-11; and, 148-222-22). Tournament parking within the Montreux Golf and Country Club is at the Montreux Golf and Country Club clubhouse, 18077 Bordeaux Drive (APN 148-010-59), and on Lausanne Drive (APNs 148-050-02; 148-082-16, 17, and 18; and, 148-092-12). Off-site public parking will be located at Galena High School, 3600 Butch Cassidy Drive (APN 144-010-01); and, at South Reno United Methodist Church, 200 DeSpain Lane (APN 049-440-18). Off-site tournament volunteer parking will be located at the Summit Mall (APN 142-390-06 & 142-330-08). Event set-up is proposed from June 17, 2019 to July 21, 2019 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The golf tournament will occur from July 22, 2019 to July 28, 2019 from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Event take-down and dismantle is proposed to occur from July 29, 2019 to August 9, 2019 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Event organizers estimate that between 35,000 and 40,000 participants and spectators will take part in the event for the week. The approximate maximum attendance on any one day of the tournament is 6,500 people. If approved, authorize set-up for the tournament to commence on June 17, 2019 and further authorize the Director of the Planning & Building Division, Community Services Department to issue the license when all pre-event conditions have been met. Community Services. (Commission District 2.).

Planning Manager Chad Giesinger provided a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He mentioned there was a last-minute change to the location for the volunteer parking lot. It was originally at the Summit Sierra Mall but was moved to the Tamarack Junction Casino. He requested that any motion approved by the Board authorize preparations for the tournament to begin on June 17, 2019.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 29 be approved and setup for the event be allowed to begin on June 17, 2019.

**19-0469**

**AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to select and appoint or re-appoint two members to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board to fill the two vacant positions specified in WCC 55.036(1)(c): a representative of a humane or rescue organization, with a term to expire on June 30, 2023, which is currently filled by Jill Dobbs and who is eligible for re-appointment: WCC 55.036 (1)(d) an individual with an interest in promoting the health and safety of animals in Washoe County, with a term to expire on June 30, 2023, which is currently filled by Irene Payne and who is eligible for re-appointment. The following additional applicants include: Veronica Bath, Tonda Benge, Alicia Berkbigler, Alexandra Brenke, Jaime Brown, Piper Cates, Marianne Coduti, Sean Farnan, Sean Gamble, Andy Geisel, Rebecca Goff, Amy Hodgson, Natalie Jauretche, Jennie Jones Scherbinski, Keri Keller, Alferd Knepper, Shay Kurtz, Kaitlyn Mackinnon, Mark Miranda, Joanna Oneal, Mark Phillips, Nicole Pifer, Carol Schaye, Richard Simmonds, Joshua Stevens, Timothy Stoffel, Leslie White, Jarrod Williams. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.).

Commissioner Berkbigler recused herself from this item because her daughter was an applicant for the position.

**12:35 p.m.** **Commissioner Berkbigler left the meeting.**

Commissioner Jung asked whether the item concerned new appointments or whether the incumbents were eligible for re-appointment. Director of Regional Animal Services (RAS) Shyanne Schull replied the appointments could be either re-appointments of incumbents or appointment of new members.

Commissioner Jung inquired whether RAS had performed a call for applicants in anticipation of the Board not re-appointing the incumbents. Ms. Schull responded Code stated members of the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board (RASAB) were eligible for one re-appointment if there were no other interested applicants. Commissioner Jung asked whether the incumbents were interested in being re-appointed. Ms. Schull said they were.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Jarrod Williams was called but was not present to speak.

Mr. Alferd Knepper wished Mr. Slaughter luck in his retirement. He noted he had previously applied for a position on the RASAB. He realized there were incumbents who were interested in being re-appointed. He said he had always been in management positions. He had lived in Reno for 41 years and was president of a small aviation corporation. He mentioned he was a finalist for the State Director of Personnel in 1983. He said he had been on numerous boards and commissions. He felt he had expertise he could offer the RASAB because he had 40 years of experience. He noted he had the time for the position because he was semi-retired.

Mr. Tim Stoffel spoke about his work with animals during the previous 20 years, his involvement with the Sierra Safari Zoo, and his expertise with large cats. He stated he had extensive knowledge about animals of all sorts, not just traditional animals. He said he could offer his wide knowledge of the animal kingdom to the County. He indicated he had experience working on other boards and commissions, which gave him the necessary experience.

Ms. Veronica Bath considered herself to be passionate about animals but believed she had a different perspective to offer the RASAB. She noted she was a recent resident to the area after moving away to go to school and serve in the military. She was working to find the resources and regulations applicable to people who owned animals and wanted to work with animals in the community. She studied animal law as a military lawyer, working on animal cruelty cases. In that capacity she worked with people with different perspectives to bridge cultural divides and address animal issues. She believed her experience in bridging cultural divides was something she could offer the RASAB.

Ms. Jaime Brown stated she was a lifelong Washoe County resident. She said she worked in public safety for over 20 years prior to retiring and currently worked in animal safety. She mentioned she worked with over 60 northern Nevada animal groups in her current position so she had an understanding of the needs in the community.

Commissioner Lucey noted there were 28 applicants and 2 incumbents interested in re-appointment and observed the two positions were systematically different. He asked whether there was a differentiation between the applicants or whether all 30 applicants were equally available for both positions. Ms. Schull replied the staff report had not identified who was specifically qualified for the humane or rescue group seat. She noted that she had been able to identify three qualified applicants based on their affiliations with a humane organization.

Commissioner Lucey inquired whether the three qualified applicants were Ms. Jaime Brown, Ms. Jill Dobbs, and Mr. Sean Farnan. Ms. Schull replied they were. Commissioner Lucey asked whether the two current incumbents wanted to be re-appointed. Ms. Schull replied they did.

Commissioner Lucey expressed awe that 30 people had applied to serve on the RASAB. He thought the RASAB had always been very supportive of animal rights within the County, but it went to show the breath of individuals within the region who were concerned about the welfare of animals. He noted it was important to him in his professional life. He commended everyone for participating in the discussion and moved to re-appoint the two members who were already serving on the Board.

Commissioner Herman thought they were moving forward too quickly without considering all applicants. She asked how often a veterinarian or a person who worked with animals on a daily basis applied for a position on the Board. She specified she referred to Dr. Simmonds and Mr. Stoffel. She said an applicant's qualifications and

how dedicated they were to working with animals mattered. She thought everyone on the list needed a chance to be appointed.

Commissioner Jung commented the community had a long history of being animal lovers going back to 2001, when the vote to carve out property taxes for RAS was held.

Chair Hartung commented it was a difficult choice because all of the applicants were qualified and passionate.

Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli asked whether the vacancies being filled related to paragraph two of the ordinance involving specific qualifications and whether the seats required RASAB members to reside in specific Commission Districts. Ms. Schull replied the positions were not specific to Commission Districts. Mr. Lipparelli asked whether Washoe County Code Section 55.030 was the old ordinance on the Animal Control Board. Ms. Schull replied the current Code was 55.035. Mr. Lipparelli confirmed there were no requirements for residing in Commission Districts in the new ordinance. Ms. Schull said that was correct.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Herman voting “no” and Commissioner Berkbigler abstaining, it was ordered that Jill Dobbs be re-appointed as a member of the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board to fill the position of a representative of a humane or rescue organization, for a term of service to expire on June 30, 2023, and to re-appoint Irene Payne as a member of the Washoe County Regional Animal Services Advisory Board to fill the position of an individual with an interest in promoting the health and safety of animals in Washoe County, with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

**12:55 p.m. Commissioner Berkbigler returned to the meeting.**

**19-0470**      **AGENDA ITEM 26** Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washoe County Public Attorneys' Association (WCPAA) for a three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; and ratify same; including Cost of Living Adjustments in base wage of 3% effective July 1, 2019 [FY19/20 estimated fiscal impact \$450,425]; 2.5% beginning July 1, 2020 plus a one-time only lump sum payment of \$1,000 effective July 6, 2020 [FY20/21 estimated fiscal impact \$556,686]; and 2.5% beginning July 1, 2021 plus a one-time only lump sum payment of \$1,000 effective July 5, 2021 [FY 21/22 estimated fiscal impact \$568,228]; and update agreement language regarding rights of association, annual leave, salaries, holiday pay, health plan, dues deduction, copying of contract, and term of agreement; and approve same Cost of Living Adjustments, annual leave, salaries, and health plan for Confidential Attorneys [estimated fiscal impact \$316,348 for all fiscal years]. [Total fiscal impact is estimated at \$1,891,687] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.).

Chair Hartung asked whether Agenda Items 26 and 27 could be voted on together. Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli advised they should be voted on separately.

Mr. Lipparelli disclosed that the attorneys in the Civil Division of the District Attorney's Office were not members of the collective bargaining association covered by the agreement in Agenda Item 26. He noted the employees in his office followed the compensation and benefits that were negotiated by the association and that had been the practice for the previous 20 years.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Berkgler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 26 be approved.

**19-0471**      **AGENDA ITEM 27** Recommendation to approve Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Washoe County District Attorney’s Investigator Association (WCDAIA) for the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory bargaining units for the three (3) year period beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022; including cost of living adjustments in base wages of 3% effective July 1, 2019 [FY 19/20 estimated fiscal impact \$54,051]; 2.5% beginning July 1, 2020 [FY 20/21 estimated fiscal impact \$55,143]; and 2.5% beginning July 1, 2021 [FY 21/22 estimated fiscal impact \$56,261]; and updated agreement language regarding salaries; shift differential; property reimbursement; insurance; safety equipment; dues deduction; and term of agreement; and approve same salaries, property reimbursement, insurance, and safety equipment for the non-represented Chief Investigator (DA) [estimated fiscal impact \$20,264 for all fiscal years]. [Total estimated fiscal impact is \$185,719.] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 27 be approved.

**19-0472**      **AGENDA ITEM 28** Recommendation to approve Cost of Living Adjustments in base wage of 3% effective July 1, 2019 [FY 19/20 estimated fiscal impact \$1,489,924], 2.5% effective July 1, 2020 [FY 20/21 estimated impact \$1,527,172], and 2.5% effective July 1, 2021 [FY 21/22 estimated impact \$1,565,352]; and updated health plan changes for Unclassified Management and Non-Represented Confidential employees, District Court employees, Justice Courts employees (excluding Justices of the Peace), Juvenile Services employees, and Truckee River Flood Management Authority’s Executive Director and General Counsel; and increased shift differential and standby pay for Juvenile Services employees and confidential employees in the Alternative Sentencing Officer classification (15926) and Alternative Sentencing Sergeant (17550) classification. [Estimated total fiscal impact \$4,582,448.] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 28 be approved.

**19-0473**      **AGENDA ITEM 30** Public Hearing to hold the second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1000 in order to change the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation); AND

Public Hearing to hold the second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance imposing a fee on the parcels of land in Washoe County, Nevada District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation; and other matters properly relating thereto. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance.

County Clerk Nancy Parent read the title for Ordinance No. 1637, Bill No. 1823.

Ms. Parent read the title for Ordinance No. 1638, Bill No. 1824.

Commissioner Herman noted the previous action was to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation. She asked whether there was a plan for remediation. Remediation District Manager Chris Benedict replied the County developed a Remediation Management Plan in 2002. The plan was approved by the administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and by the Board.

Commissioner Herman asked what was being done to improve the situation. Mr. Benedict replied remediation primarily dealt with a historical issue which occurred long before anyone became aware of it. He said multiple municipal water supply wells had been identified as being impacted by perchloroethylene (PCE). Working backwards from those wells, staff had identified eight separate PCE plumes. He noted the initial efforts were focused on protecting the wells and then working to eliminate the sources feeding those plumes. He indicated they treated approximately 1.5 billion gallons of water per year and the plumes were not growing or moving. Most remediation efforts were focused on keeping the plumes contained and preventing new plumes. He explained the PCE plumes were 500 feet below the surface, approximately 800 feet in length, and located in the urban areas of Reno and Sparks. He said it was not an easy issue to manage but indications pointed to it getting smaller.

Commissioner Herman asked why the area was being expanded if that was the case. Mr. Benedict responded there were two parts to the boundary. One was the service area boundary of water purveyors which grew as a result of development. He said the service area boundary had to be changed if the service area of a water purveyor with wells in the affected zone grew, because people served water by the purveyor paid the remediation fees. He clarified the affected area was not getting bigger, but the number of people served by water purveyors with wells in the affected area was growing.

Commissioner Herman asked how much of a fee would be imposed. Mr. Benedict replied the annual revenue was approximately \$1.25 million and it cost the average household was about \$9 per year. He indicated it was difficult to provide a reliable estimate when it would no longer be necessary to collect the fee. He noted that, based on the magnitude of the issue, it was likely to persist for 50 to 100 years with expenditures at the current rate.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, Chair Hartung ordered that Ordinance No. 1637, Bill No. 1823, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, Chair Hartung ordered that Ordinance No. 1638, Bill No. 1824, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**19-0474      AGENDA ITEM 32 Public Comment.**

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**19-0475      AGENDA ITEM 33 Announcements/Reports.**

Assistant District Attorney Paul Lipparelli mentioned the Board would need a motion for Agenda Item 31 to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County. Chair Hartung asked whether the Board would go into recess and reconvene in the Caucus Room. Mr. Lipparelli confirmed the Board would recess, reconvene in the Caucus Room, and adjourn the meeting from the Caucus Room after the doors were opened.

Chair Hartung asked for an update regarding a request from a resident who lived on Westview Boulevard in the City of Sparks. He noted the inquiry was forwarded to Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro, Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith, and Division Director of Operations with the Community Services Department Eric Crump. He said the resident needed a response and perhaps staff needed to survey the site.

Commissioner Lucey mentioned he received email correspondence from a constituent regarding bus route issues. He noted the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) was in a transition phase during the month of June and Keolis, the new provider, would take over on July 1. He said Keolis had assured the RTC all routes would be manned with no interruption in services. Chair Hartung noted he had received the same email correspondence.

County Manager John Slaughter expressed his fondness for the community and his regard for the County. He thanked the Board for the trust they placed in him as County Manager.

**19-0476**      **AGENDA ITEM 31**      Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

**1:31 p.m.**      On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the meeting recess to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

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**1:52 p.m.**      There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**VAUGHN HARTUNG**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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

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