

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 18, 2019

PRESENT:

**Vaughn Hartung, Chair**

**Bob Lucey, Vice Chair**

**Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner**

**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**

**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**

**Dave Solaro, Interim County Manager**

**Nathan Edwards, Deputy District Attorney**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:30 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:

**19-0479**      **AGENDA ITEM 3** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

Dave Solaro, Interim County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Maya Delgado-Almada, Library  
Akeem Greene, Human Services Agency  
Lauren Karp, Human Services Agency  
Jennifer Mochel, District Attorney's Office  
Tasha Pascal, Health Department

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

**19-0480**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

Dave Solaro, Interim County Manager, recognized the following employees:

**Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program**

Diana Altura, District Attorney's Office

Jeffrey Jackins, Human Services Agency

**Essentials of Management Development**

Nicole Alberti Sooudi, Health Department  
Steven Canale, Human Services Agency  
Ryan Crane, Human Services Agency  
Michelle Glodt Mikoliczyk, Comptroller's Office  
Amanda Mongolo, Library\*\*  
Kelly Mullin, Community Service Department  
Joshua Restori, Health Department  
Ginny Sutherland, Assessor's Office\*\*  
Susy Valdespin, Manager's Office

\*\* These recipients were announced but not present.

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

**19-0481      AGENDA ITEM 5 Public Comment.**

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still said she previously spoke about water in the area of Idaho and Tupelo Streets coming from someone's home. She revealed the water was actually coming from the road base of the elevated area of Lemmon Drive at Idaho Street and had nothing to do with water coming from a nearby home. She showed multiple photos, which were placed on file with the Clerk. She said it was time to do something about the water. She thought water was going under the road and coming back out of a utility box in the road. She showed a photo of a construction light inundated with mosquitos and said more mosquito abatement was needed in Lemmon Valley. She reminded the Board that Commissioner Herman requested a moratorium while other issues were addressed. She stated the pressure of water against the Hesco barriers was causing issues. She noted elevating Lemmon Drive was not the answer.

Ms. Elise Weatherly thought there was more information on Twitter than Facebook. She noted she watched a movie about Germany and what Jewish people went through. She wondered how to merge liberty and justice since liberty meant freedom and justice mean law. She thought a Sparks Court Judge had empathy for criminals.

**19-0482      AGENDA ITEM 6 Announcements/Reports.**

Commissioner Jung asked Interim County Manager Dave Solaro about taking water from Swan Lake to reduce dust on construction sites. She wanted a one-on-one conversation with Mr. Solaro about this topic.

Chair Hartung said he participated in an opioid press conference and was looking forward to the outcome. He indicated the State was involved but did not subsume the City of Reno, Washoe County, or any other city; collective direction would be used.

## **DONATIONS**

- 19-0483**      **7A** Recommendation to accept cash [\$9,239.85] and in-kind donations [estimated value \$25,568.00] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; approve a FY19 budget amendment for a higher than anticipated donation received from the Wilbur D. May Foundation for May Museum staff support; and if accepted and approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0484**      **7B** Recommendation to accept an ongoing estate donation to the Human Services Agency-Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the estimated total amount of [\$17,640.00] through December 2039; approve a payment of [\$100.00] from the cash donation from the same estate accepted by the Board on March 11, 2019 as a new-account set-up fee to establish the ongoing payments; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0485**      **7C1** Recommendation to accept military surplus equipment [overall estimated value \$646,917.09, no charge to the County] donated to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be utilized to support Special Operations and the Community Engagement Office of Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 19-0486**      **7C2** Recommendation to approve the donation of a used Airboat and trailer [estimated value of \$20,000] from Truckee Fire Protection District in Truckee, California to the Washoe County HASTY Team to be used for Search and Rescue missions. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke regarding cash donations. She hoped the County had a good accounting system and staff with integrity.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A through 7C2 be accepted.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 19-0487**      **8** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the 37th consecutive annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

Assistant County Manager Christine Vuletich presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Comptroller's Office accounting staff.

Staff introduced themselves Accounting Manager Robert Andrews; Accountant II Rebecca Mosher; Accountant II Martin Williams; Senior Accountant Asta Dominguez; Accountant II Joyce Garrett; Senior Accountant Crystal Varnum; Finance Intern Kendalynn Mowery; and Accounting Manager Russell Morgan.

There was no public comment on this item.

The Board acknowledged receipt of this award.

- 19-0488**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Update on the Washoe County Manager recruitment and possible direction on recruitment process. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

Director of Human Resources Patricia Hurley stated Ralph Andersen & Associates was selected for the County Manager recruitment. She said the target date for the position to be posted was June 24 but Ralph Andersen & Associates thought they could post it sooner to allow more time. She indicated the Commissioners would be advised where applicants could apply. She explained the staff report included a timeline that could be modified due to Board of County Commission meetings in August that had been cancelled. She stated she and a representative from Ralph Andersen & Associates would present an update at the July 23 meeting. She introduced Ralph Andersen & Associates President and Chief Executive Officer Heather Renschler.

Chair Hartung stated discussion about an interview panel had occurred and wondered whether further direction was needed. Deputy District Attorney Nathan Edwards stated the item was for possible direction about the recruitment process. He noted Open Meeting Laws would need to be considered if a committee was created for any recruitment or interview process which included Board members.

Ms. Hurley indicated Ms. Renschler would speak with each Commissioner individually.

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

**19-0489**      **AGENDA ITEM 10**      Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

Interim County Manager Dave Solaro stated there was a need for a closed session and explained the remaining agenda items would be heard and then the Board would recess to a closed session. Afterwards the doors would be opened to hear any further public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the meeting recess after Agenda Items 11 and 12 to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

**19-0490**      **AGENDA ITEM 11**      Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**19-0491**      **AGENDA ITEM 12**      Announcements/Reports.

Chair Hartung expressed concern about traffic control on Silent Sparrow Drive in Spanish Springs due to a charter school proposed for the area. He hoped it would be addressed in the planning stage of permitting. He wanted the matrix brought back to review Commissioners' concerns.

**11:10 a.m.**      **The Board recessed.**

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**11:45 a.m.**      There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**VAUGHN HARTUNG**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Doni Gassaway, Deputy County Clerk*