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NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

**WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION CHAMBERS - 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada**

April 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

No members of the public will be allowed in the BCC Chambers due to concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1 which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate. This meeting will be held by teleconference only.

The meeting will be televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> and also on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>.

NOTE: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; combined with other items; removed from the agenda; moved to the agenda of another meeting; moved to or from the Consent section; or may be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. The Consent is a single agenda item and is considered as a block and will not be read aloud. The Board of County Commissioners may take breaks approximately every 90 minutes.

Accessibility. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for this meeting should notify the Office of the County Manager at (775) 328-2000, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Time Limits. Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three minutes per person. Additionally, public comment of three minutes per person will be heard during individually numbered items designated as "for possible action" on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Commission meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business. The Board of County Commissioners conducts the business of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Public Comment. Public comment, whether on action items or general public comment, is limited to three (3) minutes per person. No action may be taken on a matter raised under general public comment until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken.

As required by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 2, members of the public may submit public comment by teleconference by logging into the ZOOM webinar by accessing the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/93389465917>. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities. Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to washoe311@washoecounty.us or by leaving a voice message at: (775) 954-4664. Voice messages received will either be broadcast into the Commission Chamber during the meeting, or transcribed for entry into the record. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received for public comment by email and voice-mail in the record. Please try to provide comments by 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2020.

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners has been electronically posted at www.washoecounty.us/bcc/board_committees/ and <https://notice.nv.gov>. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006"), the requirement in NRS that notice agendas be physically posted within the State of Nevada has been suspended.

Support documentation for the items on the agenda, provided to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners is available to members of the public at the County Manager's Office (1001 E. 9th Street, Bldg. A, 2nd Floor, Reno, Nevada) Elizabeth Jourdin, Assistant to the County Manager, (775) 328-2000 and on Washoe County's website www.washoecounty.us/bcc <<http://www.washoecounty.us/bcc>>

10:00 a.m.

1. Salute to the flag.
2. Roll call.
3. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
4. Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)
5. Appearance and presentation by Washoe County District Health Officer Kevin Dick on COVID-19 impacts and emergency response, to include an update on hospital surge capacity and planning, an update on COVID-19 impacts and emergency response in rural areas outside the Reno/Sparks metro area, and other items related to the COVID-19 emergency response in Washoe County. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY.

6. Proclamations. (for possible action)

- 6.A. Proclaim April 2020 as National Donate Life Month.

Attachments: [Proclamation DLM BCC 4.21.20](#)

- 6.B. Proclaim April 2020 as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month.

Attachments: [Proclamation ChildAbuse&Prevention BCC 4.21.20](#)

- 6.C. Proclaim April 12th to April 19th, National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Attachments: [Proclamation NPSW BCC 4.21.20](#)

- 6.D. Proclaim April 19-25, 2020 as National Library Week.

Attachments: [Proclamation NLW BCC 4.21.2020](#)

7. Donations. (for possible action)

- 7.A. Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to acknowledge a bequest of paintings by Paris Fruscione [\$25,000 value, no County match required], to the Second Judicial District Court from the estate of Martin O’Conlon. District Court (All Commission Districts.)

Attachments: [BCC Staff Report 03-24-20 Re Painting Donation District Court Paintings](#)

- 7.B. Recommendation to accept a Burning Man donation in the amount of [\$3,000.00] for Washoe County Emergency Management to offset some of the costs associated with increasing support needs for Burning Man. Manager’s Office. (All Common Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [BCC BM Donation Grant](#)

- 7.C.1. Recommendation to accept a one-time appreciation gift donation of twenty (20) dinner and two (2) one-night stay gift certificates from the Incline Hyatt Regency [estimated value of \$5,000.00] to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff. (Commission District Two.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [BCC 04-21-20 Sheriff Hyatt Regency Appreciation Donation \[\\$5000\]](#)

- 7.C.2. Recommendation to accept a donation of 540 American flag lapel pins [total estimated value of \$11,880.00] from a private citizen to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to be distributed amongst Commissioned staff members to wear on their uniform and as giveaways to visiting dignitaries. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

Attachments: [BCC 04-21-20 - Sheriff - Lapel Pins Donation \[\\$11,880\]](#)

- 7.C.3. Recommendation to accept a donation of a Sprung Tent Structure and eleven (11) combined air handler, air conditioning, and heating units [total estimated value of \$1,213,827.00] from a private citizen to be used by the Sheriff’s Office to store and protect assets for the Special Operations Division. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

Attachments: [BCC 04-21-20 - Sheriff - Sprung Tent Donation \[\\$1,213,827\]](#)

- 7.D.1. Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$1,050.00]; and (2) accept donations to the Human Services Agency - Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the amount of [\$102.76] retroactive for the period January 21, 2020 through February 21, 2020; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [BCC 03-24-20 TMP3896 Accept Senior Donations \[\\$102.76\]](#)

- 7.D.2. Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$2,545.00]; (2) accept donations to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support child welfare activities in the amount of [\$606.00] retroactive for the period January 21, 2020 through February 21, 2020; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [BCC 03-24-20 TMP 3897 Accept HSA Donations \[\\$606.00\]](#)

8. Consent Items. (for possible action)

- 8.A. Recommendation to approve the reclassification of a vacant Senior Technology Systems Administrator, pay grade P, to Security Electronics Administrator, pay grade N (Technology Services), as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee; and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Net annual fiscal impact is estimated \$13,728 decrease.] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [Staff Report - JEC Actions \[\\$13,728 decrease\]](#)

End of Consent Items

9. Recommendation to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance by Washoe County, Nevada of its General Obligation (Limited Tax) Sewer Bond additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Series 2020 in the maximum principal amount of [\$27,000,000] for the purpose of financing sewerage projects for the County; providing the form, terms and conditions thereof and covenants relating to the payment of said bond; and providing for its adoption as if an emergency exists; and providing other matters relating thereto. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts). FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Attachments: [Staff Report Sewer Bonds 2020 Bond Ordinance](#)
[FINAL BOND ORDINANCE \(49560110v4\)](#)

10. Discussion and possible direction to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office to file an amicus (or similar) legal brief on behalf of the county in support of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association's (NOMA) and Dr. Bruce Fong's legal challenge to the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy's (BOP) March 23, 2020, emergency regulation banning chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine prescriptions for the treatment of COVID-19 except in cases of hospitalization. An amicus brief is a document submitted by a non-party to a lawsuit that is intended to outline legal arguments and authorities for the benefit of the Court in ruling on the legal issues involved. NOMA presented its challenge by letter to the BOP on April 9, 2020, asking it to pass upon the validity of the regulation pursuant to NRS 233B.110 and asserting, among other things, that there was no basis demonstrated to pass the regulation on an emergency basis, that the regulation is preempted by federal law, that the regulation constitutes the unauthorized practice of medicine by the BOP, and that it violates the statutory and constitutional rights of doctors and their patients to make intimate decisions about their healthcare. NOMA's challenge seeks to allow licensed healthcare providers to prescribe these medications to treat people with COVID-19 regardless of hospitalization. NOMA's challenge is expected to have been filed in Court by April 17, 2020, or to be filed in Court in the immediate future. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
11. Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and/or Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220. If necessary, staff recommends "Motion to recess for a closed labor session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County / Truckee Meadows management representatives pursuant to NRS 288.220." At the conclusion of the closed session the meeting will then be adjourned. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
12. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
13. Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

Adjournment

Various boards/commissions the Washoe County Commissioners may be a member of or liaison to:

Chair Lucey

Community Homelessness Advisory Board
Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) (alternate)
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO)
Regional Transportation Commission
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board (alternate)
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors (alternate)
Tahoe Transportation Commission (alternate)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
Washoe County Investment Committee
Washoe County Legislative Liaison
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)
Western Regional Water Commission

Vice-Chair Berkbigler

Community Homelessness Advisory Board
EDAWN (Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada) (liaison)
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Tahoe Prosperity Center Board of Directors
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors
Tahoe Transportation Commission
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County District Board of Health
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)

Commissioner Jung

Nevada Works (alternate)
Statewide Partnership on Opioid Crisis
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board (alternate)
Truckee River Flood Management Authority (alternate)
Washoe County Animal Services Board
Washoe County Legislative Liaison
Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison
Washoe County Stadium Authority

Commissioner Hartung

Community Homelessness Advisory Board (alternate)
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors
Regional Transportation Commission
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board
Truckee River Flood Management Authority
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee (alternate)
Washoe County Investment Committee
Washoe County Stadium Authority
Western Regional Water Commission

Commissioner Herman

Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (alternate)
NevadaWorks
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC)
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board
Truckee River Flood Management Authority
Verdi Television District (Liaison)
Vya Conservation District
Washoe County Debt Management Commission
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison (alternate)
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel
Washoe County Stadium Authority (alternate)
Washoe-Storey Conservation District
Western Nevada Development District
Western Regional Water Commission