

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 25, 2021

PRESENT:

**Bob Lucey, Chair**  
**Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair**  
**Alexis Hill, Commissioner**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**Jeanne Herman, Commissioner**

**Janis Galassini, County Clerk**  
**Eric Brown, County Manager**  
**David Watts-Vial, 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:

**21-0383**      **AGENDA ITEM 3** Appearance and presentation by Dwayne Smith, P.E., Engineering and Capital Projects Division Director, Washoe County Community Services Department, to provide an update regarding Washoe County's Traffic Calming & Traffic Engineering Policy. (All Commission Districts.)

Director of Engineering and Capital Projects (ECP) Dwayne Smith conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides titled Traffic Policy and How Traffic Related Requests Are Received.

Mr. Smith said Licensed Engineer Mitch Fink, whose focus was traffic, was present in Chambers to help answer questions. He stated the traffic policy had worked out well since its establishment in December 2019. The policy had been used to apply a consistent approach to address customer issues and work with community partners.

Mr. Fink continued the presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Traffic Calming Requests; Traffic Engineering/Operational Requests; Examples of Traffic Calming Request and Response; and Example of Traffic Engineering Request and Response.

Mr. Fink stated speeding was one of the most common issues submitted by the public. He said staff communicated with customers either through emails, phone calls, or in person. Staff helped customers understand the County's traffic calming policy and procedures. He said the peak hours for traffic throughout the County were most often seven

to nine in the morning and three to six in the afternoon. He indicated collaborating with the Sheriff's Office (SO) had been an effective tool for dealing with speeding issues. In some cases, the SO provided radar trailers which helped drivers to slow down when they saw the visual impact, similar to a radar feedback sign. Other traffic calming measures included speed cushions, additional speed limit signs, and striping to narrow the road. He said requests were ranked based on the traffic policy with school zones being one of the biggest priorities.

Mr. Fink stated the response to traffic engineering requests was similar to that of traffic calming requests. Staff worked with customers to understand the policy and procedures for evaluating requests. He said there was some overlap between traffic calming and traffic engineering. Some of the mitigation measures used for traffic engineering included installation of additional signage, striping, and installation of rapid flasher beacons at crosswalks which were highly effective. He reviewed two examples of traffic calming and traffic engineering projects.

Mr. Smith continued the presentation and reviewed a slide entitled Summary. He expressed appreciation for the use of Washoe311 to receive traffic requests, allowing staff to track requests accurately.

Vice Chair Hartung stated he understood the reliance on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), but he thought those municipal codes did not always apply. As an example, he noted municipal codes were used to determine average daily trips for multi-family homes which were estimated to generate less traffic, but they created more traffic in an area such as Spanish Springs where public transit was not available. He noted the use of the SO to help mitigate speeding only worked while a deputy was present, so it was a temporary solution. He asked whether the Nevada Department of Transportation had crash data for residential streets. Mr. Smith responded it did. He said staff used all sources of information when performing an analysis of a traffic concern. He stated that best practices based on guidance documents such as the MUTCD were used to achieve a uniform approach, but there were situations when best judgement was required for a particular issue. Vice Chair Hartung pointed out replacing a two-way stop with a four-way stop on East Sky Ranch Boulevard resolved safety concerns.

Vice Chair Hartung mentioned he and Chair Lucey devised a plan to procure additional funding from the Regional Transportation Commission through a type of safe-street program. He said there was approximately \$200,000 in that pool of money which could be used to resolve some of the existing street safety issues. He noted he had been requesting a four-way stop at the intersection of Dolores Drive and Erin Drive because of speeding on that residential road. He mentioned there were no sidewalks or ditches along Dolores Drive and children were present because it was residential. He urged staff to find a way to help slow drivers down. He approved the calming measures implemented near Pinecrest Academy but noted there were speeding concerns on that road long before the school was built there. He beseeched staff to find a way to be proactive instead of reactive when addressing traffic safety issues. He thought developing an innovative policy to

address issues in a proactive manner would best serve the public. He looked forward to working with staff to address these traffic safety concerns.

Commissioner Hill thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Fink for the presentation and for the work they had been doing, particularly in the Incline Village area. She was thankful for the speed reduction on Country Club Drive. She stated the community had noted the difference. She asked for more information about what staff decided was really important and the available budget. She thought the Board needed to find more funding sources if a lack of funding was the primary obstacle to addressing traffic issues. She asked whether speed notifiers were used in streets where installing speed bumps was not advisable. Mr. Fink replied yes, radar feedback signs were part of the inventory for speed reduction. He said they had been shown to reduce speeds by two to two and a half miles per hour. Commissioner Hill approved of their use. She reiterated her request for additional information about the budget versus pending requests and she wanted to know about the backlog of pending requests.

Mr. Smith acknowledged funding was always a challenge. He expressed appreciation for the additional \$200,000 for Fiscal Year 22 to help with traffic calming. He said the typical budget of \$50,000 per year was used up quickly, so staff had been creative when utilizing funds. He noted the school zone on Zolezzi Lane had been accomplished through a public/private partnership with the developer and the Washoe County School District. The developer agreed to contribute funds above and beyond what was required for the development agreement. He stated staff looked for other opportunities to leverage the budget through similar partnerships, but that did not minimize the need for a strong budget. He said staff would be happy to review a comprehensive priority sheet and cost estimates with the Commissioners. Commissioner Hill said she would find that helpful. She mentioned her wish to place a sidewalk on Plumas Street and Urban Road. She hoped to work with the City of Reno to complete that project.

Commissioner Herman opined this was a great start, but the conversation needed to be ongoing. She said her district probably had the most road miles so accordingly there were many concerns. She concurred with other Commissioners' statements about the need to prevent accidents. She suggested more signage when a speed reader was in use. She thanked staff for the work they had done.

Commissioner Jung asked whether new requests to Washoe311 were sent directly to the Roads Division. Mr. Smith responded operation requests, such as snow plowing, were sent directly to the Roads Division but traffic related calls were forwarded to ECP. Commissioner Jung mentioned she investigated complaints about Washoe311 the prior year and found there were some departments who were not communicating with Washoe311. She said the Roads Division was one of those departments and they even had their own case numbers for requests received through Washoe311. She asked for a report either demonstrating the operational silos had been mitigated or providing the Board with recommendations for ensuring that all departments would respond to Washoe311 so the requests could be tracked successfully.

Commissioner Jung asked who was responsible for confirming that all development conditions were met. Mr. Smith replied the process would depend on the type of infrastructure, but the Chief of Inspections and his team would inspect roads associated with a new development. Commissioner Jung requested a presentation about the inspection process and who was responsible for ensuring every condition for a development was met. She mentioned the City of Reno did not have anyone responsible for inspecting developments when she worked there between 2004 and 2007. A developer could promise infrastructure but might not deliver if there was nobody responsible for ensuring they did. She agreed with Vice Chair Hartung's statements about the need for standardized road evaluations to consider specific situations. The traffic issues in areas such as Spanish Springs were the result of sprawl and the lack of regional transportation which required everyone to have a car. She reiterated the need for built-in integrity for the development conditions required by the Board and accountability for developers. She asserted developers were not consistently monitored to ensure the conditions required by the Board were implemented.

In response to Vice Chair Hartung and Commissioner Hill's comments, Commissioner Jung thought policy decisions were often made at the staff level when they really needed to be brought before the Board. She referred to the 35 requests Commissioner Hill mentioned, for which the determination of no action required was made based on a guidebook. She believed those determinations were sometimes political questions. She thought ECP could do a better job of conferring with the Commissioner elected for an area to determine whether the guidelines and constituent feedback coincided or to ask for additional funds if needed. She acknowledged the culture was established with a prior leadership and Board. She thought staff should come to the Commissioners to ask for revenue or resources needed to accomplish goals determined by the Board. She thought this was the time for staff to work with County Manager Eric Brown to help the Board prioritize issues in either the next budget cycle or the current cycle. She noted the Commissioners had discretionary funds which could be used to resolve issues in their districts. She expressed dismay that Vice Chair Hartung had been adamantly requesting a stop sign for eight years without success. She thought that pointed to a disconnect between staff and policy makers, and she wanted to review the process. She mistrusted the use of Washoe311 because department heads could decide not to respond to reports, which she believed was a dereliction of duty. She appreciated the presentation and Vice Chair Hartung's focus on finding creative solutions. She asserted the Board could find money for anything if it was a priority. She noted the Commissioners would receive an infusion of discretionary funding on July 1, so staff might want to speak to Commissioners who had traffic calming and engineering needs in their districts. She suggested the Commissioners should present issues to the Board as well. She reiterated staff needed to present suggestions regarding policy decisions to the Board.

Vice Chair Hartung said he misstated when he referred to the MUDTC, he intended to say the MUTCD. He referenced the MUTCD because projects such as apartments would increase traffic and traffic infractions as a result. He asked whether the County worked with complete street policies to make residential streets safer for

multimodal use. Mr. Smith replied yes, ECP did that in a variety of ways through new development conditioning and grant programs.

Chair Lucey noted the Commissioners had many comments because receiving more than 100 requests since January 1, 2020 was pretty significant. He said residents who paid their property taxes had expectations about the safety and security of their life and property. He stated the County was service-based and it needed to start delivering on some of these issues. He thought having staff indicate the ECP only had enough funding to address a quarter of the traffic requests was problematic. He agreed with Commissioner Jung's statement that some of these issues needed to be presented to the Board. He suggested ECP staff compile a prioritized list for each district based on requests and the needs of the community. Staff could then meet with each Commissioner and with Mr. Brown quarterly or semi-annually to decide how best to fund the most pressing issues. He agreed with Vice Chair Hartung's statement about policies from standardized guidebooks not applying to every situation. Similarly, the Board could not write policies which would apply to everyone who lived in Washoe County. He thought policy should be reviewed annually like budgets were reviewed each year. He noted every Commissioner wanted to have more in-depth conversations with ECP because, for every 100 requests submitted through Washoe311, each Commissioner received approximately the same number of requests directly from constituents. He asserted traffic issues were the most prevalent thing constituents dealt with in the community. He reiterated other Commissioners' comments about the need to be more proactive when addressing traffic concerns because the siloed approach was not resolving issues effectively. He thanked staff for the presentation.

Mr. Smith thanked Chair Lucey and the other Commissioners for the feedback and support. He acknowledged traffic was complicated and it was a sensitive subject. He stated staff would arrange meetings with the Commissioners and Mr. Brown.

**21-0384**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Public Comment.

Ms. Elise Weatherly thanked the Board for reinstating her faith. She spoke about taking action, her brother, trust, listening to people in the community, her broken glasses, and being pulled over by a police officer.

Ms. Marie King asked why the public was required to go through the security scan to enter Chambers, but they could enter the building any other time without going through a scan. She thought elected representatives should only represent the public for a limited time.

Ms. Patty Toone said she entered the building through a separate entrance and she was scanned, physically patted down, her temperature was taken, and her personal belongings were searched. She noted she had an exemption from wearing a mask, her personal medical history was her own, and she was a law-abiding citizen. She expressed confusion about why there were security measures for entering Chambers but not for the rest of the offices in the building. She felt it was a form of discrimination.

Ms. Cindy Martinez opined the number of COVID-19 (C19) cases showed there was no state of emergency in Washoe County. She believed the Board had been derelict in its duty to disseminate information about preventative health measures. She said the Board's solution had been to promote experimental inoculations for C19. She demanded the Board ban vaccine passports, vaccine verifications, and any means of compelling citizens to disclose private health records. She urged the Commissioners to audit classes in American History and Government and study the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers.

Ms. Kaylynn Sutton said it had been difficult to understand staff in Chambers because of face masks and noted her friends disliked wearing them. She said her dad was unable to attend meetings for the Board of County Commissioners or the Washoe County School Board because of work. She wanted everyone to stop wearing masks because all they did was make people sick.

Ms. Melanie Sutton displayed a handout she received when entering Chambers. She expressed frustration because her integrity and patriotism had been questioned. She asserted the C19 vaccine was not a vaccine and it had not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She said it was an experimental drug and the FDA would never have approved the shot as a vaccine. She refused to be part of a drug experiment and expressed concern about the drug's effect on a person's natural immunities.

Ms. Deena Lane read a passage from *The Bible*. She asked the Board to lift the emergency edict for Washoe County and open at 100 percent. She asked the Commissioners to consider the effects of the restrictions on children, many of whom were not in school, failing in school, and depressed.

Ms. Rita Pepi expressed gladness to hear something was being done about the speeding issues in Cold Springs. She supported removing the public health emergency from Washoe County. She felt requiring people to get the C19 vaccine was unfair because it was an experimental drug. She spoke about her 10-year-old grandson's concerns about wearing a mask and his opinions about the C19 vaccine. She hoped the vaccine would not be administered to children.

Mr. Kenji Otto thanked County staff and Commissioner Herman for attending the Silver Knolls Community Organization meeting the prior Saturday, which he described as productive and well-attended. He thanked Digital Communications Supervisor Tami Cummings and Communications Director Nancy Leuenhagen for their help with the meeting. He expressed interest in working with County staff on establishing a gun range. He spoke about Nevada Revised Statute 306, the Washoe County Roads Department, and speeding on Crystal Canyon Boulevard.

Ms. Janet Butcher wondered why housing developments were approved before roads were implemented. She said the traffic on Pyramid Highway was awful and more housing was being built. She spoke about the Commissioners' behavior in Chambers. She expressed consternation about being referred to as unpatriotic and uneducated by one

of the Commissioners. She discussed her efforts to research the benefits and effectiveness of the C19 vaccine.

Ms. Nicol Herris said the assertion that Washoe County would be the social and economic policy leadership force in Nevada and the western states was interesting. She asked how that leadership would be assessed. She wanted to know more information about when the strategic direction was established and asked whether the public would receive progress updates. She inquired about forming a citizens committee to work on election integrity. She spoke about vaccination requirements, vaccine passports, and second amendment sanctuary counties.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar spoke about a notice and demand she presented to the Commissioners. She opined the County was acting as a corporation and the Commissioners were not representing residents. She said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration had no authority over her unless she was at her place of work. She believed C19 was not a public health emergency, and the Board was intentionally committing mass homicide.

**11:30 a.m. Chief Deputy County Clerk Catherine Smith assumed the role of Clerk.**

Using the Zoom app, Ms. Carole Black stated she sent documentation to Washoe311 and would forward it to the Commissioners. She expressed concerns about the effect the Boulder Bay development project in Crystal Bay would have on traffic and evacuation routes. She noted the initial traffic studies projected a decrease in traffic, but she found that remarkable given the scope and size of the project. She thought the area across the state line in California needed to be considered to get a real sense of how the project would affect traffic. She urged the County to perform a comprehensive review of the situation.

Via Zoom, Ms. Annemarie Grant alleged her brother Thomas Purdy was hogtied and smothered by Reno Police officers and Washoe County Sheriff deputies. She spoke about 74-year-old Joel Edwards who was killed by an unnamed Washoe County deputy in a traffic accident and inquired about the name of that deputy. She asked about training methods for Washoe County deputies at the County jail, specifically about the dangers of prone restraints. She played part of the audio recording of her brother's death.

Using the Zoom app, Ms. Heidi Schunke applauded the Board for putting away their masks. She asked for the mask requirement and all emergency health edicts to be lifted. She agreed with the suggestion of using bed counts as the measure of the health emergency. She wanted the Board not to approve Agenda Item 12. She thought it was unacceptable for an elected representative to give full control to any department. She spoke about regulations posted on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and quoted from an FDA meeting.

Ms. Pauli Jones spoke on Zoom about loving your neighbor, challenging false beliefs, rejoicing in the truth, the translation of integrity in the Old Testament

compared to the New Testament, and following Christ's example. She asked for the Board to stop pushing the use of masks and C19 vaccinations.

Ms. Terrie Kinsman expressed concern about the push to have everyone vaccinated. She said she was a senior and she did everything possible to stay healthy. The thought of being pressured or mandated to be vaccinated made her nervous. She asserted there was no health emergency and asked the Board to help the County return to normal.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Catherine Smith advised the Board she received an email from Ms. Carole Fineberg, a copy of which was placed on the record.

**21-0385      AGENDA ITEM 5 Announcements/Reports.**

County Manager Eric Brown said the County reached an important benchmark a few days prior with 50 percent of the population over the age of 16 being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (C19). He noted the County infection rate had continued to decline and was down to 4.3 percent. He mentioned the following Tuesday was June 1 and social distancing requirements would be removed in accordance with Governor Sisolak's directive as well as the County's C19 mitigation plan. He said the County still needed to comply with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for wearing masks.

Commissioner Herman thanked everyone who was present in Chambers. She said having people in the audience to guide the Commissioners was helpful. She thanked the public commenter who expressed support of the second amendment sanctuary because that was something she felt strongly about. She thanked Commissioner Hill for working with Mr. Bryan Allegretto on the zoning issue in Mesa Verde. She expressed appreciation for Commissioner Hill's hard work and understanding of what was needed.

Commissioner Jung agreed with Commissioner Herman's sentiment about Commissioner Hill's efforts. She thought Commissioner Hill was a fabulous addition to the team. She mentioned her experience driving into Reno from California on I-80 eastbound. She said the Nevada roads were top-notch when compared to California roads but the trash on the side of the road in Nevada was embarrassing. She stated the amount of debris on the roadside made it obvious when a driver crossed the state line. She said residents paid fuel tax and the roadsides should be cleaned up. She asked whether the County, as the regional government, could improve the look of the roadsides making the drive just a bit nicer. She acknowledged major efforts had been made for people flying in, but there were many people who drove into the area. She said the view when driving in on I-80 from the west or the east could use improvement, as well as the drive on I-580 from the north and south. She thought there was a serious lack of care and attention which she had learned to expect from Nevada, northern Nevada in particular.

Commissioner Jung said it appeared the County did not receive its fair share of highway and freeway money from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). She observed Las Vegas had new bridges, roads, sound walls, and murals when driving in

from any direction. She asked for help from the management team and the Commissioners who were better acquainted with NDOT. She believed NDOT did not appear to have a boss; when she started on the Board 14 years before and tried to clean up the Wells Avenue exit, she was unable to figure out who held NDOT accountable. She thought this issue needed to be prioritized because the summer months were the primary entertainment season and the County was a tourist destination. She asked for an agenda item if needed and noted she would contribute from her discretionary fund if necessary because the views from the freeway did not reflect the character and values of the community.

Commissioner Jung requested information from the District Health Officer regarding the C19 flare-up response: the number of hospitalizations, intensive care unit beds, and ventilators used that would move the community towards more caution. She said the County had never been provided with clear numbers. She wanted to know how robust the County's contact tracing was, including the number of people that would be ready to go and whether the testing results would be available the same day. She inquired whether the Desert Research Institute could be used to take the sewer study data down to the street level. She wanted inspections performed for public bad actors, for example restaurant inspections which would allow the public to look up an establishment and make a choice.

Commissioner Jung inquired whether C19 and antibody tests required health insurance or whether they were available to everyone. She asked whether the County had an aggregate data bank to track the number of people who had tested positive for C19 or the antibodies. She said that data would provide a better sense of the County's herd immunity. She argued Washoe County's herd immunity was more than 50 percent. She believed the state aggregate percentage was not representative of Washoe County because it was decreased by Clark County and some of the rural areas. Based on the number of positive cases, she speculated the County had between 70 and 75 percent herd immunity. She noted she had never said she thought people should be vaccinated, she said they had a social responsibility to wear a mask if they chose not to be vaccinated. She thought the County should have an algorithm to be able to manipulate C19 data. She offered to speak during public comment at the next District Board of Health (DBH) meeting to put her requests on the record. She stressed the importance of having real data. She thought the Board needed to do a better job as a local management team informed by the District Health Officer, but not driven by him. She believed the new model was a wildfire approach to investigate, identify, and treat flare-ups so they did not become a community-wide issue.

Vice Chair Hartung requested a moment of silence for Chair Lucey's grandfather. Chair Lucey asked for it to take place at the end of the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Jung's comments, Vice Chair Hartung said Governor Sisolak was NDOT's boss and he appointed the executive director. He surmised Commissioner Jung wanted to agendize a presentation from NDOT to respond to queries from the Commissioners. He suggested NDOT provide information about the number of current projects in Clark County versus the other 16 counties in the state as well as the amount of money they spent per capita in each county. He thought that figure would be interesting because the comparison of actual traffic counts and triggers for huge

improvements in Clark County versus Washoe County was troubling. He noted he had been unable to get NDOT to work on Pyramid Highway and that they raised the speed limit through the center of Spanish Springs from 45 miles per hour to 55 without consulting County staff. He agreed with Commissioner Jung's statement about not requiring people to get vaccinated; he believed it was a personal choice and he thought asking people whether they had been vaccinated was a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act violation.

Chair Lucey thanked everyone who extended condolences to him and his family for the death of his grandfather, a man he considered to be a father, at the age of 92. He attributed his accomplishments to his grandfather who lived a long, virtuous, and prosperous life.

In response to public comments, Chair Lucey said everyone was able to make decisions for themselves as long as they were not breaking laws or harming others. He stated the County had provided services at no cost based on the public emergency which was declared by local, state, and federal governments; no one had received a bill for a vaccine, a C19 test, hospitalization, or isolation during the public emergency period. He acknowledged the prior 18 months had been difficult, but all residents had the choice of whether they would wear a mask, get tested, or be vaccinated. He asserted none of the Commissioners had said residents should absolutely get tested or vaccinated, and he apologized if that sentiment was projected to the public. In response to the comments about Chambers security, he said security decisions were made by the entire organization. He stated the security measures were decided through the security plan which the County had worked on for four years and they were intended to provide protection for everyone who entered the building and complex.

Chair Lucey indicated the Commissioners were working with staff to identify how to end that health emergency. He said the process was very complex and included various accounting measures, but he would happily sit with anybody who wanted a detailed explanation. In response to comments about children wearing masks in school, he said those decisions were made by the State Superintendent and the Washoe County School District (WCSD); the Board had no authority to remove the mask requirement for children because the Commissioners did not oversee the WCSD. Regarding comments about the rules for Chambers, he said it was a place to conduct business in a respectful manner. He said the Commissioners usually only applauded for celebratory matters, never to supply force for a position. He acknowledged the mission statement had been on the wall of the Chambers for six or seven years and it was probably time for the Board to determine a new direction for the County. He said the issue was on the agenda for later in the summer, so the County's new mission and focus would be discussed when the Commissioners had their retreat. He pointed out the issue of a second amendment sanctuary city had been discussed a number of times, and he and the Sheriff would continue working on it. He noted Ms. Nicol Herris and Ms. Carole Fineberg expressed concerns about voter rolls. He said the Registrar of Voters had recently given a presentation to the Board, but it appeared that not all concerns had been addressed. He indicated he would happily sit with Ms. Herris and Ms. Fineberg to discuss their concerns.

Chair Lucey thanked Mr. Brown, Human Services Agency Director Amber Howell, and Human Services Coordinator Kim Schweickert for a tour they hosted the prior Friday. He said 26 individuals from Clark County attended the tour based on a recommendation from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, who indicated Washoe County had been doing a wonderful job addressing homelessness in the region. He noted the tour took the entire day because they toured multiple facilities beginning with Our Place, then Hope Springs Village, and took a drive past the safe camp location. He stated the guests from Clark County gave a raving response and he hoped they found it informative and eye-opening. He asserted the efforts to fight homelessness in the region could largely be attributed to the continued support of the Board. He mentioned the Sheriff's Office hosted the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriffs Association Golf Tournament at Montreux Golf and Country Club the prior week. The event was sold out and all proceeds would go to Christmas in July for underprivileged kids. He said Sheriff Darin Balaam and his deputies had done a wonderful job hosting the event. He expressed pride for Sheriff Balaam's efforts to give back to the community.

Chair Lucey mentioned many of the C19 restrictions and social distancing rules would change as of June 1. He noted the suspension of any open meeting law issues that Governor Sisolak put in place during the medical emergency would no longer apply, so the Board would no longer be hosting Zoom meetings. Anyone who wished to participate in the meetings was invited to email their comments to the County Clerk or participate in person. He referred to Commissioner Jung's comment about the DBH meeting and noted he had a list prepared. He agreed with the need for a data-specific response, including contact tracing, the use of sewer study data in the surge response, vaccination and herd-immunity numbers, and data drivers and algorithm use going forward. He looked forward to the meeting on Thursday so he could have those discussions with the DBH and the District Health Officer.

Chair Lucey agreed with Commissioner Jung's comments about the views from the I-80 and I-580. He mentioned Maricopa County, Arizona was responsible for many of their roads, and they had beautiful entrances for driving into the county. He said he would speak with his contacts in Maricopa County to find out how they were funding that. He concurred with Commissioner Jung's statement about the large number of people driving into the County, adding the Reno/Sparks area had always been a strong driver market so maintaining the view for drivers was in the community's best interest. He mentioned he often went fishing in the Truckee River and expressed disappointment about the large amount of garbage in the river. He thought the initiative needed a heavier focus because it was not only a place to recreate, but it was also the drinking water source for the region, and debris affected the riparian landscape in the area.

In response to Mr. Kenji Otto's public comment, Chair Lucey said the Board was still working on the shooting range. In response to Ms. Rita Pepi's public comment, he said he would read the study from America's Frontline Doctors prior to Thursday's DBH meeting. He thanked everyone who participated in public comment earlier in the meeting.

## **DONATIONS**

- 21-0386**      **6A** Accept a donation of 44 Narcan Kits to treat and prevent possible opioid overdoses by community members served by the Washoe County Department of Juvenile Services [estimated value \$3,300] donated by Quest Counseling and Consulting Inc. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read the donation, noting Narcan was the number one safety net for anyone who had an opioid addiction, and it was the only thing that actually worked. She said the State of Nevada had passed laws allowing anyone to call 911 for a person having an overdose without being penalized. She stated the change had a significant impact for juvenile services because individuals experimented with drugs primarily between the ages of 14 and 25. According to the Medical Examiner, she noted, the number one drug that was killing people in Washoe County was fentanyl. She often warned against experimentation with white powder drugs because it was too difficult to know for certain what it contained. She mentioned that many healthy organs were currently available for organ transplants because many young people were dying from drug overdoses. She noted every first responder in the County carried Narcan, so residents did not need to hesitate to request it. She heartily supported the use of Narcan and thanked Quest Counseling and Consulting Inc. for the donation.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6A be accepted.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 7A THROUGH 7J**

- 21-0387**      **7A** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of April 13, 2021 and April 20, 2021. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0388**      **7B** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 secured and unsecured tax rolls 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A and B and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$369,735.62]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0389**      **7C1** Recommendation to award a bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for ITB 3145-21 (Treatment Plant Chemicals for use in biosolids dewatering at the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility) to Solenis, LLC, [in the estimated annual amount of \$139,000]; and, if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute a 1-

year purchase order agreement with the option for two additional one-year extensions in the estimated annual amount of \$139,000. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

- 21-0390**      **7C2** Recommendation to approve the Amendment to 2003 Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors' Authority (RSCVA). The original agreement identifies joint parking areas, parking lot maintenance responsibilities, and grants the RSCVA authority to enter onto certain property known as the "Armory Site" for demolition and construction. The Amendment allows Washoe County to enter onto and pave the storage lot for utilization as the Point of Dispersion for COVID-19 vaccination purposes. Community Services. (Commission Districts 3.)
- 21-0391**      **7C3** Recommendation to approve First Amendment to Lease Agreement between ECOL Partnership and Washoe County for occupancy at 250 S. Rock Blvd., Suite #126, extending the term of the lease by twenty-four months, commencing retroactively on May 1, 2021 and terminating on April 30, 2023 in the amount of [\$16,416.00 annually in year one and \$17,856.00 annually in year two, plus approximately \$540.00 monthly for common area maintenance] for storage of the Registrar of Voters' voting machines and equipment management. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0392**      **7D** Discussion and possible approval of a settlement of Gaudy Parento v. Washoe County, case number 3:19-cv-00303-MMD-CBC, for a total sum of [\$75,000] inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs for all claims against Washoe County - payment of \$25,000 to be made to Mark Mausert and \$50,000 to be made payable to Gaudy Parento. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0393**      **7E** Approve the purchase of services for [\$149,980.00] with Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) to establish an implementation process for the County's behavioral health crisis response system for the period June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0394**      **7F** Recommendation to accept Amendment #1 to the FY21 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee Program) sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$27,982; \$6,996 county match] retroactive for the period July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system with achieving greater independence; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

- 21-0395**      **7G1** Recommendation to approve a fund agreement with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada to enable acceptance of funds for the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0396**      **7G2** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$16,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$10,000] grant to the Gerlach Fire Protection Department to support operations, a [\$2,000] grant to the Palomino Valley Volunteer Program to support training and equipment upkeep, a [\$2,000] grant to the Rancho Haven Volunteer Fire Department to support operations, and a [\$2,000] grant to the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department to support operations; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary the necessary budget appropriation transfers and journal entries. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5.)
- 21-0397**      **7G3** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$20,000] grant to The Generator to support moving to their new facility and ongoing operations; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3.)
- 21-0398**      **7G4** Recommendation to approve the engagement of Sherman & Howard L.L.C. for the provision of services for bond counsel of up to \$65,000 and special counsel regarding disclosure of up to \$55,000 for a combined total of not-to-exceed \$120,000 for the proposed 2021B General Obligation (Limited Tax) Flood Control Refunding Bonds. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0399**      **7G5** Recommendation to appoint Judith Simon to serve as the Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Advisory Planning Commission to complete the term of Tim Callicrate who voluntarily resigned his position effective April 13, 2021. The existing term expires on July 31, 2022. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)
- 21-0400**      **7H** Recommendation to approve an agreement between the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno ("NSHE") and Washoe County, by and through Washoe County Regional Animal Services ("WCRAS") retroactive for the period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024 to allow WCRAS to use certain NSHE real property when it is not occupied and is otherwise available, for the purpose of providing emergency services and temporary shelter when needed for livestock being evacuated due to wildfires, flooding, or other

emergency situations in the Northern Nevada and California area. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

**21-0401**      **7I** 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, which will replace the current Agreement. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**21-0402**      **7J** Recommendation to Acknowledge Receipt of the Report of Sale-January 24, 2021 Delinquent Special Assessment Sale [Sale Proceeds \$0.00]. Treasurer. (Commission District 4.)

With regard to Consent Agenda Item 7I, Commissioner Jung thanked the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education and the University of Nevada, Reno Police Services for working with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to form a multi-district SWAT Team. She applauded University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval for his efforts.

Vice Chair Hartung highlighted Consent Agenda Items 7G2 and 7G3, which were Commission District Special Fund disbursements. He summarized Commissioner Herman's disbursements: \$10,000 to the Gerlach Fire Protection Department to support operations, \$2,000 to the Palomino Valley Volunteer Program to support training and equipment upkeep, and \$2,000 each to the Rancho Haven and Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Departments to support operations. He said Commissioner Jung disbursed a \$20,000 grant to The Generator to support moving to their new facility and for ongoing operations. He thanked Commissioners Herman and Jung for supporting their districts, which was echoed by Chair Lucey.

There was no response to the call for public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 7A through 7J be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 7A through 7J are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**BLOCK VOTE – 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16**

**21-0403**      **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to approve a Road Use Agreement between Washoe County and Ormat Nevada, Inc., commencing May 25, 2021 to utilize a section of Rodeo Creek Rd in unincorporated Washoe County to access Ormat's geothermal project located on Bureau of Land Management lands in the North Valleys (near existing San Emidio Power

Plant) and in the vicinity of Gerlach, Nevada. The Road Use Agreement describes Ormat's responsibilities to restore the roadways' pavement conditions after conclusion of the projects at no cost to Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

**21-0404**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve a Road Use Agreement between Washoe County and Fish Springs Ranch Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, commencing May 25, 2021 to utilize a section of Fish Springs Road in unincorporated Washoe County to access Fish Springs Solar project located approximately 40 miles north of Reno, Nevada. The Road Use Agreement describes Fish Springs Ranch Solar, LLC responsibilities to repair the road during construction activities and restore the roadway condition after conclusion of the project at no cost to Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 5.).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

**21-0405**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to authorize Washoe County Manager Eric Brown to enter into all necessary professional services agreements and construction contracts in support of the Nevada Cares Campus Safe Camp and Homeless Housing Sprung Facility Improvements in amounts not to exceed \$300,000 for design and permitting contracts, and not to exceed \$3,200,000 for construction contracts, and directing the Manager to provide periodic updates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners regarding project status, project costs and budgets. All such contracts shall conform and be let in compliance with Washoe County purchasing and procurement policies as applicable, Nevada law including Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 332 "Purchasing: Local Governments," NRS Chapter 338 "Public Works," and all associated Federal procurement guidelines. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be authorized.

**21-0406**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$3,928,548.16] in both revenue and expense to the FY21 Immunizations COVID Compliance Subaward retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved and directed.

**21-0407**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to retroactively approve temporary staffing from Talent Framework in the approximate amount of [\$1,500,000] in FY21 and not to exceed [\$1,500,000] in FY22 from Talent Framework temporary staffing in support of the COVID-19 response efforts and the COVID-19 vaccination events. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

**21-0408**      **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve the Carbyne c-Live Universe Solution Service Contract for the Sheriff’s Office Communications Center and enter into a contract with Carbyne, Inc. for a sixty-month term at a cost not to exceed [\$60,900.00] annually, or [\$304,500.00] for the full sixty months; to support Next Generation 911 services at the Communications Center. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

**21-0409**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve the purchase of one Hamilton AutoLys STAR robotic platform, 1 year service agreement, and associated validation services at a total cost of [\$366,898.01] using grant funds from the 2020 Capacity Enhancement Backlog Reduction (CEBR) DNA Grant (IO 11792) under a sole source purchasing exemption. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved.

**21-0410**      **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on March 18, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$321,759.90] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be approved.

**21-0411**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve a sole source designation and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to issue a purchase order for one Asphalt Zipper model 500-260B from Asphalt Zipper Co., 831 East 340 South, American Fork, Utah 84003 [\$152,515.00] to replace existing unit #7300 assigned to the Washoe County Community Services Operations Division that has reached the end of its useful life. The Asphalt Zipper will be used for road repairs in unincorporated Washoe County. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Hill asked for a justification for the sole source procurement. She asked why additional competitors were not contacted. Division Director of Operations Eric Crump responded the Community Services Department (CSD) had not gone out to bid. The Asphalt Zipper was a product used by the County for about 15 years. He said all mechanics and field staff were familiar with the system and operations. From an efficiency standpoint, the CSD preferred to use similar products year over year.

Commissioner Hill asked about the trade-in value since the purchase request form had an undetermined trade-in value. She inquired whether the trade-in value for that unit would be presented to the Board. Mr. Crump said the trade-in value was not currently known and it would typically not be presented to the Board. He explained several pieces of equipment would be compiled and sent to auction, or staff would work with certain manufacturers on trade-in values for specific pieces.

Commissioner Hill understood staff was familiar with the equipment, but she expressed discomfort with voting on the equipment without having other bids for comparison because she did not know enough about the equipment to know whether it was a good choice. She wanted to make sure the County looked for competitive bids in the future.

Vice Chair Hartung said he respected Commissioner Hill's desire for comparison, but he knew there could be significant cost savings with continuance of those types of things. He did not think there was anything nefarious by staff, it was just an instance of being set up for a particular product, so offered to make a motion to support the purchase.

Commissioner Jung seconded the motion but acknowledged Commissioner Hill's comments about purchasing issues. She said the Board was lucky to have all the different subject matter experts, but staff needed to be aware that Commissioner Hill would closely examine each agenda item for purchasing issues. She commended Commissioner Hill for her efforts to change the purchasing culture to conform to generally accepted accounting and purchasing principles. She noted everyone needed to be held to the same standards to ensure tax dollars were not misappropriated.

Commissioner Hill clarified she was not accusing staff of anything nefarious; she just needed more information. She said she was learning along with the community when items such as this were reviewed.

Chair Lucey thought Commissioner Hill's comments were warranted because the purchase of items was only agendized when the items exceeded a dollar value above staff's purchasing authorization; it was prudent to look at them closely. He thought Mr. Brown, coming from the private sector, would agree the Board needed to review purchasing practices. He said contracts were sometimes not put out for bid because of a timing issue or for efficiency purposes. He acknowledged requesting bids produced extra work for staff, so they did not always want to do it, but that was not the right process and it did not serve the community. He said efficiency was a factor for this piece of machinery because staff knew how to operate it and retraining could sometimes be more costly, but that did not mean cost savings could not be achieved on another piece of equipment. He appreciated Commissioner Hill's comments which he thought were prudent. He did not think her questions were out of line, nor did he think she implied staff's actions were nefarious. He thought it was smart for the Commissioners to learn about different practices and procedures.

Vice Chair Hartung said some types of repairs were very time sensitive because of their location, such as repairs in Lake Tahoe which would be affected by strong seasonal weather. He noted the least expensive product was not always the best product in terms of longevity, so there were times when continuing with a proven product would produce a cost savings over time. He did not disagree with Commissioner Hill's comments and thought asking questions was prudent. He believed it was incumbent upon the Board to find efficiencies and better methodology whenever possible.

Chair Lucey asked staff to present additional information for any future purchasing agenda items. He said knowing staff's reasons for using a sole source contract and understanding alternative options would help the Commissioners to make decisions. He stated the Board had a responsibility to the general public, so it was important to ask questions and address all concerns about purchasing contracts.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Kenji Otto thanked Commissioner Hill for her observations. He said he had governmental purchasing experience and had always been required to provide justification for sole source purchases. He expressed surprise because the County did not require justification and suggested the Board implement a policy for that purpose. He said such a policy would prevent any issues or questions of impropriety.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Hill voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved and authorized.

**21-0412**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, by Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to Washoe County. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Lucey stated each Commissioner had a packet with the information regarding timelines and tracking. He noted Commissioner Hill would provide the update.

Commissioner Hill pointed out there were two recommendations from staff, the first of which was to support annual behavior wellness checks for police officers. The second recommendation was related to Senate Bill (SB) 295, which was to revise provisions related to industrial insurance to allow people who received heart and lung benefits to double dip. SB295 would allow those individuals to go back into government services and triple dip on that benefit. She asserted this was a significant risk to the County because many of those individuals wanted to stay in government services and could decide not to collect that benefit, but this bill would allow them to do so. She opined it was a concern from a risk management perspective. She spoke about Assembly Bill (AB) 397, the Clerk's Bill, saying it was being worked on by staff and the Clerk, but expressed concern it would not be voted on; she would keep the Commissioners updated. SB263 was the election bill that would allow an individual to change their address without creating a new document with the Registrar of Voters, which was an issue related to multiple ballots being mailed to the same person. She said that bill failed but it could be placed into a larger election bill and still be supported. She mentioned to Commissioner Jung that AB345, which would legalize fentanyl testing strips, was moving forward but she was unsure if it would reach Governor Steve Sisolak's desk. She asserted many local activists were looking to support this bill to reduce death rates in the community.

Chair Lucey mentioned some of the bills that passed were worked on with staff as state issues that could affect Washoe County; AB1 and AB3 were supported by the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and supported by the County. He stated AB1 passed and had been signed by the Governor, which would provide education to all new legislators related to county government to ensure a broader understanding of local

government processes. AB33 was a bill that many County staff worked on including Human Services Agency (HSA) Director Amber Howell and the District Attorney's Office; his wife worked with HSA on this NACO-supported bill, which was passed and signed into law the previous week. He indicated this would allow paternity proceedings to move faster so children in the system would not stay in foster care for extended periods of time while waiting for their forever homes, which would save money. He stated the deadline for items to be out of the second house was midnight the previous Friday, and a bill that did not move out of the second house would die. He mentioned many bills died but were being reworked into other remaining bills. He asserted everything was out of lobbyists' hands at this time and everyone had to wait to see what would happen at the end of the week. He remarked it was an interesting session with many legislative issues, and the legislators received a lot of criticism, though they worked very hard. He asserted the bills were difficult to discuss and significant reading was involved for each bill. He thought legislators were diligent workers and public servants who had very difficult jobs. He commended their work on this session.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Annemarie Grant, via the Zoom app, sister of Thomas Purdy, spoke about following the legislative session. She expressed concern about Sergeant Corey Solferino being the lobbyist for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office as he was in charge when a man was asphyxiated at the jail, even though he asserted to the Legislature that they followed proper protocol. She believed the Board was opposed to AB253 about remote technology and opined the Board did not care what the community had to say.

Ms. Heidi Schunke was called to speak, but stated it was for a different agenda item.

On motion by Chair Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners support AB336 and oppose SB295.

**21-0413      AGENDA ITEM 18 Public Comment.**

Mr. Kenji Otto noted the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act protected medical records but did prevent anyone from asking about medical information. He mentioned he previously lived in Elk Grove, California where city developers were required to build infrastructure before any houses could be built. He wondered whether the Board would consider a similar policy for Washoe County. He agreed with Commissioner Jung's statements about litter on the side of the highways. He suggested posting event signs on all four highway entrances to the County. He spoke about the traffic report for Crystal Canyon Boulevard.

Using the Zoom app, Ms. Heidi Schunke said states could lawfully mandate certain vaccines but not unapproved emergency use authorization medical products. She spoke about U.S. Constitution article 4 section 2 as well as the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory history. She referred to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention's H1N1 flu fact sheet and the discontinuation of that national vaccination campaign. She said the COVID-19 vaccine's death toll was higher than that which ended the swine flu vaccination campaign. She believed the vaccine was too experimental to pass Agenda Items 12 and 13.

Using the Zoom app, Ms. Annemarie Grant alleged her brother Thomas Purdy was murdered by Reno Police officers and Washoe County Sheriff deputies. She expressed disapproval about the discontinuation of Zoom meetings because it limited participation from people who were homebound, at work, or unable to obtain transportation to attend meetings in person. She mentioned *The Reno Gazette-Journal* series 'Death Behind Bars' and the jail's death rate, which was five times the national rate. She thought the Sheriff's Office should not be given more funds because they already received a large portion of the budget. She played part of an audio recording of her brother's death.

**21-0414      AGENDA ITEM 19 Announcements/Reports.**

Commissioner Hill suggested taking a moment of silence. Chair Lucey requested a moment of silence for his grandfather Harold Lucey, who lived a long life but had now joined his uncle and grandmother. There followed a moment of silence.

Commissioner Jung said Chair Lucey's work ethic and class honored his grandfather. She was sorry she had not met Mr. Lucey before he passed. Chair Lucey thanked Commissioner Jung, adding Mr. Lucey meant a lot to many people.

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**1:00 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**BOB LUCEY**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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**JANIS GALASSINI**, County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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