

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JULY 20, 2021

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair (via telephone)
Alexis Hill, Commissioner (via telephone)
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 10:01 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:

21-0536 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Presentation by Samantha Pierce, Washoe County Internal Auditor on the Washoe County School District Covid-19 Contact Tracing program and presentation of certificates of appreciation for those Washoe County employees that participated in the program.

Washoe County Internal Auditor Samantha Pierce conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Goal; Started/Completed; Structure; One Success; Other thank you's; and task force members' names.

Ms. Pierce noted the contact tracing program was the result of collaboration from many departments. She provided examples of new skills staff learned as part of the program, including learning epidemiology terms, contact tracing acronyms, and new technology. She mentioned task force staff all worked remotely. She noted the cases were trending up after spring break, but the task force worked with school nurses to successfully reverse the trend, so schools were able to remain open.

Washoe County School District (WCSD) Chief Human Resources Officer Emily Ellison mentioned she heard a radio commentator who noted many children in the United States had not seen the inside of a school building in nearly 12 months. She expressed pride because WCSD children had been in school. She thanked the contact tracers who helped keep children in school as well as helping people feel safer during a very chaotic time. She said keeping children in school provided a controlled environment for them during a time when things were out of control. She asserted the task force had

performed a critical service for the community.

Chief Strategies Officer Paul LaMarca thanked Chair Lucey and County Manager Eric Brown for attending WCSD Board meetings and recognizing that keeping schools safe was critical to the wellbeing of the entire community. He recognized District Health Officer Kevin Dick, Epidemiology Program Manager Heather Kerwin, Ms. Pierce, and Epidemiology Program Manager Sara Tone. He acknowledged the contact tracers for serving their community ways they would never have guessed. He said the contact tracers demonstrated an eagerness and willingness to help with this community issue.

County Manager Eric Brown recalled the day he and Chair Lucey attended a WCSD meeting and Chair Lucey offered County resources to support WCSD contact tracing efforts. Mr. Brown said it had been one of the proudest moments of his short tenure with the County. He thanked all employees who stepped out of their comfort zone and learned new terms to help accomplish this task.

Chair Lucey said the Board had been dedicated to keeping the community safe throughout the pandemic. He could not say enough about everyone's willingness and participation in helping the community. He thanked all individuals who committed extra work and time.

Ms. Pierce and Mr. Brown presented certificates to task force members.

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

21-0537 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation by Roger Pelham, Senior Planner, Community Services Department, Planning program addressing how compliance with required conditions of approval is achieved after approval of a project has been granted by an elected or appointed board or commission.

Senior Planner Roger Pelham conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Discretionary Permit Overview; Types of Applications; Approving Authorities; Reviewing Agencies; Permits Processed in 2020; Typical Amounts of Conditions of Approval; Implementing Processes (3 slides); Final Approvals; Final Approvals Standard Code Requirements; Conditions on Business License; "Before"; "After"; and Not-Quite-So-Final Approvals.

Mr. Pelham said the 23 different types of applications did not include things like building permits; they were discretionary actions that went before a board or individual for approval. He stated the Planning Division was the lead agency, but they had many partners including the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the Washoe County School District, the Regional Transportation Commission, and agencies like general improvement districts. He noted the conditions of approval needed to be met before projects were finalized and approvals were nullified if the conditions were not met. He

indicated the agency that provided conditions of approval would have to confirm that conditions were met, so the final action did not happen until all agencies were satisfied. The Planning Division was generally the agency to oversee the process. He noted projects that were approved in the late 1980s came across his desk for renewal about once every other year. He clarified the conditions of approval were not the only requirements because everything in the code did not need to be listed in the conditions. The conditions of approval applied to things that were unique to a particular discretionary action. He displayed before and after images of an example of such conditions that involved landscaping.

Chair Lucey thanked Mr. Pelham for the presentation. He noted the Board had expressed concern about permit issuance and compliance.

Commissioner Jung inquired about the number of requests that were voided in 2020. Mr. Pelham replied requests were not generally voided. Staff worked with the applicant in a collaborative manner to help them comply with all conditions of approval.

Commissioner Jung wondered whether the Planning Division had reimagined a different way to engage County partners to make the process less bureaucratic and have more buy-in from lead agencies. She said many people expressed concern about the review process, so she thought there needed to be more engagement from other agencies. She noted developers happily offered land as part of a project approval, such as for a school, but the land was often not where the Regional Planning Commission would want. She asked how often conditions on landscaping were confirmed. She said residents often asked her about their options for camouflaging large subdivisions or apartment complexes within sight of their property. She knew the Board made some very precise requests, but she was aware there was no dedicated staff to confirm that those conditions were met. She asserted the lack of dedicated staff needed to be addressed, particularly during the current expansion. She thought developers were aware that the County did not have staff to assess projects in future years to ensure conditions were met; that lack scared neighbors who did not want their lifestyle changed by development projects. She noted the Cities of Reno and Sparks did not have dedicated staff for that purpose either. She asserted the cost of a full-time equivalent position to ensure developers' promises were fulfilled would be well worth the expense and it would assure residents by demonstrating the County took development conditions seriously. She asked County Manager Eric Brown to provide data showing the conditions which were negotiated with developers and which corrections were made. She stated the community was in a boom and she wanted to ensure the voices of citizens were heard. She noted developers voluntarily agreed to many conditions of approval, but she wanted to hold them to those agreements.

Mr. Pelham acknowledged the system of approval contained some level of shortcoming. He said staff ensured conditions were met when they perform inspections for final approval, but there were no follow-up inspections five or ten years after approval.

Chair Lucey asked whether developers were required to take out bonds when the County issued permits for large developments and for master plan developments. Mr. Pelham replied developers had the option to either construct the improvements

necessary or bond for their construction. Chair Lucey asked how long those bonds stayed in place. Mr. Pelham said the bonds could stay in place for a very long time, but the most common situation involved subdivisions. He said the final map would not be recorded until conditions were met, so the developer could not build or sell units until the required construction was completed. He said the requirements generally involved infrastructure; landscaping was a very minor part of subdivisions and was more important for commercial and industrial development. He confirmed a final inspection was performed prior to the release of a bond.

Commissioner Herman asked whether the job of Planning Division staff had been made easier by annexation. She saw many subdivisions being developed and the County had no control over them because they had been annexed by the City of Reno. She asked whether there was a way for the County to have more control over developments annexed by the City of Reno. She thought the City of Reno was supposed to take the responsibility, but they did not do so. Mr. Pelham replied planning staff was busier now than in the 20 years of his employment with the County, so the job had not gotten any easier. He was unable to address whether the County could have a greater say in development standards in the City of Reno because that was above his level of responsibility.

Vice Chair Hartung said he believed Commissioner Jung referred to self-imposed conditions agreed to by developers. He suggested there could be a way to separate conditions of approval from self-imposed conditions, and inspections could be performed to ensure those conditions were being met.

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

21-0538 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Public Comment.

Mr. Stewart Handte displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated he had filed a complaint with the Board against Washoe County Deputy District Attorney Amos Stege three months prior. He alleged Mr. Stege had initiated an unwarranted malicious prosecution and persecution of himself and his family under the authority of District Attorney Christopher Hicks. He mentioned his 30-year law enforcement career and expressed consternation about malicious statements made against him by Mr. Stege as part of a legal proceeding.

Ms. Nicol Herris thanked County Manager Eric Brown for meeting with her and several residents to discuss some of the issues the County and the Board were working on. She cautioned the Board against relying on federal dollars which could create gaps in future budgets. She mentioned vaccine passports, noting there were no voting passports to prove voter legitimacy. She urged the Board to end the public health emergency and to ban vaccine passports and mask mandates.

Reverend Augustin Jorquez said he served as a first responder and chaplain for the tribal COVID-19 (C19) test sites during the pandemic. He had been asked to create

a community garden in partnership with the Center for Healthy Aging and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. He thanked Commissioners Herman and Jung for helping with some of the challenges related to the project. He invited everyone to the grand opening of the intergenerational community garden in Lemmon Valley on Saturday August 28 at 6:00 p.m. The garden would specialize in indigenous ancestral foods which offered higher nutrient density and better taste than commercially grown food. He hoped to create a seed dispensary hub and share the harvest with the local food pantry in the future.

County Clerk Jan Galassini distributed a document submitted by Reverend Jorquez to the Board.

Ms. Cindy Martinez thanked Mr. Brown for meeting with several residents the prior week. She said she learned some things during the meeting to provide a frame of reference about what the County was doing. She asked the Board to end the public health emergency. She noted the delta variant of C19 had created news headlines, but she asserted viruses became more transmissible but less virulent over time. She spoke about the efficacy of polymerase chain reaction tests and deaths allegedly correlated to the C19 vaccine. She asked the Board to pass a resolution to ban vaccine passports.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon asserted there had been no discussion or accountability for the blatant disregard of the will of Washoe County residents. He said the people would hold the County liable for the ruined businesses and deaths caused by ignoring proven protocols that could have saved lives. He alleged a significant number of children had died or been injured because of the experimental C19 vaccine. He expressed concern about keeping Kevin Dick as the District Health Officer. He stated the Commissioners had three options: uphold their oath to County residents by passing resolutions removing themselves from Governor Steve Sisolak's edicts, resign, or wait for the courts to remove them from office. He reviewed some of the requests that had been made by citizens.

Mr. Robert J. Beach attempted to allow Mr. St. Jon to provide public comment on his behalf. Chair Lucey stated Mr. Beach could not assign a proxy. He said the rules for public comment during Board of County Commissioner meetings were noted on the meeting agenda. Mr. Beach declined to speak, and Mr. St. Jon was escorted from Chambers due to disorderly conduct.

Mr. Dennis W. Dybicz said he had intended to allow Mr. St. Jon to speak as his proxy, but since that was not permissible, he declined to speak.

Mr. Jason McMillen said he had intended to allow Mr. St. Jon to speak as his proxy but chose to read Mr. St. Jon's prepared statement instead. He believed the BCC had hijacked the government processes and needed an education of the hierarchy of government. He said the United States Constitution was the law of the land and no state law or governor mandate took precedence. Each governing official swore an oath to uphold the United States Constitution. He said citizens had been willing to adhere to safety measures to prevent a major outbreak, but he believed C19 was a hoax.

Ms. Susie Howell believed the Board was not working toward a safe, secure, and healthy community. She stated information pointed to the health risks of children wearing masks, but masks were still required. She said a doctor from Baylor University asserted C19 was equivalent to a cold for children. She stated that up to 45,000 deaths had been caused by the C19 shot, which she asserted was not a vaccine. She believed keeping children masked was a crime.

Mr. Donald Fossum displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He urged the Board to cancel mandates and keep culture. He pleaded with the commissioners to not be influenced by extremism, intimidation, and indoctrination. He hoped the Washoe County School District would not require all children to be vaccinated. He believed the C19 vaccine killed and injured children.

Ms. Melanie Sutton said she agreed with Ms. Martinez and Ms. Howell's statements against vaccine passports and the public health emergency. She asserted the C19 vaccine was not a vaccine as it had not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); it was an experimental drug, and the FDA would never have approved the shot as a vaccine. She stated she was not an antivaxxer but refused to be part of a drug experiment. She urged the Board to make the County a constitutional County.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar alleged that Mr. Dick was practicing medicine without a license because he was telling people to get the C19 vaccine. She asserted Mr. Dick had no authority over Washoe County residents because he was not a doctor, and the commissioners had no authority over residents who were not employed by the County. She stated the C19 injection had caused the deaths of over 45,000 people and sent teenagers to the hospital with enlarged hearts. She believed the deaths attributed to C19 were caused by the flu because there was no C19 virus.

Mr. Bruce Foster mentioned some counties in North Carolina started offering door-to-door C19 vaccines. He spoke about his understanding of the hierarchy of the United States government. He said Washoe County citizens were putting the commissioners on notice that they were operating within a strict set of delegated authority and the sworn duty to protect. He stated C19 mandates focused on misleading information. He said residents were taking back the authority given to them by God, not by any institution or governing authority.

Mr. Kenji Otto displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He opined that Nevada had been taken over by the Marxist government. He believed the Nevada Democratic Party intended to replace elected officials with Marxists. He read a quote from an individual who came to Reno to set up an office for the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). He referred to information on the Las Vegas DSA website.

Ms. Erin Massengale noted the meeting's agenda was ambitious, but she hoped items would not be placed into a block vote and only receive one vote. She said the agenda items involved millions of dollars and she believed they needed to be discussed individually with the public. She urged the Board to pass a resolution to end the public

health emergency and ban vaccine passports, which she believed would create a two-class system based on medical status.

County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment from Ms. Elise Weatherly, which she placed on the record.

Assistant District Attorney David Watts-Vial noted the agenda specified public comment was limited to three minutes per person and that speakers could not allocate unused time to other speakers. Those limitations were placed pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.020.3d7 which allowed for limits on public comments as long as they were noted on the agenda and not viewpoint restrictive. He said Chair Lucey also had the ability to remove persons who were preventing the orderly conduct of the meeting pursuant to NRS 241.030.4a.

21-0539 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Jung requested a report from County Manager Eric Brown about operations and job flexibility after COVID-19 (C19). She wanted to know what the County was changing with regard to work from home options and job selections. She sought to continue to improve on the cross-functional training that was done through the use of librarians, so that any functional area had the ability to work in a different functional area. She said the County had more flexibility as a government service.

Commissioner Jung asked for a future agenda item to discuss recreation travel and tourism signage. She wanted to know about universal standards that could be used by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA). She noted people needed signage to direct them to the great public lands in the County. She thought the use of universal standard signage recognizable by anyone would help local tourism and the RSCVA. She mentioned the Board of County Commissioners saved the RSCVA approximately \$8 million over ten years by refinancing their bonds.

Commissioner Jung mentioned she and Chair Lucey participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony the prior Friday for the Glow Plaza at the Sands Regency Casino Hotel (Sands). She said the Sands hosted free jazz concerts every weekend. She noted the Sands had hired a new general manager from Las Vegas who had a different mindset, and the entire casino had been refurbished. She encouraged everyone to take a tour and enjoy some of the free events that were for locals as well as tourists. She said the Sands had partnered with the Great Reno Balloon Race and they had launched three balloons from their parking lot the prior week. She thanked the Sands and Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. for creating this type of fusion and offering free world-class events.

Commissioner Herman said she received calls from constituents expressing concern about the Stead Sewer Plant. She asked Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro for a report on issues the sewer plant was experiencing. Responding to public comments about the number of agenda items, she thought the Board might be rushing over some items, and it could be a good idea to explain some items the public might not understand.

Chair Lucey noted the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) was offering C19 testing and vaccinations. He said the County and the WCHD did not have a mandate to require vaccination; the decision to be vaccinated was at the discretion of each individual. He expressed frustration because it still took three to five days to get results for C19 tests performed by the WCHD even though the turnaround time for results was much shorter across the country. He believed test results needed to be available within 24 hours because a longer turnaround time made contact tracing and quarantining ineffective. He believed the test result delay represented a managerial deficiency; if the WCHD provided a service, it should be done adequately, efficiently, and in a timely manner. He said he would voice his concerns at the upcoming WCHD meeting on Thursday, July 22, at 1:00 p.m. He noted the meeting would be held in Chambers and would be open to the public.

Chair Lucey mentioned there had been a number of fires in the last two weeks. The Sierra Mountains were currently experiencing extremely dry conditions. He noted individuals were choosing to go out and recreate despite the warm temperatures and dry conditions. High fire danger existed due to a lack of moisture to dampen vegetation, which was exacerbated by lightning storms. He asked residents to be aware of fire danger, reminding everyone that open fire pit burning was currently not permitted in the County, although gas fire pits were still allowed. The decision to disallow open pit burning was made by the fire districts and the United States Forest Service.

In response to Commissioner Jung's statement about signs for visitors, Chair Lucey said he had discussed the issue with the RSCVA. He said the RSCVA was considering acquiring and installing signs either along I-80 or U.S. Highway 395 to inform people of legacy events. He thought Commissioner Jung made a good point because the community welcomed a lot of individuals who chose to drive. He noted there were many events in the community, so people did not often know what events were upcoming or currently taking place.

Chair Lucey mentioned Artown had been going very well. He commended Executive Director Beth Macmillan, her staff, and the Artown Board of Directors for the event. He also thanked County staff including Division Director of Operations Eric Crump, Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro, and County Manager Eric Brown for their assistance. He noted a safe place for the event had been found through the combined efforts of staff. He said the stage erected at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park was exquisite and he encouraged anyone who had not attended an event to do so. He thanked everyone for a wonderful Fourth of July. He noted there had not been as many fireworks displays as usual, but the displays that were hosted had been tremendous. He thanked law enforcement and fire protection staff for maintaining community safety throughout the Fourth of July events. He mentioned he attended the Washoe County Sheriff's Office promotion ceremony the prior day, during which a number of individuals received promotions. He congratulated those individuals and thanked their families.

Commissioner Hill noted she received feedback from Incline Village and Crystal Bay residents regarding e-bikes on pedestrian trails. She indicated she was working with the Sheriff's Office and the Community Services Department to get signage and

establish regulations because sharing pedestrian paths with high-speed bicycles was challenging. She said she would be in contact with residents regarding the issue.

DONATIONS

- 21-0540** **7A1** Recommendation to accept donations [\$320,000] from the Wilbur May Foundation: \$220,000 restricted for FY22 general operating support of the Wilbur D. May Center, excluding all County overhead and \$100,000 restricted to support FY22 temporary exhibits at the Wilbur D. May Museum. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)
- 21-0541** **7A2** Recommendation to accept donations of [\$3,044.03] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0542** **7B1** Recommendation to accept donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$11,965.00] retroactive for the period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0543** **7C1** Recommendation to accept a donation of a mobile Vantage F3 Robot and control system [donated value of \$20,150.00] from Peter Lissner to be used by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team for tactical purposes. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read the donations and thanked the donors. There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A1 through 7C1 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8L1

- 21-0544** **8A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of June 8, 2021, June 15, 2021, and June 22, 2021, and the special meeting of June 29, 2021. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0545** **8A2** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Communications, Monthly Statements/Reports, and Executed

Contracts. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

- 21-0546** **8B1** Recommendation to: 1) accept the State of Nevada, Division of State Parks Recreational Trails Program 2021-10 “Sierra Front Trail Planning” grant [in the amount of \$74,300 with cash match in the amount of \$18,575]; and 2) approve the Project Agreement with a grant period from the date of full execution through December 31, 2023; and 3) authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Project Agreement and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and 4) direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 21-0547** **8C1** Recommendation to approve Washoe County’s Indebtedness Report and accompanying schedules for fiscal year 2020/21 as of June 30, 2021. If approved, staff will submit the report and schedules to the Washoe County Debt Management Commission and to the Nevada Department of Taxation by August 1, 2021. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0548** **8C2** Recommendation to reappoint Retirees Duane Meyer and Dondi Armstrong, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Fiscal Officer Cynthia Vance, as Trustees on the Washoe County Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for two-year terms ending July 24, 2023. Recommendation to reappoint Washoe County Comptroller Cathy Hill as Trustee on the Washoe County Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund Board of Trustees for a four-year term, retroactive to June 27, 2020 and ending June 26, 2024. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0549** **8C3** Discussion and possible approval of a settlement of Heidi Howe v. Washoe County; Chuck Allen, case number 3:18-cv-00471-HDM-WGC, for a total sum of [\$45,000] inclusive of attorneys’ fees and costs for all claims against Washoe County. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0550** **8D1** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$52,331.00] in both revenue and expense to the FY21 Hepatitis Surveillance and Prevention Subaward retroactive to May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0551** **8D2** Recommendation to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$72,362.80] in both revenue and expense, with an in-kind match of [\$40,144.00] to the FY21 PM2.5 Monitoring 103 Grant retroactive to April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

- 21-0552** **8E1** Recommendation to accept a FY21 Children’s Justice Act (CJA) subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$2,500; no county match] retroactive from May 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 to support printing and distribution of The Child Welfare Court Process Guide for Families Handbook and Quick Guide; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0553** **8E2** Recommendation to accept Amendment #1 to the subgrant award for Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services that increases the award amount by [\$100,000; \$33,333 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services and extends the grant period, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant amendment; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0554** **8E3** Recommendation to approve an extension to the agreement with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) for a Non-Urbanized Paratransit Program to provide for the transportation of senior citizens and people with disabilities in the amount of [\$29,000], retroactive to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement. Human Services Agency. (Commission Districts 1 and 5.)
- 21-0555** **8E4** Recommendation to accept a FY22 sub-grant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the amount of [\$39,995; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the position and activities of the Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0556** **8F1** Recommendation to approve the reclassifications of a Human Services Program Specialist, pay grade Q, retitled to a new classification of Homeless Services Data and Policy Specialist, pay grade Q, a vacant Program Assistant, pay grade K, retitled to a new classification of Homeless Services Program Assistant, pay grade K, two vacant Management Analysts, pay grade N, retitled to a new classification of Homeless Services Analyst, pay grade N (County Manager’s Office), and a vacant Workforce Development Manager, pay grade R, retitled to a new classification of HR

Manager - Organizational Effectiveness, pay grade R (Human Resources) as reviewed and evaluated by Korn Ferry; and approve one full-time Office Support Specialist position, pay grade H (Manager's Office), pending evaluation by the Job Evaluation Committee and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Net fiscal impact \$83,658.00] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

21-0557 **8G1** Recommendation to approve Federal 2020 LSTA Grant-in-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$54,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of February 15, 2021, through August 31, 2021 for the augmentation of library collections, equipment, programs, and services; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

21-0558 **8H1** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$20,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$20,000] grant to Sun Valley General Improvement District to support the replacement of three sets of double doors at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3.)

21-0559 **8H2** Recommendation to approve Washoe County's Debt Management Policy as of June 30, 2021 which includes (1) a discussion of the County's ability to afford existing general obligation debt, authorized future general obligation debt and proposed future general obligation debt; (2) a discussion of the County's capacity to incur authorized and proposed future general obligation debt without exceeding the applicable debt limit; (3) a discussion of the County's general obligation debt that is payable from property taxes per capita as compared with such debt of other municipalities in this State; (4) a discussion of the County's general obligation debt that is payable from property taxes as a percentage of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the boundaries of the municipality; (5) policy regarding the manner in which the County's expects to sell its debt; (6) a discussion of the County's sources of money projected to be available to pay existing general obligation debt, authorized future general obligation debt and proposed future general obligation debt; and (7) a discussion of the County's operational costs and revenue sources, for the ensuing 5 fiscal years, associated with each project included in its capital improvement plan if those costs and revenues are expected to affect the property tax rate; and direction to staff to submit to the Department of Taxation and the county debt management commission the policy or a written statement of the County's debt management policy on or before August 1 as required by NRS 350.013(1)(c). Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

- 21-0560** **8H3** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures of \$20,254,818 from funds allocated to Washoe County from the State of Nevada Governor’s Finance Office for costs necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0561** **8I1** Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from Maddie’s Fund and Michelson Found Animals Foundation in the amount of [\$3,000.00; no County match] retroactive to June 1, 2021 to support lost animal reunification efforts with the acquisition of a personalized pet tag engraving machine; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0562** **8J1** Recommendation to approve the creation of a new classification and position for a 30-hour part-time (.75 FTE) Court Referee for Reno Justice Court and establish a new pay grade at a set amount of \$40.00 per hour, pursuant to NRS 4.355; and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Net fiscal impact is estimated at more than\$135,000 in salary savings for creation of this position instead of filling the open Justice of the Peace position in Department 2.] Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0563** **8K1** Recommendation to accept Supplemental Grant funding from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance [additional funding of \$35,806.00, for a total award of \$67,034.00, no In-Kind county match required] to cover the purchase of a UV light system, to assist with disinfection of the entire detention facility for the retroactive grant period of January 20, 2020 through December 31, 2021 and if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0564** **8K2** Recommendation to approve the purchase of two QuantStudio 5 real-time PCR instruments, 1 year service agreement for each instrument, and associated validation services at a total cost of [\$128,293.76] using funds from the 2019 Capacity Enhancement Backlog Reduction (CEBR) DNA Grant (IO 11628) under a sole source purchasing exemption. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0565** **8K3** Recommendation to accept the 2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$7,316.00, 20% In-Kind County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, to be used to pay dues, travel, and training costs for the WCSO Victim Advocate, and to provide emergency housing and emergency services such as food and shelter for

victims of domestic violence, for the retroactive grant period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

21-0566 **8K4** Recommendation to authorize the purchase of gift cards for emergency victim services such as food, clothing and toiletries for a grand total not to exceed \$65,950 of the total \$397,309 previously accepted grant funds as authorized in the FY 2020 Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program Purpose Area 2: Mid-sized Agencies award from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime grant. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

21-0567 **8L1** Recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 license renewal of Mimecast Email Security through vendor Fortnet Security in an amount [not to exceed \$126,000]. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown noted Commissioner Herman received constituent inquiries regarding Agenda Item 8H3. He clarified the item acknowledged the receipt of relief funds allocated to Washoe County for COVID-19 (C19) expenditures. The item provided an update on the reporting of how the monies were being spent. The funds were also referred to as CARES Act funding, which were primarily used for C19-related expenses including the Cares Campus.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez said she went through the supporting documents for Agenda Item 8H3 and the documents from the Washoe County Health District agenda. She asked whether a list of expenses was available. She acknowledged the meeting she had with Mr. Brown the prior week had increased her understanding of the County's costs.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8L1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8L1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27

21-0568 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve Amendment #1 to an Indoor Tennis Courts Development Agreement between Washoe County and Indoor Tennis, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company to extend the end term retroactively from June 19, 2021 to December 31, 2022, based on the unsolicited proposal for an indoor tennis facility and related improvements to be located at the Washoe County Golf Course Property; and authorize Assistant County Manager (Dave Solaro) to execute Amendment #1 and all appropriate related agreements and documents. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Ken Krater was called but was not present to speak.

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 9 be approved and authorized.

21-0569 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to adopt the Regional Archery Facility Master Plan. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

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 10 be adopted.

21-0570 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services for the Washoe County South Truckee Meadows Wastewater 2020 Expansion Project Owner's Representative Services between Washoe County and Rock Solid Solutions [in an amount not to exceed \$269,102.50]. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

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 11 be approved.

21-0571 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Public and Visiting Administration Remodel Project at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office - 911 Parr, PWP-WA-2021-308 [staff recommends Reyman Brothers Construction, in the amount of \$784,855.00 (base bid of \$724,526.00 plus bid alternative #1 for \$60,329.00 for an ADA approved public restroom); and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$150,000.00] for a total project budget of \$934,855.00. This project will be funded through the United States Department of Justice, the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, and an Office of Criminal Justice Administration grant. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

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 12 be awarded and approved.

21-0572 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to (1) approve the purchase of two replacement Thomas Built 14 passenger buses from BusWest 21107 South Chico St., Carson, CA 90745 in the total amount of [\$159,026.50], utilizing Hemet Unified School District's Bid No. 061719 pursuant to the joinder provision of NRS 332.195; and (2) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to use Hemet Unified School District's Bid No. 061719 pursuant to the joinder provision of NRS 332.195 contract usage agreement. The purchase of the two buses will replace two buses which have been in service for more than 15 years and have reached the end of their useful lives. These buses will be assigned to the Department of Juvenile Services which contracts with several agencies to provide work crews that provide labor for several programs. These buses are critical to effectively managing these contracts. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

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 13 be approved and authorized.

21-0573 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to retroactively approve purchases for temporary staffing from My Next Career Path not to exceed [\$1,500,000.00] in FY22 to support 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 Commissioner Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

21-0574 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing in the amount of [\$383,000; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 to provide child care licensing and monitoring within Washoe County; and authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

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 15 be accepted and authorized.

21-0575 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$326,250; no county match] retroactively from June 30, 2021 to June 29, 2022 in support of children in foster care; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

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 16 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

21-0576 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to accept a Notice of Subgrant Award in the amount of [\$1,709,550 (\$854,775 per fiscal year); no county match] from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. and managed by the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to provide crisis and jail diversion services through a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST Team) to individuals with a mental health condition who have come into contact with law enforcement; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subgrant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez asked the Commissioners to clarify the expenditures made through the block agenda items. She knew there was some crossover of funds between Washoe County, the Washoe County Health District, and the Washoe County School District. She expressed concern about the County becoming dependent on non-renewable funds that would run out in 2026. She conjectured an economic crash would be forthcoming. She expressed fear about the erosion of constitutional rights and civil liberties. She spoke about the interlocal agreements which would facilitate better oversight of homeless individuals in the region.

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 17 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

21-0577 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to accept a FY21 Nutrition Equipment subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) in the amount of [\$195,713; \$29,356.95 county match] retroactive from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 to support the cost of nutrition equipment for the Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals programs; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; to approve the transfer of vehicles to

the Human Services Agency fleet managed by Equipment Services; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

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 18 be accepted, authorized, approved, and directed.

21-0578 **AGENDA ITEM 23** Recommendation to approve a Professional Services and Funding Agreement between Washoe County, the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Medtrans Casal (Reno) Pllc, DBA Well Care Medical And Behavioral Clinic (Well Care) engaging Well Care to oversee the operation of a twenty-bed Community Triage Center for those in need of crisis psychiatric services, medical and social detoxification from alcohol or other substances, or co-occurring disorders, for individuals who are 18 years of age or older and are not in need of emergency room care for a total amount of \$500,000 of which Washoe County is responsible for \$255,000, effective retroactive to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 with the option to renew for a one year period; approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of \$255,000 needed to support Washoe County's portion of the Community Triage Center agreement. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

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 23 be approved and directed.

21-0579 **AGENDA ITEM 24** Recommendation to approve a month-to-month Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District for dispatch services in an [amount not to exceed \$75,000.00] per month, starting August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

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 24 be approved. The Interlocal Contract for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

21-0580 **AGENDA ITEM 25** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for FY22 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, and May 20, 2021, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,059,195.07] 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 Commissioner Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 25 be approved.

21-0581 **AGENDA ITEM 26** Recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 renewal of contracts, maintenance agreements, licenses, professional services and sole source purchases of computer network equipment, through joinder with National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO) Master Price Agreements for State of Nevada with ePlus Technology, Inc.; and approve expenditures that will aggregate to exceed [\$100,000] but not to exceed [\$1,400,000] and will remain within the available Technology Services budget for FY 2021-2022.

General Fund

- Solarwinds renewal, not to exceed [\$25,000] - Network monitoring software
- F5 renewal, not to exceed [\$26,000] - Web application firewall
- Proficio, not to exceed [\$182,000] - Security operations center as a service for 24/7 cyber security monitoring
- Network equipment and maintenance, not to exceed [\$1,037,000] - Network equipment and maintenance renewals from Cisco Systems, Forcepoint, Arista and Palo Alto Networks
- Professional Services, not to exceed [130,000] - Professional services for deploying and configuring network equipment and developing network designs.

Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

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 26 be approved.

21-0582 **AGENDA ITEM 27** Recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2021/2022 renewal of contracts, maintenance agreements, licenses and sole source purchases of desktop computers, laptops, servers, storage, disk backup, and associated computer hardware, through joinder with National Association of State Procurement Officers (NASPO) Master Price Agreements for State

of Nevada with Dell/EMC Inc.; and approve expenditures that will aggregate to exceed [\$100,000] but not to exceed [\$1,450,000] and will remain within the available Technology Services budget for FY 2021-2022.

General Fund

- VMWare Enterprise Level Agreement, not to exceed [\$160,000] - VMWare Licenses, VMWare NSX virtual firewall, Airwatch Green Management Suite, Airwatch Content Locker Standard.
- VMWare Horizon Standard renewal, not to exceed [\$17,000] - Licenses.
- Desktop computers, laptops, servers, storage, disk backup, associated hardware, and maintenance, not to exceed [\$1,273,000]

Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

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 27 be approved.

21-0583 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Presentation and discussion of a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awarded to Washoe County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); discussion of eligible uses and U.S. Treasury Department requirements for the management of the grant funds; and possible direction to staff on expenditure of such funds. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown said Agenda Items 19 and 20 would be opened together. He noted ARPA funds were very different than the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds received the prior year. ARPA funds were significantly larger than the \$20.2 million received from the CARES Act. He stated the funding window for ARPA funds was longer and the eligibility and reporting requirements were much more involved. He said County staff would need to be more deliberate about how ARPA funds were spent.

Chief Financial Officer Christine Vuletich conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; ARPA Allocations; ARPA State & Local Direct Funding; U.S. Department of the Treasury's Key Principles; Eligible Uses of ARPA Funds; Eligible Use: Public Health; Addressing Negative Economic Impacts; Premium Pay for Essential Employees; Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss; Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure; In-Eligible Uses; Management of Federal ARPA Grant Funding; U.S. Dept. of the Treasury Key Principles; Internal Control Best Practices; Management of ARPA Funding; Verifying Eligibility; Adhering to Federal Procurement Requirements (2 slides); Proper Budgeting and Cash Management; Maintain Accurate Accounting and Record Keeping; Reporting Requirements; Recovery Plan Performance Report; Additional Requirements; Next Steps: Award Acceptance and Implementation.

Ms. Vuletich noted the ARPA funds would lend themselves to capital projects because they were not a reoccurring revenue source.

Mr. Brown mentioned staff had conferred with department heads to have them consider the types of proposals they would put forth based on the eligibility requirements for ARPA funds. He expected to receive those recommendations by the end of the upcoming week, and then staff would begin to assign priorities. He noted the community engagement component for ARPA funds was different from that of the CARES Act. The County would be required to demonstrate meaningful community input to ensure the funds were spent on what the public wanted, not only on what the County wanted. He said community engagement would need to be a priority over the next 30 to 60 days. He suggested the Commissioners consider possible transformative projects that could be funded by the ARPA, such as the wastewater study performed through the University of Nevada, Reno. He thought the study would continue to benefit the community for many years. He noted the homelessness issue was clearly an area of concern, and the County needed to think beyond shelters to include things like case management and behavioral health.

Commissioner Jung requested data about the eviction moratorium which would end on July 31, particularly how many additional people would possibly be unsheltered after the moratorium. She believed the messaging regarding the moratorium had been ineffective, so many people believed they would never need to pay the accrued fees and interest. She thought County staff needed to be aware of the number of individuals who would be impacted when the moratorium ended. She said this issue was her first priority. She requested a broadband survey report of Washoe County and the surrounding areas, including frontier areas of California, Oregon, and some very rural Nevada counties. She thought this issue was crucial and she wanted to know what the County would do to improve internet access.

Commissioner Jung agreed with Mr. Brown's statement about transformative projects. She thought the ARPA funds were designed for transformative projects, which was why federal guidelines required that the funds be spent instead of being retained. She suggested Mr. Brown and staff needed to consider purchasing property to increase the County's open space. She requested information about the number of people who had mortgages in forbearance. She conjectured many of those individuals had not been paying their mortgage payments, so they would have many fees due on August 1. She said she had not heard anything about the federal government's plans because they gave the moratorium without clear communication about what that would mean. She reiterated her concern about the impact of the end of the moratorium.

Commissioner Hill agreed with Commissioner Jung's statement about the need to focus on broadband, which was a concern for constituents throughout Washoe County. She expressed support for the expansion of parks and open space, whether through this funding source or through the infrastructure bill if it was passed. She requested a report from the Reno Housing Authority about the status of federal funds allocated to them by the County for rental assistance. She thought knowing who had been helped and how quickly

the money was disbursed would be helpful. She inquired whether there would be additional funds available for rental assistance after July 1.

Regarding the issue of behavioral health, Commissioner Hill thought many opportunities were available to partner with mental health service providers. She said she spoke with the Human Services Network and County staff, and she was informed senior services currently needed more support. She conjectured there might be some pilot program grants with which to incentivize non-profit organizations to do transformational work in the senior service and daycare spheres. Regarding homeless programs, she suggested staff consider grants for organizations that were following the Built for Zero method. She knew not all the organizations in the region followed that method, and there were many transitional housing beds available. She thought the region could benefit if organizations were incentivized to make a change toward the Built for Zero method. In response to the need for community input for ARPA funds, she suggested hosting small group sessions with community members to hear their input. She suggested addressing different districts and different sectors of the community. She said she would support the communications team if they could facilitate Zoom sessions to obtain community input. She wanted to hear staff suggestions to strategically use ARPA funds, especially considering an infrastructure bill could be passed.

Vice Chair Hartung agreed with the public commenter who expressed concern about allocating non-renewable funds for staffing. He wanted to avoid a situation where the County employed many people without having a long-term funding mechanism to keep them employed. He acknowledged the merit of initially spending ARPA funds on the homeless, but he preferred using the funds for infrastructure projects. He noted infrastructure was tangible and lasting, while funding for maintenance and staffing issues could be obtained at a later date. Referring to County Manager Eric Brown's statements about a wastewater study, he inquired how the study addressed underserved populations. He asked whether addressing broadband issues meant the County would install cell towers, or whether it would be possible to subsidize bills for broadband to help the private sector establish broadband projects. He reiterated his support for capital projects because infrastructure would not be less expensive in the future.

Chair Lucey acknowledged ARPA funds were offered to the County with only a few boundaries. He shared Vice Chair Hartung's concern regarding the sustainability of services. He noted the child tax credit of \$3,000 to \$3,600 per year would be disbursed to individuals who had not opted out, but the caveat was those individuals would not be able to declare their children as deductions in their end-of-year tax filings. He wanted people to understand the offsets and how individuals would get direct relief from the federal government. He said the County was responsible for deploying information and educating the community about this funding. He liked to ensure transparency so everyone understood how the money would be spent. He agreed with Commissioner Hill's suggestions about community involvement and urged all Commissioners to participate in outreach efforts in their districts. He thought getting feedback from the community about where to spend ARPA funds was important. He noted there were only two and a half weeks until initial proposals were due.

Chair Lucey shared Vice Chair Hartung's concerns about broadband infrastructure, which he believed was essential. He noted most people used their cell phones to access the internet. He inquired about the possibility of subsidizing broadband projects and expressed concern about expanding cybersecurity. He thought identifying infrastructure needs for sewer reclamation and the use of reclaimed water was very important as well. He believed the growth of the community would be heavily dependent on how efficiently water resources were used. He agreed with Commissioners Jung's and Hill's comments about the need to fund parks and open space projects. He acknowledged the budget for parks had been reduced in the past and it had not been increased because there were other community needs competing for those funds. He said the community's open space had been crucial during the past year and a half. He observed that many parks were in disrepair and lacked amenities, so he supported improvements through an infrastructure initiative. He reiterated his disappointment in the turnaround time for COVID-19 (C19) testing. He thought C19 would not be the last pandemic because viruses had existed for many years, so planning for the future was important. He wanted to establish a sound way of approaching future public health emergencies through the Washoe County Health District which would address testing, vaccines, and treatment.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez declined to speak.

Mr. Kenji Otto expressed concern about the County potentially financing broadband. He mentioned future funding and the illegal use of broadband as considerations. He agreed with the commissioners' concerns about using the funds for one-time projects rather than obligating taxpayers to continue funding projects in the future. He hoped the County would not employ door-to-door C19 vaccinations.

Mr. Brown thanked the commissioners for their input and stated he would meet with each commissioner to discuss their concerns in more detail. In response to the comments regarding broadband, he clarified the intent was not to have the County operate a broadband system. He said addressing broadband needs in the County did not currently make economic sense for companies, but there were models which would take seed capital in the form of grants to attract those companies. Providing those grants would address broadband needs without creating an operating expense obligation for the County. He addressed Vice Chair Hartung's concerns about sewer and wastewater projects by saying those projects were eligible under ARPA guidelines because they constituted shared resource infrastructure. He said sewer and wastewater infrastructure projects needed to be part of the discussion with the County's regional partners. He noted the suggested parks and open space recommendations would be taken under consideration, and a list of proposed projects would evolve as staff obtained feedback from the community.

Vice Chair Hartung asked Mr. Brown whether converting septic systems to sewer could potentially be part of addressing the underserved population. Mr. Brown replied yes, but he clarified broadband, sewer, and water infrastructure projects did not need to be associated with underserved populations to qualify for funding. He said the County would need to show evidence that historically underserved communities had been

considered for other types of expenses, but there were different considerations for infrastructure projects.

Vice Chair Hartung noted some underserved communities, such as Wadsworth, were in desperate need of broadband. He conjectured the addition of broadband would assist in growing those communities, as would wastewater facilities. He thought building a water treatment facility could encourage people outside of the County to hook into the plant, which could ultimately pay for the infrastructure. He looked forward to having more in-depth conversations with Mr. Brown and staff regarding potential projects.

Chair Lucey noted taking fiberoptics to Wadsworth would require crossing federal property, which would require going through the National Environmental Policy Act process, incurring additional costs. He asked whether those fees could be waived because the project would be funded by federal dollars and those fees would go back to the federal government. He noted Washoe County was very different from other counties because public lands were involved.

Mr. Brown stated an automatic waiver for fees and right-of-way issues was not available. Often, he said, rural counties that had to traverse large expanses of land used a hybrid broadband system, part of which would be comprised of fixed wireless service. The hybrid broadband would remove the need to lay fiber across those stretches of land. He indicated staff was communicating with people with experience delivering services to communities like Washoe County. He pointed out these infrastructure projects would take years to complete and would likely not be finished before the end term of the ARPA funds was reached. He thought the County would need to look for other sources of funding to supplement the ARPA funds so projects could be completed.

Vice Chair Hartung noted Wadsworth included a large tribal constituency, and he opined the County might be able to partner with the tribe to accomplish some of these projects.

21-0584 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Recommendation to 1) accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation from the United States Department of the Treasury in the amount of [\$91,587,038; no county match], with a retroactive period from March 3, 2021, through December 31, 2024, during which time all funds must be incurred, all funds must be expended by December 31, 2026; 2) retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign award documents and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager's Office. (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 20 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

21-0585

AGENDA ITEM 21 Recommendation to authorize Washoe County Manager Eric Brown to enter all necessary professional services agreements and construction contracts in support of the Nevada Cares Campus, Safe Camp and Homeless Housing Sprung Facility Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$8,500,000, inclusive of \$3,500,000 in previous authority granted May 25, 2021, to be funded with Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as allowable; directing the Manager to provide periodic updates to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners regarding project status and project costs and budget Nevada Cares Campus; directing that all such agreements and contracts shall conform and be let in compliance with Nevada law as applicable including Nevada Revised Statutes Chapter 332 “Purchasing: Local Governments,” NRS Chapter 338 “Public Works,” Washoe County purchasing and procurement policies, and all associated Federal guidelines; direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary cross-fund, cross-function budget appropriation transfers. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

County Manager Eric Brown said the Board approved \$3.5 million towards construction and planning of the Nevada Cares Campus. Staff had been working with partners in the City of Reno to further develop the safe camp aspect of the Nevada Cares Campus and complete construction of the men’s facility. This item requested additional funding to move forward with phase II and completion of the infrastructure needed at the Governor’s Bowl to accommodate a permanent safe camp. He noted staff needed to move forward with this project so it could be ready before winter.

Commissioner Hill thanked Mr. Brown for the information. She expressed excitement about the next phases of the safe camp, the homeless shelter, and the possibility of the County becoming a national model. She reiterated her request for written progress reports. She wanted to keep everyone up to date on how the County was serving the community. She noted the City of Reno had a dashboard on their website and she hoped the County could do something similar to make the information accessible.

Vice Chair Hartung expressed his support for this item with the caveat that he wanted to ensure the services provided to the homeless would make a lasting difference. He requested information about how individuals were moving through the system from shelters to rehab and services, then assimilated back into society. He did not want the services to be a revolving door for homeless individuals.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez thanked Mr. Brown for the information on this item. She understood infrastructure needed to be built and she imagined there would be maintenance costs as part of the continuum of care. She said she worked downtown in the casinos for over 23 years, so she had exposure to individuals who had challenging living conditions. She agreed with Commissioner Hill’s and Vice Chair Hartung’s concerns about empowering homeless individuals to become self-sufficient.

Mr. Brown acknowledged Vice Chair Hartung's comments and concerns. He said staff understood the efforts to address homelessness were about delivering services as well as building shelters. He hoped to present an interlocal agreement giving the County the lead role in these efforts within the next 30 days. He noted the lead role was currently held by the City of Reno, so the County was limited in the types of things it could do. He assured the commissioners that all staff members involved with homeless services were focused on making sure the County was not creating a revolving door. He indicated a cost-sharing interlocal agreement was currently in effect and the \$8.5 million listed on the staff report would be included in that agreement. He said the interlocal agreement envisioned that the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks would continue to share costs for homeless shelters and services through June 2022.

Chair Lucey said any concerns voiced during the meeting would be addressed in the months to come. He hoped the Nevada Cares Campus and the safe camp would be effective at addressing homelessness in the region.

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

21-0586 **AGENDA ITEM 22** Recommendation to accept Emergency Rental Assistance 2 allocation from the United States Department of the Treasury in the amount of [\$5,194,310; no county match], retroactive from May 10, 2021 through September 30, 2025; retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign award documents and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and provide direction to staff regarding expenditure of these funds. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Grants Administrator Gabrielle Enfield noted the first allocation of \$6.5 million in emergency rental assistance (ERA) had been granted quickly, and those funds went into the community through the Reno Housing Authority (RHA). The funds had been used for rental assistance, back rent, and utility payments. She reported \$1.5 million had been paid out to date and the remaining \$4.5 million continued to be available. She said ERA 2 would be slightly different than ERA 1 because it would include more flexibility and would be funded differently. She indicated ERA 1 had been entirely sub-granted to the RHA because they had provided rental assistance through Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds. In contrast, staff wanted to fund pilot projects using ERA 2. She noted programs were available through the Human Services Agency and Regional Homeless Services that helped with housing stability, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing. She said staff might also sub-grant funds to other non-profit organizations throughout the community. She stated 90 percent of the funds had to be spent on financial assistance for rent, rent arrears, and utilities, but housing stability assistance could also be provided. She acknowledged previous comments about providing a dashboard and transparency for the assistance the County provided; staff intended to

provide that information for all recovery funds to inform the public both about accessing services and how funds were being spent.

Chair Lucey noted the Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA) provided aid to communities in the northern part of the County outside of the RHA's jurisdiction. He asked whether ERA 1 and ERA 2 funds had been allocated to the NRHA. Ms. Enfield replied no, ERA 1 funds had been allocated to the RHA, who then provided assistance to renters who lived in unincorporated Washoe County and the City of Sparks. Chair Lucey asked whether residents of Gerlach could apply for assistance through the RHA. Ms. Enfield said they could. She mentioned a map of the households receiving funds was being developed using geographic information system mapping. He believed the data was needed and could be used to determine where underserved communities were located for things like infrastructure projects.

Commissioner Hill expressed approval of staff's thoughtful approach and looked forward to seeing the full program.

Chair Lucey noted \$1.5 million of ERA 1 had already been spent and collectively there would be almost \$11 million with ERA 1 and ERA 2. He asked what would happen to those funds and whether they had already been distributed. Ms. Enfield said ERA 1 funds were originally set to expire in December, but the deadline had been extended through September 2022. She said 40 percent of ERA 2 funds had been received by the County and they were set to expire in September 2025; any funds not used by the deadline would be returned to the federal government. She noted 50 percent of ERA 2 funds needed to be obligated by March 31, 2022.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez asserted the government was trying to solve a problem they created. She believed the shutdown had been ill advised and hoped for a proactive response rather than reactive action in future situations. She expressed her concern about receiving federal funds because she believed the federal government did not provide funding without expecting something in return. She thought communities relinquished their autonomy by accepting aid. She thought government had its rightful place, but she did not want government involved in every aspect of her life.

Mr. Kenji Otto said these programs helped but they also caused issues. He noted his mother-in-law was not being evicted, but the apartment complex where she lived had refused to renew her rental agreement and she would need to move out on August 31. He said other individuals would face similar issues because landlords would take advantage of the situation for the opportunity to make more money. He said the financial assistance would also impact the job market in Washoe County because people stayed on unemployment even though jobs were available. He asked what would happen when unemployment benefits ended in September.

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

21-0587 **AGENDA ITEM 28** Recommendation and possible action to approve an agreement with the State of Nevada and the cities and counties of Nevada related to the allocation of any monetary recovery from the defendants responsible for the damages incurred by Washoe County and the other governmental entities due to the opioid crisis. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Lucey indicated Agenda Item 28 would be pulled from the agenda.

21-0588 **AGENDA ITEM 29** Public Hearing: Second reading and adoption of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 110 (Development Code) within Articles 304 and 902 by amending various definitions in order to better define the Continuum of Care Facility use type as a commercial use type; clarify that the application of residential density does not apply to Continuum of Care Facilities; specifically exempt Continuum of Care Facilities from the definition of “dwelling” and “dwelling unit”; and create a definition for Continuum of Care Unit; and other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1672, Bill No. 1859.

Vice Chair Hartung noted this ordinance had nothing to do with the Nevada Cares Campus. He said the ordinance addressed the continuum of care with respect to senior living facilities. The issue started in Spanish Springs with requests for a continuum of care involving dwellings around Cascades of the Sierra to mirror what happened in the Cities of Sparks and Reno. He noted some seniors wanted to move to places where they could have facilities and services such as laundry, food, and housekeeping, eventually moving into more managed care.

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

Ms. Cindy Martinez asked for confirmation that the purpose of this ordinance was to redefine continuum of care facilities. She conjectured the motivation for this was the increase in senior citizens in the community who would need a place to go when they were no longer able to live on their own. She asked whether this item would go to zoning for development plans.

Chair Lucey confirmed this item was simply a change in definitions to the code which would clarify vague terms. He said this item was part of code updates the Board

had been working on for the past three or four years.

Vice Chair Hartung mentioned some commercial lands in Spanish Springs that were right for residential dwellings but, instead of using them for residential dwellings, they had been used for continuum of care products. He noted those residents did not contribute to commuter traffic and were very low impact in the community.

On motion by Vice Chair Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1672, Bill No. 1859, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

21-0589 **AGENDA ITEM 30** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code), Article 606, Parcel Maps. The amendment updates references to the current name of the Community Services Department, Planning and Building Division; clarifies language by removing the term “subdivision”; requires approval of a Tentative Subdivision Map in accordance with WCC 110.608, for division of a lot or lots created within five (5) years of the recording of a map creating the original parcel; and removes noticing requirements for tentative parcel maps; and other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto.

AND

Amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code), Article 916, Establishment of Committees, Section 110.916.05 Parcel Map Review Committee. The amendment clarifies the members of the Parcel Map Review Committee; defines the process of appointment of those members; provides for the appointment of alternate members; and sets the terms for members of that committee; and other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1673, Bill No. 1861.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Chair Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1673, Bill No. 1861, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

21-0590 **AGENDA ITEM 31** Public Comment.

Mr. Kenji Otto noted a second private spaceship had been launched into space by Jeff Bezos earlier in the day. He attributed the event to capitalism because it would not be possible under Marxism. He said he had been required to start a petition regarding Crystal Canyon Boulevard and was in the process of acquiring signatures for the petition;

he would present it to the Board within a few weeks.

County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment from Ms. Elise Weatherly, which she placed on the record.

21-0591 **AGENDA ITEM 32** Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

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1:37 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
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