

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

PRESENT:

Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair
Alexis Hill, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Eric Brown, County Manager
Wade Carner, Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair

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, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Vice Chair Hartung indicated Agenda Item 16 would be pulled from the agenda due to an error in posting and because Chair Lucey was not present.

21-0887 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Appearance and presentation by Erica Mirich, Executive Director of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, regarding the Truckee Meadows Community Progress Report, published in partnership with United Way, that provides critical annual metrics for measuring our County's progress towards improved quality of life.

Ms. Mirich conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She reviewed slides with the following titles: Community Progress Report; Data Shouldn't Exist In A Vacuum; What is TMT; Who We Are; Our Mission; What We Do; What is NevadaTomorrow.org; Nevada Tomorrow; Data Helps Community Leaders Like You; Community Progress Report; Why A Community Data Report; Our Goal; Our Partnership; What We Will Achieve; The 10 Focus Areas; Children in Poverty in Washoe; Media Household Income; Publish Data; Join Us; and Thank you.

Ms. Mirich said Truckee Meadows Tomorrow (TMT) looked at the collective quality of life in Washoe County and they believed data should not exist in a vacuum. She asserted using data to positively transform the community was the most effective way to make decisions. She said the TMT data portal included 350 quality of life indicators that anyone could access to learn about what was happening in the community.

She stated TMT planned to publish a community progress report in February and noted other communities published this type of report frequently in partnership with United Way. She mentioned TMT published this report for many years, but they stopped during the last recession and were now renewing the practice. She reviewed some examples of the type of data available on the NevadaTomorrow.org portal and asked whether the County would be interested in sponsoring the report. She indicated TMT sought 10 sponsors with each contributing \$3,000 for a total of \$30,000 for the project. She said TMT had not decided whether the report would be published annually or every other year, but they looked forward to providing this resource for the community.

Commissioner Hill commended Ms. Mirich for highlighting the data portal, noting she spoke with many non-profit leaders who used it. She wanted to ensure the community was aware of how impressive and robust it was and said it was a remarkable resource for people who were writing reports, for students, and for policy makers. She expressed her commitment to supporting the report and was excited the County could utilize it to measure yearly progress and determine how the Board's policies could support a better quality of life for the community.

Ms. Mirich mentioned TMT was available to support specific data needs so the Board could make effective decisions. She said all data sources were high-level and vetted. She stated TMT also used small-scale data from local partners such as the Washoe County School District and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority. Additionally, TMT worked with local non-profit organizations, such as One Truckee River and the Senior Isolation Project to help build custom dashboards to address their specific needs.

Commissioner Jung expressed appreciation for the reinstatement of TMT and for the data portal that provided statistically significant data. She added the data portal was a great source of metrics that could be used to measure progress and she indicated her support for the community progress report. She thought it would help policy makers make sure they were meeting targets and monitoring indicators of success.

Vice Chair Hartung asked about the data collection process and the process TMT used to ensure the data was accurate. Ms. Mirich replied TMT used both large-scale and small-scale data. The large-scale data came from fully vetted published data sets such as the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development, the American Community Survey, statewide youth behavioral risk surveys, and other large governmental organizations and agencies, while the small-scale data came from local sources. As an example, she would be meeting with Washoe County's Built for Zero team to learn more about the homelessness data they were collecting. TMT believed both large-scale and small-scale data should be considered. All data sources were imported into their system, so it was presented in a similar way rather than requiring research through many different websites. She noted all data was linked to the original data source so anyone wishing to investigate further could do so. She stated TMT did not make assumptions about the quality-of-life indicators, they simply provided the data.

Vice Chair Hartung noted some inaccuracies existed in published data sources. Ms. Mirich said data with those types of errors were annotated so anyone reviewing the data could consider the additional information. TMT was amenable to evolving and making sure the data was useable and beneficial to the people who needed it most. She noted large-scale data tended to be highly vetted, but it was also delayed, while small-scale data was timelier, but not necessarily as accurate or highly vetted.

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

21-0888 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Recognition and presentation of awards to Washoe County's 2021 Impact Award Winners for the categories of Manager's Award, Quality Public Service, Integrity and Effective Communication.

County Manager Eric Brown noted the COVID-19 pandemic prevented Washoe County's 2020 Impact Awards, which were usually recognized at an event. He said staff was not comfortable organizing an in-person event for 2021, so award winners would be recognized at the meeting. He said the awards allowed self-nominations by various County departments and the response to the pandemic was used as the primary comparison tool for evaluating entries. Department heads selected winning teams for three categories: Quality Public Service, Integrity, and Effective Communication, and the Manager's Award represented all of Washoe County's values.

Mr. Brown recognized the Washoe County Health District as the winner of the Manager's Award for their response to the pandemic on multiple fronts. The award recipients for the three award categories were:

Quality Public Service Award

1. Sheriff's Office Community Emergency Response Team program
2. Registrar of Voters
3. Library System

Integrity Award

1. Technology Services
2. Clerk's Office
3. Juvenile Services

Effective Communication Award

1. Health District and Washoe311
2. Technology Services GIS
3. Community Services Department

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

21-0889 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Public Comment.

Ms. Donna Clontz provided a handout, which was distributed to the Board and placed on the record. She thanked this Board for the support it provided to the Washoe County Senior Advisory Board (SAB), of which she was a senior member. She spoke about the SAB, saying it was a robust board and had many new members, including a new chairperson. She mentioned a letter had been emailed to the Board of County Commissioners. The SAB had a meeting related to the American Rescue Plan Act, noting the letter she spoke of contained information related to ideas for using those funds. She mentioned working on the Age Friendly Project which coincided with the Truckee Meadows Tomorrow quality of life studies being performed. She said the SAB was helping seniors find housing and other needed resources.

Ms. Susie Howell spoke about the number of deaths reported on the Governor's website and stated the number represented only one percent of the true results. She opined the vaccine had killed more people in the past eight months than any other vaccine in the past 30 years. She stated the top scientist from Pfizer sent out an article about the stages of a pandemic, and said the world was in stage five. Stage one exploited the shortage of food and goods; stage two caused paralysis of the economy; stage three exploded unemployment; stage four administered the third dose of the poisonous shot; stage five imposed compulsory vaccinations; stage six amplified myths about variances; stage seven demonized the anti-death shot; stage nine imposed digital identity; and stage ten established marshal law.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon displayed an image of a billboard that said the vaccine was fully FDA approved, but he opined the statement was false advertising and wondered what the County could do to prevent this. He noted the only vaccination that was fully approved was in Germany. He alluded to an email he sent to Vice Chair Hartung related to redressing grievances and explaining the meaning of redress. He wanted a resolution to prohibit vaccination passports and to stop vaccinating children. He displayed a copy of a response he received from staff, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Melanie Sutton noted the COVID-19 (C19) shutdown was on day 615. She demanded an end to the public health emergency, the prohibition of mandatory vaccinations, vaccination passports, mask mandates, the promotion of good health and therapeutic treatments for C19, and acknowledgement that C19 was an endemic not a pandemic. She mentioned awards were recently presented to the Health District rather than providing them with therapeutics to treat people.

Mr. Donald Fossum spoke about the content of Ms. Erica Mirich's presentation expressing excitement about the possibility of election integrity. He mentioned a football player from North Valley's High School tested positive for C19, resulting in the entire team being unable to play. He said 11 members of the football team attended a meeting at the high school called by Mr. Joe Rodriguez to protest football games being cancelled due to C19. He wanted to know how medical staff knew the difference between C19 and the flu. That question, he said, was not answered.

Ms. Ann Sweder expressed concern about C19 continuing for more than a year, saying southern borders were open allowing illegal citizens across who had C19 and were not vaccinated. She opined the C19 vaccine was a shot and not a vaccine, saying vaccines prevented individuals from getting the disease and she believed people were being used for medical experiments. She wanted people to be allowed to have the drugs that would cure C19, and the public health emergency to end.

Mr. Chris Fuqua, Vice President of Teamsters Local 533, stated the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) did not have a quorum during their recent meeting. He spoke about an RTC strike against Keolis Transit, saying it could have been prevented. The strike affected many people in the community. He stated that more than forty outstanding arbitrations were open against Keolis Transit regarding unfair labor charges and Keolis Transit needed to be replaced. Employees needed to receive better wages and pensions that they deserved. He asserted the Teamsters would hold RTC accountable if Keolis was not held accountable.

Mr. Bruce Foster asked the Board to declare an end to the public health emergency, prohibit C19 vaccines, and ban vaccination passports. He wanted to attend a basketball game recently but was unable to because he was not vaccinated. He asserted he had C19 and now had immunity to it. He thought masks did not work and should not be mandated and doctors should be allowed to prescribe Ivermectin to people who needed it.

Ms. Erin Massengale requested a resolution to end the public health emergency and ban vaccination passports, believing they promoted segregation and discrimination based on medical status and had no place in a free society. She spoke about the efficacy of C19 vaccinations and opined that vaccinated individuals could contract and spread the virus even to other vaccinated individuals.

Mr. Wayne Gordon spoke about the process for passing a new law stating that a mandate was not a law. He asserted Dr. Fauci provided false information and thought he was working in Wuhan, China with virus' being transmitted through the air. He stated President Obama had instituted a moratorium in 2014 related to gain of function but indicated that did not stop Dr. Fauci. He claimed this resulted in a cover up of his work at the Wuhan virus lab in 2015.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated emails were received from Ms. Janet Butcher and Ms. Hawah Ahmad, which were placed on file.

21-0890 AGENDA ITEM 6 Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Hill thanked the Board for its support of the Tahoe Prosperity Center's workforce housing study performed in Incline Village and Crystal Bay. She noted the report would be emailed to the Board and if there was interest, a presentation could be conducted. She asserted that great recommendations and findings were determined to ensure the backbone of Tahoe's economy had places to live. She requested affordable housing be included as a topic for discussion during the planning of 2022 goals.

Commissioner Jung spoke about the letter from the new Chair of the Senior Advisory Board (SAB), Ms. Hawah Ahmad, which addressed critical needs for the American Rescue Plan funding and said she forwarded the letter to the County Manager. She asserted the SAB was one of the most active and effective boards she served as a liaison for.

Commissioner Herman mentioned a dangerous school zone and an issue with Waste Management. She provided information about both issues to County Manager Eric Brown. She requested the Board approve a resolution to end the public health emergency in Washoe County.

Vice Chair Hartung addressed an item from the November 9 meeting and wanted to acknowledge a grant Commissioner Jung provided to the Glenn Duncan Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Academy for the completion of a mural.

Vice Chair Hartung mentioned he attended the funeral for Norm Dianda, founder of Q&D Construction, saying many community members attended as Mr. Dianda and his late wife Laura had been forces in the community.

Vice Chair Hartung addressed a parking issue at Shaw Middle School in the afternoon when parents were picking up their children, saying parents were forced to park at the Eagle Canyon Park and on the walking path because a pickup location was not provided. He opined safety measures needed to be addressed and resolved.

Vice Chair Hartung said a comment had been made about this Board not appointing an alternate to the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and he was unsure why this had not happened. He mentioned that Chair Lucey and Councilwoman Naoma Jardon were out of town and were unable to attend the RTC meeting. He apologized for the oversight and the lack of a quorum at the last meeting. He stated Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) and RTC had scheduled meetings at the same time, and said he needed to attend the NACO meeting as redistricting would be discussed. He asserted an alternate needed to be appointed immediately.

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Vice Chair Hartung reopened item 6 for additional comments.

Vice Chair Hartung wanted staff to provide information about the role of Washoe County in the public health emergency and mandates from Governor Steve Sisolak that Washoe County was required to uphold.

Commissioner Jung asked for the District Attorney's Office to provide a primer of Constitutional Rights and who owed individuals those rights. She thought it was important to provide this information from a subject matter expert and would help people determine roles and goals, along with the consequences.

21-0891 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Presentation and discussion by Washoe County Library Director Jeff Scott, regarding the ACT (American College Testing) Work-Ready Communities Initiative to include an explanation of the program, Washoe County's involvement, and next steps in the initiative. (All Commission Districts.)

Mr. Scott conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Work Readiness; What is ACT Work Keys; ACT Goals; Work Keys; Work Ready Communities; WorkKeys Curriculum; National Career Readiness Certificate; Nevada Work Ready Communities; Leadership Team; Core Team; Secrets to Success; and Thank you.

Mr. Scott said the ACT testing program provided three different tests, one for college opportunities and two for employment opportunities. The Job Keys test ensured individuals had a third-grade reading proficiency and a seventh-grade math proficiency. Individuals who were unable to pass the test would be referred to adult basic education services available through Truckee Meadows Community College and the Northern Nevada Literacy Center. The WorkKeys test was a three-component test which could be taken from anywhere. A certified business could test employee potential from anywhere by connecting through the online system. He said administering the tests made it more likely for employers to hire better candidates and retain them longer, which saved money in the long term. He noted the ACT WorkKeys testing process was similar to other vocational testing available through the libraries. The process would connect the local workforce with businesses ensuring that employees were a good fit. This program made it possible for employees to acquire the skills needed to become workforce ready.

Vice Chair Hartung mentioned many community members were interested in opening small businesses, but they lacked the knowledge to do so. He believed one skill that was necessary was the understanding of how a small business operated. Mr. Scott said the library reference desk provided information about creating a small business. He said the Library was working on their strategic plan, so they could explore options for providing more support for entrepreneurs.

Commissioner Hill agreed with Vice Chair Hartung's suggestion. She asked what the Board could do to support the effort. Mr. Scott said the leadership team would convene after this presentation and they would discuss the next steps for integrating the program with local businesses and the Washoe County School District. The ACT WorkKeys would be an alternative to college for students who chose to forgo college and enter the workforce directly.

Commissioner Herman mentioned she was a member of Nevadaworks, noting the ACT testing program would be a good fit. Mr. Scott said Sierra View Library was located next to the American Job Center and they worked closely with them.

Commissioner Jung commended library staff, noting the Washoe County Library had a long history of adaptability. She recalled that library staff appeared before

the Board after the great recession to report their efforts on helping people navigate the job search process. Most recently library staff helped the with contact tracing efforts during the COVID-19 surge. She observed that library staff was very committed to the community, and they always helped to resolve issues faced by community members. She noted Commissioner Hill had been instrumental in the reopening of libraries to a 7-day schedule. Vice Chair Hartung agreed with Commissioner Jung's comments about library staff adaptability.

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

21-0892 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Presentation by Chief Deputy Greg Herrera regarding the nuisance property at 320 Quartz Lane and surrounding areas concerning ongoing efforts working with Waste Management. Community Services Department - Code Enforcement, Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the County Manager to provide updates. Presentation may include ongoing abatement efforts and past declaration of nuisance.

Chief Deputy Herrera introduced Captain Marc Bello, saying they had been working on the illegal dumping issue on Quartz Lane and indicated it was as bad as people said. The Sheriff's Office was involved in nuisance issues and illegal dumping throughout the County, but Quartz Lane had been on their radar for quite a while. He mentioned the Commissioners were sent an action plan for cleanup efforts, which included the Statutes, but due to the complexities of the location, much of the area was private property. He indicated that the area was cleaned up about a year ago and occasionally they would have an abandoned vehicle towed, but in order to mitigate risks on private properties, certified letters were sent to the property owners requesting permission to enter and remove dumped items. He stated some residents had responded and granted permission, but the certified letter sent for the parcel with the largest amount of dumping had been returned.

Vice Chair Hartung asked for clarification about the parcels being private property, saying he thought the Sheriff's Office did not have the authority to remove items from the property without the owner's permission. Chief Deputy Herrera confirmed that was correct. He spoke about this being a community problem and said over the recent years they worked with residents by sending certified letters attempting to contact property owners. He noted they did their due diligence without successfully reaching property owners and had to consider the safety aspect of abandoned vehicles, so the Sheriff's Office chose to remove them without owner permission. He stated notices were posted on abandoned vehicles at 320 Quartz Lane and they recently started working on cleanup efforts. He noted that over the past weekend they arrested an individual for illegally dumping on Quartz Lane.

Captain Bello thought the key to ensuring this area did not become an issue again was communication. He said the bulk of his career had been in operations and noted this division had not been involved with the community. He thought getting the community engaged could encourage residents to be involved. He asserted officers could not be everywhere, so it was important for residents to make calls about illegal dumping.

Chief Deputy Herrera displayed images of some of the vehicles dumped on Quartz Lane, copies of which were placed on record with the Clerk. He stressed the process of removing abandoned vehicles was not simply towing vehicles away; fluids needed to be drained, and appliances removed from recreational vehicles. He noted the Department of Motor Vehicles played a major role in the process by providing junk titles for abandoned vehicles. Many tires had been dumped in this area and they had arranged for a local company to take the tires at a reasonable cost. Captain Bello stated some vehicles were occupied by individuals experiencing homelessness, so the Sheriff's Office had been out there providing resources and cleaning up.

Vice Chair Hartung thought the penalties for nuisances should be harsher to discourage people from illegally dumping. Chief Deputy Herrera agreed, explaining they struggled in that area. He thought Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) needed to be more lenient to allow law enforcement to obtain information about registered owners of vehicles in order to force accountability.

Vice Chair Hartung wanted a multijurisdictional discussion to occur with Waste Management (WM) about their role in the community. He opined dumping was expensive and he thought there were many reasons why illegal dumping happened. He asked for a list of changes in Code that would be useful to the Sheriff's Office and said he would meet with stakeholders to discuss the issues.

Chief Deputy Herrera indicated the Sun Valley General Improvement District had been a great resource and they could not have completed much of the cleanup without them. Captain Bello announced he would be happy to have conversations with WM, saying they had been helping by providing dumpsters for cleanup efforts and allowed them to take larger vehicles to the Lockwood Dump once fluids were removed. He stated he would speak to them about being more involved in the cleanup efforts. Vice Chair Hartung stated that many times illegal dumping occurred on private property, not just on public land.

Commissioner Hill wondered about working with the Legislature to determine changes that could be made to NRS and believed the Cities of Reno and Sparks would sponsor a bill with the County.

Commissioner Herman thanked the Sheriff's Office for all the work they had done to resolve this difficult situation.

Commissioner Jung thought people did not know which law enforcement agency to call if they witnessed illegal dumping. Captain Bello indicated people should call 911 if there was a crime in progress, noting a non-emergency number was also available. Commissioner Jung stated residents complained they did not receive a response from the non-emergency line. She thought Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) could establish a hotline for people to call. She asserted the process needed to be clearer for residents to report illegal dumping and thought people should be able to call one number to report incidents.

Commissioner Jung wanted an attorney client meeting with the District Attorney's Office to discuss the consequences of removing waste from private property where an owner was not residing on the property. She asked whether the owner of 320 Quartz Lane occupied the residence. Chief Deputy Herrera indicated the property was owner occupied. Commissioner Jung wanted more discussions to occur in a closed meeting as this issue had been happening for more than 14 years.

Vice Chair Hartung indicated Commissioner Hill informed him there was an established illegal dumping hotline at 775-329-DUMP and involving KTMB was a good suggestion. He wondered whether WM would be willing to provide dumpsters to communities so people who did not have the means to transport items to the dump could dispose of them easily and legally.

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

21-0893 **9A1** Proclaim the week of November 15-21, 2021 as National Apprenticeship Week.

Commissioner Hill read the proclamation and presented it to Building and Construction Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Rob Benner and Director of Communications Wendy Stolyarov, Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Coordinators Association President Randy Canale, and UA Local Plumbers and Pipefitters 350 Secretary Chad Roukey.

Mr. Canale expressed appreciation for the recognition of the importance and value of apprenticeship programs. He provided documents, which were distributed to the Board and placed on record with the Clerk. He spoke about the information provided, stating the importance of teaching skilled trades to the upcoming generations to continue advancement in technology. He invited the Board to visit their multi-million-dollar training centers. Training in advanced techniques allowed them to provide skills to people to build high-quality facilities in order to bring sought after businesses to the area. He explained this was not an alternative to college, it was college and students could earn an associate degree while being paid to learn a skilled trade. He said a partnership had been established with the Washoe County School District, and they were seeking grant funding to assist with the Northern American Building Trades Multi-Craft Core Curriculum, a pre-apprenticeship program that would be taught in career and technical education classes to create an easier pathway to these programs.

Mr. Roukey wished they could have brought some of the apprentices to tell their stories but said everyone was working. He explained that he went through the apprenticeship program in 1999 and raised his four children in the community working with this program, and now was giving back by teaching apprentices. He expressed appreciation for being a direct product of the apprenticeship program.

Mr. Rob Benner expressed excitement about this being apprenticeship week but more so, because President Joe Biden had signed a \$1 trillion infrastructure package,

which would create 140,000 jobs in Nevada and many opportunities in Washoe County. He asserted this program transformed people's lives.

Vice Chair Hartung wondered whether the County was working with homeless youths at the Eddy House to get those individuals into apprenticeship programs. County Manager Eric Brown said not the Eddy House specifically. Vice Chair Hartung thought the individuals in the Eddy House could be ideal candidates for these programs to help get them out of the system and have them working to learn a skill while earning a living. Mr. Canale replied they did presentations at places like the Eddy House and tried to accelerate their pathways whenever possible. Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 610 was diversifying to bring equitable wages and help to individuals be contributing members of the community. He said not enough people knew about this program and there was a need to communicate that apprenticeship programs led to careers.

DONATIONS

21-0894 **10A1** Recommendation to accept donations of [\$8,639.12] 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.)

21-0895 **10A2** Recommendation to accept donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$11,525.00] retroactive for the period July 1, 2021 through September 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.)

Commissioner Hill read the donations.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10A1 and 10A2 be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 11A1 THROUGH 11F1

21-0896 **11A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of October 12, October 19, and October 26, 2021. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

21-0897 **11A2** 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 Annual Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

- 21-0898** **11B1** Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Swan Lake and Silver Lake Inundation Mapping and Hazard Mitigation Strategy Support Services.
[This amendment increases the existing agreement by an amount of \$35,868.79 for a total project amount of \$134,849.91]; and extends the date of the Agreement to December 31, 2022. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)
- 21-0899** **11C1** Recommendation to approve reclassification of a Licensed Engineer, pay grade QR to the new classification of Senior Project Manager-TRFMA, pay grade RS (Truckee River Flood Management Authority); create two new full-time Office Assistant III positions, pay grade G; reclassification of an Administrative Secretary, pay grade J to an Office Support Specialist, pay grade H; reclassification of a Medium Equipment Operator, pay grade G to Maintenance Worker - Parks, pay grade F (Community Services Department); reclassification of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, pay grade R to Human Services Program Specialist, pay grade Q (Human Services Agency); create one new full time Fiscal Compliance Officer position, pay grade N (Manager's Office); as reviewed and evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC); and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Total fiscal impact \$303,520; Net fiscal impact \$19,894 savings] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0900** **11D1** Recommendation to approve Federal 2021 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Formula Grant-In-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$75,000.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022 for the purchase of a bookmobile to expand and improve library outreach services to various parts of Washoe County; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and the Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (All Commission Districts.)
- 21-0901** **11E1** Recommendation for termination of a Lease Agreement between Washoe County and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (Lease No. 1291S801L1902 and Lease Amendment No. 1291S801L1902PL001) for space at 855 Alder Avenue, Incline Village, Nevada, dated October 6, 2020 (annual revenue of \$22,056) and grant authority for the County Manager or his designee to execute the termination effective November 30, 2021. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)

21-0902 **11F1** Recommendation to accept a Grant Award from the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation in the amount of [\$15,000.00; no County match] retroactive to October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, to support lifesaving animal rescue response during wildfire season; approve the transfer of a vehicle trailer to the Washoe County Regional Animal Services fleet managed by Equipment Services; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

With regard to consent item 11A2, County Clerk Jan Galassini stated the Clerk's Office submitted new documents because the C&R report posted with the agenda was incorrect. She said the correct documents had been posted online.

Commissioner Herman referred to consent item 11B1 and observed there were two very different opinions on this issue. She noted the people who experienced flooding saw the removal of the barriers with apprehension while people who wanted to drive faster on that road saw it as a good thing. She said this issue was somewhat related to reclamation in Lemmon Valley. She mentioned the amount listed on agenda item 12 for reclamation in the southern part of the County and compared it to the amount allocated to this issue in the northern part of the County. She noted this issue had persisted for over five years without a real solution.

In response to Commissioner Herman's comments, Vice Chair Hartung noted he asked for the elevation and widening of Lemmon Drive to help correct many of those issues. He said agenda item 12 was a very different type of issue which was paid for by rate payers at the sewer treatment plant. Commissioner Herman stated she received comments from a constituent about Lemmon Drive. Vice Chair Hartung indicated he would be happy to discuss the issue as a future agenda item or outside of a meeting.

There was no public comment on the consent agenda items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 11A1 through 11F1 be approved.

BLOCK VOTE – 12 THROUGH 15

21-0903 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to authorize MWH Constructors and KG Walters Construction (MWH&KGW), a joint venture, as the Construction-Manager-At-Risk (CMAR), and approve Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement (GMP) 3B, to construct Bioreactors 3 and 4 - Walls and Facility Upgrades, which are a part of the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility 2020 Expansion Project, in the amount of [\$9,641,068.00]; and approve a separate project contingency/owner allowance fund [in the amount of \$3,205,400.00]. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

Vice Chair Hartung asked for clarification of this item. Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro said the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (STMWRF) was the sewer treatment plant for much of the unincorporated Washoe County and parts of the City of Reno; it was not a storm water plant. He said new construction as well as rate payers would fund this expansion.

Vice Chair Hartung asked whether the project was bonded and would be paid back through ratepayer fees. Mr. Solaro replied yes.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be authorized and approved.

21-0904 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Sheriff Office Bunk Replacement Project at 911 Parr Blvd, Reno, PWP-WA-2021-398, [staff recommends Simerson Construction LLC, in the amount of \$544,542 (base bid of \$317,213 plus a bid alternate of \$227,329)]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$27,165] for a total project budget not to exceed \$571,707. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be awarded and approved.

21-0905 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve the creation of two new unfunded “overfill” full-time Human Services Case Worker III positions within the Child Protective Services Fund (228), pay grade Y/NN to be utilized for training of case workers; as reviewed and evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC); and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Total fiscal impact \$255,254, Net fiscal impact \$0; General Fund fiscal impact \$0]. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved and authorized.

21-0906 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve and accept the Sub-Recipient Agreement for Management of Shelter Operations of the Nevada Cares Campus between City of Reno and Washoe County retroactive from September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$3,795,423; Funding is derived from the City of Reno’s Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) [\$1,364,012, no match] and [\$953,797, no match] and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) [\$377,614, no match] and [\$1,100,000, no match]; and if approved, 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 Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Chair Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved, accepted, and directed.

21-0907 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Introduce and conduct a first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 110 (Development Code), Article 406, by adding a new section which allows the Director of the Planning and Building Division to approve a modification of standards (Director’s Modification) to reduce the front yard setback (as otherwise required by the underlying regulatory zone) by up to 10 feet when the edge of pavement or curb of the adjacent public right-of-way (ROW) of a local residential street is more than 20 feet from the property line. The Director’s Modification must include a finding that the adjacent ROW is not planned for a future road expansion and must consider roadway safety and snow storage. Additionally, the County Engineer may request that Washoe County be released from any liability relating to street maintenance operations; and other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. If supported, set the public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the Ordinance for December 14, 2021. Community Services (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Bill No. 1864.

Vice Chair Hartung said this item was a housekeeping measure. He asked whether this Ordinance would bring some other nonconforming parcels into conformance or whether it would only affect new permits. Planner Julee Olander thought only new permits would be affected. She said anything in the past would have already been managed by variances but going forward applicants would need to apply for a director’s modification permit that would be routed through different departments for review.

There was no response to the call for public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1864 was introduced by Commissioner Hill, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

21-0908 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF) General Administrative Manual (GAM) and the RRIF Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with revised fees. The RRIF is an NRS chapter 278B impact fee designed to generate revenue for the construction of regional roads and associated improvements in the community that was first passed in 1996 and has since been periodically amended upon the adoption by the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of updated versions of the GAM, CIP and fees. The amount of the fees is based on the most recent version of the CIP in effect and is calculated according to the formula set forth in the GAM. The current amendments to the GAM consist of the 7th Edition RRIF GAM that has been approved by RTC for recommendation to governing bodies of the county and cities, as well as associated updates to the CIP and fees. Revised fees range from a 0.70% decrease to a 6.19% increase; and for other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto; and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the ordinance, for December 14, 2021. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Janis Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1865.

RTC Project Manager Dale Keller, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Regional Road Impact Fee; Why the RRIF Update; RRIF Program (3 slides); 7th Edition RRIF GAM; Development of RRIF Fees (2 slides); Travel Demand Model; 2050 RTP; Regional Road Impact Fee; Net Cost per Service Unit; 7th Edition Fee Schedule (2 slides); Summary of Changes; Next Steps for Adoptions; and Questions.

Mr. Keller said the RRIF program needed to conform with RTC's long-term 2050 regional transportation plan. He stated Washoe County would collect impact fees through the building permit process, transfer those fees to the RTC, and then RTC would use the funds to help build capacity on regional roads. He said Washoe County, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and the RTC entered into a four-party interlocal cooperative agreement to outline the roles and responsibilities of the program. He indicated the review process consisted of three steps: first the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) assessed the type of growth, second the RTC identified the capacity improvements needed, and the third the RRIF program determined the new development's share of the capacity improvement costs.

Mr. Keller explained that in the first step of the review process the RTC used the TMRPA consensus forecast to estimate growth over the next 10 years. The

estimate was then converted to vehicle miles traveled (VMT). He said the VMT was the standard measurement that linked supply, or roadway capacity, and demand which was the traffic generated by new development. He indicated that in the second step of the review the RTC assigned population employment to parcels or zones through the RTC's travel demand model. He noted the RTC only used impacts to the regional road network for the RRIF program; impacts to local streets and the freeway or highway systems were excluded. He said the process was then aggregated and repeated over every zone to determine the average trip length for RTC's service areas. The final part of the equation would be to calculate the cost. He said the first 10 years included in the 2050 regional transportation plan would be reviewed to determine the necessary improvements. He noted all fees collected in a service needed to be used in that same service area. He said based on where growth was occurring the developers' fair share was approximately \$132 million for the next 10 years. He reviewed charts of the fees for each type of individual land use type, noting the single-family residence fees increased approximately six percent in the north and five percent in the south. He said the rate increase for single-family residences was directly correlated with the U.S. Census Bureau's 2019 community survey data showing Washoe County had many more vehicles, so it was a very specific rate calculation.

Vice Chair Hartung said he disagreed with the way RRIF fees were calculated. He questioned how RRIF fees could remain flat considering it cost more to build a road this year than it did the prior year. He knew those costs directly affected the cost of a house and the County was trying to make housing more affordable, but ultimately taxpayers would bear the burden. He asked whether the RRIF fees included capacity improvements that could be conditions of approval by one of the three jurisdictions. Mr. Keller replied the fees could be entered into an offset waiver agreement if it was on the capital improvement plan and the development was also conditioned for those improvements. Vice Chair Hartung said that would be the Capital Contribution Front-End Agreement (CCFEA). Mr. Keller confirmed the agreement had historically been known as a CCFEA.

Vice Chair Hartung opined the RRIF fees did not cover the costs sufficiently. Commissioner Jung said she agreed with Vice Chair Hartung's concerns regarding the RRIF.

There was no response to the call for public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1865 was introduced by Commissioner Hill, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

21-0909 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Public Comment.

Mr. Derek Sonderfan thanked the Board, Chair Lucey, County Manager Eric Brown, and Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro for treating the pandemic with the gravity it deserved. He noted public commenters invariably cited either the Stanford Study or America's Frontline Doctors when they said the Board needed to trust the real science. He noted the Stanford Study had nothing to do with Stanford University, was not

a peer-reviewed study, and it did not dispute the efficacy of masks. He said America's Frontline Doctors was represented by a woman who alleged that alien DNA was being used in medical treatments and scientists were developing vaccines to prevent people from becoming religious. He believed it was disingenuous to compare COVID-19 (C19) restrictions to the "my body, my choice" movement because a woman having an abortion would not cause other women to miscarry. He said that comparing mask mandates to the holocaust, slavery, and segregation of the 1950s and 1960 was reprehensible; those individuals were segregated because of things they could not change while not getting the C19 vaccine was a choice. He asserted the pandemic was active and the state of emergency was still in effect.

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

21-0910 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown indicated a closed session was not needed.

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12:52 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

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