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## NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
David Watts-Vial

### WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada

COUNTY CLERK  
Janis Galassini

February 16, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

**In Person and Online Viewing.** Effective November 25, 2020, the public will be allowed in the Commission Chambers, not to exceed 25% of capacity in Commission Chambers or a maximum of 50 persons, whichever is less, at any given time and subject to the Governor's current directive as it relates to the mask mandate and social distancing. Due to evolving concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1 (extended by later Directives the most recent of which is Directive 035), which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate, future meetings may be held by teleconference only. Any member of the public wanting to attend, participate or provide public comment in-person at meetings should review the Board's agenda posted online at [https://www.washoecounty.us/bcc/board\\_committees/index.php](https://www.washoecounty.us/bcc/board_committees/index.php) to determine whether in-person attendance has been suspended by the Governor or Board.

This meeting will be held with limited in person attendance and via Zoom teleconference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819736511>. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities and downloading the ZOOM application. This meeting will also be televised live and replayed on Washoe Channel at: <https://www.washoecounty.us/mgrsoff/Communications/wctv-live.php> and on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/WashoeCountyTV>.

**Public Comment.** Public comment, whether on action items or general public comment, is limited to three (3) minutes per person. No action may be taken on a matter raised under general public comment until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Anyone wishing to provide live public comment may do so in-person, or by teleconference during the hearing by logging into the ZOOM webinar by accessing the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819736511>. NOTE: This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities and downloading the ZOOM application.

Members of the public may also submit comments by mail, email to [Washoe311@washoecounty.us](mailto:Washoe311@washoecounty.us), or voice message at: (775) 954-4664. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received by 4:00pm on February 12, 2021 by email and voicemail into the record. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and will be entered into the record only. Voicemails will no longer be played for broadcast and emails will not be read by the Clerk.

**Technical Difficulties.** If at any time during the meeting, technical difficulties are experienced with the Zoom platform, the meeting will be placed into recess and restarted on the Microsoft Teams platform. If this should occur, the meeting via Teams can be accessed via audio only by dialing: +1 775-325-0620,,224156088#, and entering conference ID 224 156 088#.

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

**Responses to Public Comments.** The County Commission can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Commission. However, responses from Commissioners to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Commission may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item "Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates, requested for information or topics for future agendas."

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

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

Public Transportation. Public transportation may be available to this meeting site: RTC Routes 2, 2S, 5 and 15 serve this location. For eligible RTC ACCESS reservations call (775) 348-5438.

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

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

**10:00 a.m.**

1. Salute to the flag.
2. Roll call.
3. Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.
4. Commissioners’/County Manager’s announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)
5. Appearance by District Health Officer Kevin Dick and Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro to provide an update on vaccination distribution within Washoe County and an overview of vaccination prioritization lanes and groups as established by the State of Nevada COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook Version 3. All Commission Districts. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
6. Appearance by Library Director Jeff Scott to provide an update on Washoe County library activities during the Covid-19 pandemic. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

**7. Donations. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- 7.A.1. Recommendation to accept donations of [\$3,386.57] 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.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 - Staff Report - Park Donations](#)

- 7.A.2. Recommendation to accept a donation in the amount of [\$372,800.00] from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust for improvements to Bowers Mansion; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 - Staff report - Silberstein donation](#)

- 7.B.1. Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$26,760.00]; (2) accept a donation from Nevada Retina Associates to Washoe County Human Services Agency in support of children in foster care in the amount of [\$3,500.00]; (3) accept donations from various donors to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$11,327.90] retroactive for the period November 21, 2020 through January 20, 2021; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 TMP4698 Accept HSA Donations \[\\$14,827.90\]](#)

- 7.B.2. Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$4,619.16]; and (2) accept donations to the Human Services Agency - Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the amount of [\$4,570.00] retroactive for the period November 21, 2020 through January 20, 2021; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 TMP4699 Accept Senior Donations \[\\$4,570.00\]](#)

- 7.C.1. Recommendation to accept a donation of two K9 Storm vests carriers and ballistic panels for K9s valued at [\$6,258.00] from Washoe County K9 Partners, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 - Sheriff - Washoe K9 Partners dog vest \[\\$6258\]](#)

- 7.C.2. Recommendation to accept a donation of a K-9 dog valued at [\$9,000.00] from Washoe County K9 Partners, to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 02-16-21 - Sheriff - Washoe K9 Partners K-9 Dog Donation\[\\$9000\]](#)

**8. Consent Items. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

- 8.A. Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Monthly Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [C&R Staff Report](#)  
[C&Rs](#)

- 8.B. Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2016/2017, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 secured and unsecured tax rolls 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A and B and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$37,552.64]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 2.16.21 - Assessor - Staff Report Roll Change Requests](#)  
[BCC 2.16.2021 - Assessor - Exhibit A](#)  
[BCC 2.16.2021 - Assessor - Exhibit B](#)

- 8.C. Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$4,950.00] in both revenue and expense to the FY21 Burning Man Project Donation account and direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC Staff Report FY21 FP Burning Man donation 2-16-21](#)

- 8.D. Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000] for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [\$10,000] grant to the Washoe County Roads Fund to support a portion of the purchase of one cattle/horse guard to be installed in Hidden Valley, specifically on E. Hidden Valley/Desert Way to assist in keeping feral horses out of the neighborhood and off of the Washoe County roadways; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 2.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC 2.16.21 Staff Report](#)  
[Resolution Horse Guard](#)

- 8.E. Discussion and possible approval of a settlement of claim number 2021123 involving Washoe County and Joseph Eberle for an amount not to exceed [\$35,000], for car rental fees, storage fees and vehicle replacement. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [BCC staff report - Joseph Eberle](#)

**End of Consent Items**

9. Recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge and accept the first Regional Animal Services Advisory Board Periodic Report as presented for FY 17/18 and FY 18/19. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [Staff Report 02-16 Advisory Board Periodic Report Final FY 18 and 19 Periodic Report](#)  
[Periodic ASAB Report ppt 1-25](#)

10. Recommendation and possible action to create a Commissioner Engagement Program in the Office of the County Manager which will be overseen by the Communications Director, and which will facilitate and administer a commissioner-citizen engagement process utilizing two tracks, Commissioner Outreach and the Community Advisory Boards, both working in unison for balanced and complete community engagement; request and possible action to fund the Program in FY22 with an estimated program budget of \$372,000 to cover personnel, technology and program costs, a portion of which will be offset with revenues already established in the Office of the County Manager. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

11. Discussion and direction to staff and possible action concerning a vacancy on the Reno Justice Court created by the retirement of the Honorable Peter J. Sferrazza. Possible options include directing staff to return with suggestions and cost estimates on a process to appoint an individual to serve until the 2022 election, an election procedure to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term, or to leave the seat open until a new Justice of the Peace is elected in 2022 and seated in 2023. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**Attachments:** [Staff Report RJC vacancy 2021](#)

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

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14. Commissioners'/County Manager's announcements, reports and updates to include boards and commissions updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

**Adjournment**