

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 11, 2022

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Vice Chair
Alexis Hill, Commissioner, via Zoom
Kitty Jung, Commissioner, via Zoom
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner, absent

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
Nathan Edwards, Assistant District Attorney

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

22-0003 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ms. Melanie Sutton appreciated the Board ending the public health emergency on December 14 but thought the Board waited too long to end it. She opined it was the Board's job to stand up for the citizens of Washoe County and not relinquish their power to the State and federal government. She said she would actively campaign in upcoming elections. She asked that Washoe County move away from the voting machines and use paper ballots to protect the votes.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon provided documents, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He demanded hospitals promote and treat Covid-19 (C19) patients with therapeutics, supplements, and monoclonal antibody infusions. He asked for the termination of Remdesivir and mask mandates. He expressed his concerns that the Board had been bought and paid for.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett provided documents, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. She demanded a resolution be put on the agenda to prohibit vaccine passports and vaccinations for individuals between the ages of 5 and 20.

Ms. Kitchie Kuhns expressed her frustration about the experimental serum that had been proven to kill and damage people. She asked the Board to investigate the Clearfield doctrine and Owens versus the City of Independence. She opined the Board never addressed the people and their concerns. She thought unlawful searches without probable cause occurred at the meetings in an attempt to intimidate the public.

Ms. Janet Butcher commented cruise ships and the USS Milwaukee had fully vaccinated people onboard with C19 breakouts. She said people had been fired or removed from their positions because they would not partake in the experimental drug. She spoke about the complications caused by agent orange and wondered why the vaccine was forced on people. She thought the vaccine only benefitted pharmaceutical companies and stockholders.

Mr. Will Brown, a former firefighter and battalion chief, said he was part of the group of people that took the idea of sprinkler systems in high rise buildings to the legislature. He commented he would like to see similar solutions taken before disastrous problems occurred, like the recent fire in New York. He discussed the actions of Republican officials during the attack on the capitol, and he opined they had lied in their statements regarding the attacks. He noted the Republican officials did not attend the examination of documents in Congress, and he said voting Republican equated to the approval of liars.

Ms. Donna Robinson displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She said County employees commented to KOLO Channel 8 that the ditches in Sun Valley had been cleared and worked perfectly; she stated this was untrue. She knew of multiple residents who called the County about cleaning out the ditches, only to get excuses about why they could not perform the work. She wanted to know when the Board would hold someone accountable and get the ditches cleaned.

Ms. Cindy Martinez provided documents, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. She noted 2022 would be a year of reckoning and the Board would be held accountable for what they had done. She read an email she sent to the Board about scientific studies, C19, and the ineffectiveness of the vaccines. She commented that Washoe County citizens delivered similar scientific papers to the Board and Health District, and the County was willfully ignoring the information. She thought the American Rescue Plan Act money was money that only existed in a computer system, and she said the Board's acceptance of the money put the County in unrecoverable debt.

Regarding the Crystal Canyon Boulevard project, Mr. Kenji Otto said County employees gave inaccurate statements to the Board regarding the number of accidents that had occurred. He said County employees stated five accidents had occurred over five years. He relayed his research showed there had been 33 accidents, including one death and one accident that involved a school bus with children. He noted he had asked for a four-way stop on several streets, but the County decided to do \$70,000 of improvements instead. He asked for clarification on the mask mandate and said the rules had not been consistent.

Mr. Bruce Foster displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He discussed a statement by Dr. Benjamin Rush regarding medical freedom in the constitution. He agreed with James Madison's statement that legislative, judicial, and executive powers accumulated in the same hands would lead to tyranny. He compared the statement to the government suppressing anything other than C19 drugs and

experimental vaccines. He expressed his dissatisfaction with the unscientific mask mandates, lockdowns, social distancing, testing, and business closures.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated emails received from Mr. Brian Erbis, Ms. Yolanda (last name unknown), Ms. Chiarra Macellaio, E. Gerscovich, and Ms. Tammy Holt-Still would be placed on file.

22-0004 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas commented the Bartley Ranch testing location was closed for the day due to staffing issues. She informed testing locations could be found on the Covid-19 (C19) County website. She asked the public to be patient as the demand for testing was high. Appointments were not necessary, she explained, but staff recommended pre-registration to save time. She reminded the antigen rapid test results were available on the same day. She asked the public to cancel their appointments if they were unable to attend them in order to free spots up for others.

Vice Chair Hartung said he attended the first Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meeting of the year and noted the abundance of public comment at the meeting. He asked the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in combating u-turns and high speeds on Pyramid Highway; he wondered whether Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) could make physical changes on Pyramid Highway. Recalling past conversations about the advanced signal warning system removals on Pyramid Highway, he asked that NDOT give a presentation to the Board. He felt the design was not flawed and thought the removal of the systems would lead to problems.

Commissioner Hill announced the 36th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial service would be held January 16. She reminded the first CAB meeting for the West Truckee Meadows Verdi township would be held January 18.

Chair Lucey clarified the vote in December to end the public health emergency for Washoe County did not change the Governor's mask mandates. He said the mask mandates were still in place for County staff and individuals visiting the building; however, if someone chose not to wear a mask in chambers they would not be escorted out. He felt that whether someone chose to abide by the mask mandate was their position. He advised if an individual was disruptive to the meeting, they would be asked to leave.

Chair Lucey commented on the large amount of snow the County received over the Christmas and New Year's holidays and he noted the past December set a record in the region for the largest amount of snowfall in December. He thanked Sierra Nevada Construction and Granite Construction for their assistance in clearing arterial roads in the foothills and helping the fire department clear out fire hydrants. He said the priority was to maintain public safety and keep access to homes open for fire engines. He explained NDOT had a 50 person decrease in their snow removal operations team, which had left them significantly challenged. He informed several agencies maintained the communal roads, and when significant storms came through employees were pulled off mountain summits

to prioritize roads with more public travel. Regarding District 2 on Mount Rose Highway, he said a corridor study had been completed and he was in discussion with NDOT about improvements.

Commissioner Jung reminded the boundary lines had changed and the Sun Valley CAB would be returning in February; the first meeting would be held on a Saturday in February. She said the Senior Services Advisory Board (SSAB), which she was a liaison for, had been successful in lobbying the RTC on the proposed elimination of bus routes heavily used by senior citizens. She said RTC presented at the SSAB meeting and had good data to counter. She mentioned RTC was experiencing staffing difficulties and thanked them for making sure everyone's voice was heard in the matter. She appreciated the Board for empowering the SSAB to advocate for the things they were experts on. She opined the SSAB was one of the best groups of all the advisory boards she had served on because they were involved and focused on problem solving.

Chair Lucey discussed the Marshall fire in Boulder County, Colorado that devastated 1,000 homes. He said the Board instructed the chief to participate in a northern Nevada Fire Chiefs' Association Meeting where several chiefs met to discuss a collective plan to deal with high winds and dry conditions. He said they addressed how to be better prepared in the community to prevent incidents.

Chair Lucey thanked the Human Services Agency (HSA) and HSA Director Amber Howell for their work in developing relationships in the community and advocating for underserved women and children. Ms. Howell, he commented, had diligently worked with different groups to find funding for programs. He thanked Grace Church for their \$700,000 donation towards the HSA's continued efforts. Grace Church, he opined, had done leaps and bounds in working for the women and children of Washoe County.

Vice Chair Hartung said Grace Church had been very involved with the community on so many fronts. He requested an agenda item on the Daybreak program, which assisted families dealing with Parkinson's disease and Alzheimers. He noted Daybreak was trying to combine forces with Nevada Senior Services; Nevada Senior Services was able to serve Southern Nevada on a limited budget. He was hopeful Washoe County could get a similar program and he looked forward to seeing what Ms. Howell could establish.

Vice Chair Hartung asked to meet with Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith regarding four-way stops at Crystal Canyon. He was interested in hearing how the County mitigated speeding in that area. He mentioned a constituent noted there were 33 accidents and said he was not surprised with that number. He opined residential areas should be safer.

Vice Chair Hartung asked what the maintenance schedule was on the ditches in the County. He wondered whether prevention of weeds was a better solution than the removal of them. He believed the County needed a regional storm water utility and noted Spanish Springs had one. The residents of Sparks, he said, paid for storm water on

their sewer bill through the City of Sparks. He commented Reno City was working on an overall plan and thought the County needed to as well. The County, he mentioned, had already commissioned a study at the Western Regional Water Commission to understand the conveyance channels of stormwater. Once they were able to understand the conveyance, he remarked, they could analyze the channels for volumetric flow and try to understand which ones could be dealt with in a different way.

Vice Chair Hartung stated he would not be running for any office in 2024 and he encouraged his constituents to run for office.

22-0005 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Election of Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

Chair Lucey asked Assistant District Attorney Nathan Edwards to guide the Board through the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) regarding the election of chair. Attorney Edwards said the Board was free to vote to set a term for the chair and vote on a member of the Board to serve as chair. Chair Lucey informed the Board elected in their governing documents to have the chair and vice chair serve in 24-month capacities through a legislative session and election cycle. The voting of chairs occurred in the off years before an election and after a legislative cycle.

Attorney Edwards said the election of chair fell under NRS 244.070. Chair Lucey said it had been his honor and pleasure to serve as chair and noted it was a responsibility that came with several challenges. The chair's responsibility was to work with the Board to set the agenda and to represent the Board. He reminded that although the chair represented the Board, every commissioner was still one vote of the five-member Board; the election of a chair would not change the voting structure.

Commissioner Hill thanked Chair Lucey for his service and mentioned she had learned a lot from him during her first year as a commissioner. She thought Vice Chair Hartung would do a great job in leading the board, and she nominated him for the chair position.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Vice Chair Hartung be elected as the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

22-0006 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Election of Vice-Chair of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lucey asked Attorney Edwards whether the election of vice chair fell under the same Nevada Revised Statute as the election of chair. Assistant District Attorney Nathan Edwards replied yes. Commissioner Lucey asked Commissioner Hill if her intent for Agenda Item 5 was to set the term for chair at 24 months. Commissioner Hill

replied yes. Commissioner Lucey asked Attorney Edwards if the motion for Agenda Item 5 needed to be amended because a term had not been set. Attorney Edwards responded it was mentioned two years was the established period; he opined the motion was fine as it was.

Commissioner Lucey said the vice chair’s term was set for 24 months. He reported the vice chair’s responsibility was to serve as second in command for the chair and run the chair position in the absence of Chair Hartung. He made a motion to elect Commissioner Hill as vice chair.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Commissioner Hill be elected as the Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners.

10:58 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:05 a.m. **The Board reconvened with Chair Hartung assuming the gavel.**

22-0007 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Recommendation for discussion and possible action in regards to the appointment and/or reappointment of Commissioners to boards and commissions, alteration of terms of service on boards and commissions where legally permissible, and such other action as the board of commissioners may desire to take in regards to those administrative matters. This item includes any boards or commissions listed at the end of this agenda after the item denoted ‘Adjournment’. Manager’s Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Communications Director Nancy Leuenhagen reminded of the Board’s direction to start a commission support program. Staff from the commission support program worked with Government Affairs Manager Jamie Rodriguez to take over the process of appointments. Office Assistant Alexandra Wilson stated the Commissioners were provided a list of appointments to boards and committees. She reviewed current vacancies and asked the Chair to affirm each appointment. She indicated appropriate changes could be made.

After discussion, the appointments were decided as follows:

Board/Commission	Commissioners
Animal Service Advisory Board	Commissioner Jung – Primary
Community Homeless Advisory Board	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Primary Chair Hartung – Alternate
District Board of Health	Commissioner Lucey – Primary

Downtown Reno Business Improvement District	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Jung – Alternate
Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN)	Chair Hartung – Primary Vice Chair Hill – Alternate
Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors (NACO)	Commissioner Lucey – Primary – Executive Board Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Nevada Tahoe Conservation District Board of Supervisors	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Jung – Alternate
Nevada Works	Commissioner Herman – Primary Commissioner Jung – Alternate
Regional Transportation Commission	Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Primary Vice Chair Hill – Alternate Commissioner Jung – Alternate Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority	Commissioner Lucey – Primary
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC)	Commissioner Herman – Primary
Tahoe Prosperity Center Board of Directors	Vice Chair Hill – Primary
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Tahoe Transportation Commission	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency Governing Board	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Herman – Primary
Truckee Meadows Water Authority	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate Commissioner Jung – Alternate Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Truckee River Flood Management Authority	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate Commissioner Jung – Alternate Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Vya Conservation District	Commissioner Herman – Primary
Washoe County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee	Commissioner Lucey – Primary

Washoe County Debt Management Commission	Commissioner Herman – Primary
Washoe County Internal Audit Committee	Commissioner Herman – Primary Vice Chair Hill – Alternate
Washoe County Investment Committee	Chair Hartung – Primary Vice Chair Hill – Primary
Washoe County Legislative Liaison	Vice Chair Hill – Liaison Commissioner Lucey – Liaison
Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission	Commissioner Jung – Liaison
Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison	Commissioner Jung – Primary Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Washoe County School District Capital Funding Protection Committee	Commissioner Lucey – Primary Commissioner Herman – Primary
Washoe County School District Oversight Panel	Commissioner Lucey – Primary Commissioner Herman – Primary
Washoe County Stadium Authority	Vice Chair Hill – Primary Chair Hartung – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate Commissioner Jung – Alternate Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Washoe Storey Conservation District	Commissioner Herman – Primary
Western Nevada Development District (WNDD)	Commissioner Herman – Primary Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Western Regional Water Commission	Chair Hartung – Primary Vice Chair Hill – Appointed by TMWA Commissioner Lucey – Appointed by TMWA

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that the above changes to the Regional Transportation Commission’s appointments be approved.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that the above changes to the Washoe County Investment Committee’s appointments be approved.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote, it was ordered that the changes to the above listed boards and commission appointments be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8I1

- 22-0008** **8A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting of December 1, 2021. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0009** **8B1** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 unsecured tax roll 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibit B and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$142,287.84]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0010** **8C1** Recommendation to approve Amendment I to the existing Non-Exclusive Utility Easement - Washoe County Force-Main Sewer Across Aspen Glen Footbridge, a utility easement granting a permanent, non-exclusive easement between the State of Nevada, acting through the Nevada Division of State Lands and Washoe County, for a sanitary sewer force main on the Aspen Glen Footbridge in Reno, Nevada (over a portion of APNs 009-030-02, 009-040-02, 009-040-10 and 212-050-17), increasing the annual rental fee from \$475.00 to \$610.00, to comply with the five-year fee analysis imposed by the Nevada Division of State. (Commission District 1.)
- 22-0011** **8C2** Recommendation to approve a Grant of Easement granting a permanent, non-exclusive easement to Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy on APN 142-020-06 in Reno, Nevada for the transmission of power for a Truckee Meadows Water Authority Water facility [at a value of \$1.00]. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)
- 22-0012** **8C3** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Incline Village Library Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project to repair asphaltic concrete (AC) paving, curb, gutter and sidewalks to allow safer access to the facilities and lower maintenance costs [staff recommends Armac Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$149,950.25]. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 22-0013** **8D1** Recommend to acknowledge receipt of the 39th consecutive annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0014** **8E1** Recommendation to approve the reclassification of an Office Assistant III, pay grade G, to an Administrative Assistant I, pay grade K; create one new full-time Account Clerk II position, pay grade H (Manager's Office); reclassification of two Eligibility Certification Specialist II positions, pay grade I, to Eligibility Case Compliance Reviewer positions, pay grade L

(Human Services Agency); as reviewed and evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC); and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Total fiscal impact \$140,576; net fiscal impact \$-0-] Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0015** **8F1** Recommendation to revise the Guidelines and Standards to the eligibility criteria for the Health Care Assistance Program (HCAP) and Burial Assistance, by increasing the income eligibility to \$1,342 per month, which is 125% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG); and add \$378 for each additional person in the household, effective April 1, 2021; and if approved, authorize an annual increase to match current Federal Guidelines. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0016** **8G1** Recommendation to approve the appointment of Lisa Rode and Maxwell Dinatale to their first term on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission for terms beginning on January 1, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2025; and Nicholas-Martin Kearny to fill the unexpired term left by Gregory Shorts, beginning January 1, 2022 and ending on November 4, 2023 or until such time as a successor is appointed. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0017** **8G2** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$30,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$10,000] grant to Awaken -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of eradicating commercial sexual exploitation; a [\$10,000] grant to Soulful Seeds -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to aid in their mission of providing healthy, sustainable and fresh food to the most vulnerable in our communities; and a [\$10,000] grant to the Spanish Springs Library, a branch of the Washoe County Library System - a governmental entity -- for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.)
- 22-0018** **8G3** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$3,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a grant to Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes, to support the 2021 Truckee Meadows Community Progress Report, which provides information to build awareness and understanding of issues facing the community as well as highlighting positive progress in identified communities through quality-of-life data indicators; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct

the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. (Commission District 3.)

- 22-0019** **8H1** Recommendation to acknowledge Court Assistance Program Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for Community Court Program in the amount of [\$125,355.00 for FY22, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactively July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0020** **8H2** Recommendation to acknowledge Community Court Program Allocation from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for Community Court Program in the amount of [\$99,764.00 for FY22, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0021** **8H3** Recommendation to acknowledge Specialty Court General Fund Allocations from the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada to the Reno Justice Court for DUI Court in the amount of [\$20,250.00 for FY22, no match required], paid in quarterly installments retroactive to July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0022** **8I1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending December 31, 2021, of payment of refunds and interest since last update in the amount of \$3,768,611 on certain property tax overpayments for residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

Regarding Agenda Item 8G2, Chair Hartung asked the administration from Awaken to speak about the program. He noted it was National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Jen Robinson, co-founder of Awaken, said she ran the program for teens who had been trafficked and exploited. She, along with Amy and Jessica who were present, thanked the Board for their generosity and investment into the cause. She explained Awaken had been in the community for ten years, with a drop-in center that was open five days a week. The center, she commented, was completely run by survivors so women and children were met with faces who had been where they were. Awaken's services included

an education center, mentors, tutors, workforce development, and education assistants to support women and children in reclaiming their lives.

Ms. Robinson opined many people thought human trafficking did not exist in northern Nevada. She informed Washoe County had been called a hub for human trafficking because of the large number of people that traveled through the area. She noted support for Awaken directly helped women and children in northern Nevada who were affected by human trafficking.

Chair Hartung asked staff to schedule time for Awaken to return in February to speak about the work they had done. Ms. Robinson replied the previous year Awaken worked with 170 women and children affected by human trafficking. She was excited at the opportunity to return to the Board to educate the community on signs of human trafficking.

Chair Hartung thanked Commissioner Jung for her special district funds disbursement to Truckee Meadows Tomorrow. Commissioner Lucey acknowledged Chair Hartung's donation from special district funds to Awaken and Soulful Seeds. Soulful Seeds, he explained, had been influential in creating a community garden for Our Place. He thought Chair Hartung's donation from special district funds to Spanish Springs Library was wonderful because libraries allowed citizens to be involved with the community and be part of the civic process.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Nicholas St. Jon thought it was troubling that many of the consent items had an effective date of July 1, 2021. He wondered what the Board could do to get ahead of these items instead of doing them retroactively. He opined it was not a good way to do business.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8I1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8I1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – 9 THROUGH 23

22-0023 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between SB Engineering and Washoe County for additional engineering design services for the Phase 2 - Veterans Parkway to Hidden Valley Regional Park - Effluent Expansion Project [in the additional amount of \$245,246 for a total contract amount of \$445,161.00]. The additional professional services include the design for new irrigation services, on-site irrigation pumps, structural retaining walls along with the necessary electrical, geotechnical and structural engineering services. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

22-0024 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to upgrade the Fire Alarm Panel at the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center, 650 Ferrari-Mcleod, Reno, Nevada, PWP-WA-2022-059, [staff recommends Nelson Electric Company in the amount of \$290,000]. The project consists of replacing the outdated fire alarm control system and installing an emergency employee notification system. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

22-0025 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Public and Visiting Administration Remodel Project Phase 2 at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office - 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, PWP-WA-2022-100 [staff recommends Reyman Brothers Construction, Inc, in the amount of \$467,102.96]. 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, accepted on April 13, 2021. Phase 2 will renovate staff areas creating safe transaction zones to reduce exposure of COVID-19 to the regional detention facility and other areas of the Sheriff's Office. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be awarded and approved.

22-0026 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to accept Subaward Amendment #2 to the Family First Prevention Services Act Transition subaward from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS) that increases the award amount to [\$638,303.51; no county match] and extends the grant period to September 30, 2022; 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.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

22-0027 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve an Agreement with Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education on Behalf of University of Nevada, Reno Early Head Start to provide in home parenting services that fill a critical role in the implementation of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Model to Washoe County Human Services Agency families retroactive from September 30, 2021 through September 30, 2022, with the provision of two (2), one (1) year renewals, in a total amount not to exceed [\$1,088,829.00 (FY22 \$154,039; FY23 \$353,875, FY24 \$580,915)]; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

22-0028 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-E Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$20,446,299; \$9,442,687 county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Resolution for subgrant award and related documents; authorize a Subgrant Agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District to pass through Title IV-E federal funds to reimburse for actual expenses incurred to provide out-of-zone transportation for children in foster care allowed under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act which is estimated to be an annual cost of [\$450,000] for a retroactive period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Managers to sign the agreement between Washoe County and the Washoe County School District and approve the Resolution necessary for same. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be accepted, authorized, and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0029 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept two senior nutrition subgrant awards from the State of Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for the following Older Americans Act Title III Programs: (1) Congregate Meals [\$449,018.90; \$67,353 county match] retroactively from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022; and (2) Home Delivered Meals [\$1,366,911.83; \$205,037 county match] retroactively from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Kenji Otto asked the Board to approve Agenda Item 15 as the services had been beneficial to his mother-in-law and her roommate. In his experience, he said, the programs were a little difficult to get started but helped a great deal. Regarding Agenda Item 16, he thought the Sheriff's Office should be providing services, not a private entity. He commented the people who worked for the company tended to go overboard on things. He opined a private individual should not be forced to wear a mask, and he expressed his confusion about whether masks were required.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0030 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve contract with Allied Universal Security for armed and unarmed professional security services, retroactive to October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Estimated expenditures are anticipated as [\$809,229]. If approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Nicholas St. Jon noted Agenda Item 16 was retroactive. He thought it was an incredible amount of money to pay for services from a company for security. He noted his several run-ins with the company and said they had violated his rights many times. He wondered why services had not been provided by the Sheriff's Office since they had jurisdiction and the ultimate authority. He asked the Board to reconsider the private company for providing protection in the County offices.

Chair Hartung commented the Sheriff's Office provided security in the past, but an alternative had to be found due to budget cuts and lack of staffing.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be approved and authorized.

22-0031 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to 1) approve the attached resolution to augment the Marijuana Establishments 3% Fee Fund in the amount of [\$152,894], to increase expenditure and transfer authority to the Department of Alternative Sentencing for fiscal year 2022 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005; 2) create one new full time Department of Alternative Sentencing (DAS) Case Manager position, pay grade J (Alternative Sentencing); as reviewed and evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC); 3) authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes; and 4) direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. [Total fiscal year 2022 impact \$152,894; net fiscal impact \$-0-] Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be approved, created, authorized, and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0032 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to approve a resolution endorsing the Vintage at Spanish Springs Development at 0 Neighborhood Way, Spanish Springs, Nevada 89411, a senior-restricted development available to residents aged 55 and above consisting of 257 affordable housing units restricted to households at or below 60% of Area Median Income, and to authorize the chair to sign the resolution. If approved, this resolution is made in accordance with NAC 319.7115(2)(b) and only for the purposes of the applicant's use in their request for funding from the State of Nevada Housing Division. (APN:532-031-10 and 532-031-15, Applicant: Vintage Housing Development, Inc., Project property owner: Vintage at Spanish Springs, L.P.) Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved and authorized. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0033 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Recommendation to retroactively (1) approve the lease terms between Washoe County and the Housing Authority of the City of Reno, for the County to occupy 2.012 acres within the property located at 1775 East 4th Street, Reno, Nevada, 89512, for a six month term (December 8, 2021- June 8, 2022) to provide Nevada Cares Campus temporary overflow shelter capacity for people experiencing homelessness and construction staging space; (2) if approved, authorize County Manager Eric Brown to execute the lease and authorize the County Manager Eric Brown to execute all necessary agreements, warrants and checks for the effectuation of the same; (3) approve the use of Fund 223-4 (Cost Center 223420) in the amount of \$1.00 needed to support the Fiscal Year 2022 lease cost. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved and authorized.

22-0034 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve subgrants of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, to the Children's Cabinet in the amount of \$100,000 for the Signs of Suicide prevention program, with a retroactive period from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022; and to The Great Reno Balloon Race in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2022 event. with a period from January 11, 2022, through December 31, 2022; approve Resolutions necessary for same, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary net-zero cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. Generally speaking, American Rescue Plan Act funds are federal funds that have been distributed to state and local entities around the country to address the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic since 2020. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 20 be approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0035 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Recommendation to approve an amended allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in a total amount of \$7,971,644 for the Cares Campus - Facilities Operations FY22 project (including \$1,861,112 allocated and approved by

the Board on December 14, 2021), with a period from January 11, 2022 through December 31, 2023, the performance period includes additional months to allow for the hiring process; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross-functional budget appropriation transfers, authorize the creation of 28 new full-time positions funded 100% by the SLFRF grant funds for up to 18 months, and as such when grant funding is eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the positions will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured; direct the Human Resources Department to make the necessary staffing adjustments as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee. If approved, this will result in an additional allocation of \$6,110,532 in ARPA funds (on top of the \$1,861,112 already allocated by BCC action on 12/14/21) in order to fund additional staff positions to support homeless shelter operations. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Regarding Agenda Item 21, Chair Hartung thought the County was spending a lot of money. He said there needed to be some forward motion and asserted he wanted results.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Cindy Martinez displayed page seven of the December 14 Board of County Commissioners (BCC) agenda. She said the Board characterized the money as being for the benefit of the community; however, she noted 75 percent of the money went towards the homeless. She asked why American Rescue Plan Act money was going to suicide prevention when it was government actions that caused the chaos and carnage to the citizens and the economy. She pointed out the December 14 BCC agenda showed money going to the CARES campus for new positions, which she opined would bloat the budget. She thought the budgets were unsustainable. She commented when the Board put items in block vote, it was lazy governance and showed proof that open meeting law had been violated.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 21 be approved, directed, and authorized.

22-0036 **AGENDA ITEM 22** Recommendation to approve the Axon bundled contract under sole source purchasing exemption for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and enter into a new contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for a sixty-month term at a cost not to exceed [\$1,350,000.00] annually, or [\$6,750,000.00] for the full sixty months; to support Body Worn Cameras, fleet car cameras, less lethal (Tasers), and other support services offered by Axon Enterprise, Inc. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 22 be approved.

22-0037 **AGENDA ITEM 23** Recommendation to approve a net-zero, cross-fund appropriation transfer from the Washoe County Capital Improvement Fund to the Enhanced 911 Fund, in the amount of [\$1,000,000]; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments (net impact to the County budget is zero). Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 23 be approved and directed.

22-0038 **AGENDA ITEM 24** Public hearing pursuant to NRS 277.050, to consider any objections to the Resolution of Intent to execute an easement deed granting the following easements to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority: an exploratory well easement totaling ± 4 square feet, a conditional water facilities easement totaling $\pm 10,000$ square feet for a production well and wellhouse, and a temporary construction easement totaling $\pm 22,415$ square feet on APN 534-450-05, part of Sugarloaf Peak Open Space [at the appraised value of \$3,450.00]; possible approval of said easement deed; and, if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the deed to that effect. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Chair Hartung asked Operations Division Director Eric Crump for an explanation on the item. Mr. Crump went over the previous action on the item as listed in the staff report. He explained the exploratory well would automatically roll into a facility easement should Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) find the exploratory well to be favorable for production. He noted the well would ultimately serve both new and existing customers.

The Open Space and Regional Parks Commission (OSRPC), Mr. Crump said, recommended approval of only the exploratory well and temporary construction. This, he informed, was because they wanted TMWA to address questions regarding drawdown of the aquifer and alignments of water facilities that would come out of the permanent facility. He reminded the Board that TMWA had a blanket easement over the parcel for water facilities.

Chair Hartung asked why the matter had to go to the OSRPC if the easement already existed. Mr. Crump responded there was a blanket easement for access; however, it was a gray area because there could be argument that the easement was for underground

utilities. He informed the easement being discussed was for an above ground well and well house. He said TMWA and Community Development wanted to be fully transparent, so they followed the park land easement policy and took the matter to OSRPC.

Chair Hartung asked whether his understanding was correct that the OSRPC wanted to hear back from TMWA after the exploratory well was drilled. Mr. Crump responded that was correct; OSRPC wanted more information regarding the actual production of the well and the potential draw down.

Mr. Crump mentioned there had been public comment at the OSRPC from an adjacent property owner who was on a well. He relayed the property owner had questions about the alignment of the water infrastructure that would come from the well house, and the property owner wondered about potential impacts to the open space in the trail system on his property. Mr. Crump said the well house would fall under the blanket easement and be below ground; he opined it would not interfere with the trail system on the property owner's land.

Chair Hartung said TMWA had been extremely responsible and noted they had reconditioned the Galena fan. He commented TMWA was replenishing the aquifer in the Spanish Springs valley at certain wells. He asked TMWA Senior Hydrogeologist Christian Kropf to talk about TMWA's position on protecting domestic wells.

Mr. Kropf said TMWA took domestic well owners into consideration under any instance where new wells were in construction. He informed TMWA ran numerous models to ensure any impacts to domestic wells were minor. The initial groundwater modeling efforts in this case, he commented, showed that the nearest domestic well owner would experience roughly a half of a foot to a foot of seasonal drawdown. After 20 years the model showed the nearest domestic well owner would experience three feet of seasonal drawdown. He noted that seasonal drawdown would recover. He informed the impacts were minor and TMWA would not move into the area with a production well if there was any indication it would result in an extreme drawdown for the neighboring domestic wells.

Chair Hartung asked whether the domestic wells were being monitored. Mr. Kropf answered the closest domestic well had not been monitored, but TMWA had received permission to monitor the next closest well. He said the next closest well, owned by Dan Herman, had been monitored for water quality and water levels over the last 15 years. In that zone and North Spanish Springs, he noted, TMWA saw water levels rise upwards of five to ten feet in the last 15 to 20 years. He opined part of that was due to the responsible stance TMWA took to make the resource whole and sustainable for the long term.

Chair Hartung said TMWA used water conjunctively, which meant they used as much surface water as they could. He reported TMWA owned a lot of what flowed in the river, so they did not have to use all the water rights they had secured. He opined TMWA maintained the aquifers in a responsible manner. He asked Mr. Kropf if the domestic well that had been monitored had 130 feet of static water level. Mr. Kropf

responded the total depth of that well was around 240 feet, with roughly 100 to 140 feet of water. Chair Hartung asked whether TMWA had monitored water quality. Mr. Kropf responded TMWA monitored water quality throughout the basin.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Dan Herman said he was in favor of the exploratory well and thought it would benefit existing water users. He liked that the OSRPC was conscientious about the exploratory well and wanted testing done. He mentioned that Mr. Kropf and the chairman of the TMWA board of directors assured him there would be no significant detriment to his domestic well. He expressed his concern about the lack of notification to the 200 well owners within the aquifer. He thought the citizens should have been involved in the process.

Chair Hartung said he and Mr. Herman had known each other for 25 years, and he was the chairman of the TMWA board of directors who assured Mr. Herman. He expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to have served such a great organization that was a wonderful steward of the water resources in the valley. He pointed out the wells were not pumped exclusively and noted TMWA used a lot of surface water. He gave the example of the pump station in Verdi that helped take pressure off the groundwater resources.

Chair Hartung asked Assistant District Attorney Nathan Edwards and Mr. Crump whether TMWA would need to return to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) after the exploratory well was done. Mr. Crump clarified the OSRPC was advisory in nature and could only make recommendations to the BCC. The Board, he communicated, was voting on an easement for the exploratory well and a conditional easement for the facilities. He said if the exploratory well testing demonstrated suitability for a production well, it would roll into the conditional water facilities easement. TMWA, he commented, would notify him if something changed after testing was conducted.

It was Chair Hartung's understanding the OSRPC wanted TMWA to return to them. He commented he did not have a problem with TMWA returning to the OSRPC for informational purposes; however, he opined the OSRPC did not have purview over the situation. Mr. Crump said it was ultimately the BCC's decision to grant the easements, but he was willing return to the OSRPC for informational purposes.

If the BCC decided TMWA should report back to the OSRPC for informational purposes, Attorney Edwards recommended the communication be via letter or other common form of communication rather than trying to build it into the lease. Chair Hartung said he did not want to build it into the lease.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 24 be approved and authorized.

22-0039 **AGENDA ITEM 25** Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 5 of the Washoe County Code relating to County Commissioner Election Districts by establishing five County Commissioner Election Districts in accordance with the 2020 federal decennial census and NRS 244.014 and 244.018 that are as equal in population as practicable, and providing other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto; and if approved, set the public hearing and second reading of the Ordinance for January 25, 2022. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Jan Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1869.

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

Bill No. 1869 was introduced by Commissioner Lucey, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

22-0040 **AGENDA ITEM 26** Public Comment.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon noted he was limited to the issues he could bring to the Board due to the three-minute limitation. He had to sit through entire meetings to be able to get through as many issues as he could, he commented. He demanded a hard unchanging definition of what it was to be vaccinated due to the high infection rate of people who received the vaccine. He opined people without the booster were seen as unvaccinated. He demanded an answer from each member of the Board on whether they believed the vaccination created antibodies to protect a person from being infected by the virus.

Mr. Kenji Otto thanked County Manager Eric Brown, Engineering and Capital Projects Division Manager Dwayne Smith, and Commissioner Herman for working with him on the Crystal Canyon Boulevard quieting issue. He had not expected \$70,000 to be spent and hoped it could have been done cheaper. He asked the Board to reevaluate old requests for signs based on his findings. He said the sources for accident reports were varied, and he recommended a database for the County to keep track of the information. He asked the Board to consider removing the metal detectors at the entrance of the County building for the meetings. He did not want to be forced to wear a mask because somebody who got the shot was afraid. He requested to speak with Commissioner Jung about ideas for senior services.

Ms. Cindy Martinez commented governance was not designed to be easy and mentioned the Board represented the only point of addressing corrections needed. She said Washington State deployed 300 mobile vaccination vans and were presenting legislation to empower law enforcement to incarcerate unvaccinated citizens. She opined that was tyranny and asked the Board to honor their constitutional duty and oath to prevent

that from happening in Washoe County. She talked about citizens in Seattle, Albany, and Europe that were protesting and thought the world was in grave danger.

22-0041 AGENDA ITEM 27 Announcements/Reports.

Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas addressed public comments regarding retroactive items on the agenda and said many of the items included instances where the County received subgrant awards past the effective date. She said it was out of the County’s control whether the item was brought before the Board prior to the beginning of the period. She indicated staff reports for the retroactive items included details on reasons the items were retroactive.

Commissioner Lucey acknowledged the Comptroller’s office, finance department, and the budget department for their hard work at managing the County money efficiently and effectively. He noted it had been the 39th year the County received the annual certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Regarding public comment pertaining to the Meal on Wheels program, Commissioner Lucey appreciated the Human Services Agency’s continued diligence in supporting people from birth to death. He noted there were many times Meals on Wheels drove in hazardous conditions to make sure individuals received meals. He thought the program was a huge resource for many individuals and was often overlooked.

Commissioner Lucey informed January 9 was law enforcement appreciation day and commented the Board had always supported public safety individuals, law enforcement, and firefighters. He said law enforcement did a great job at maintaining the jail and providing services in the unincorporated area of the County with a limited budget. He opined law enforcement officers were often seen as the enemies when, in fact, they worked to protect and serve. He congratulated Chair Hartung on his election to chair and said he looked forward to serving with him.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Commissioner Lucey for his work as chair and noted Commissioner Lucey’s service had been difficult in a tumultuous time. He opined Commissioner Lucey had done a great job in his balance and approach of the chair position.

Chair Hartung said a good point had been brought up in public comment about tracking accidents. He opined the idea merited thought because tracking accidents was imperative to understanding whether a design or behavior needed to be changed. He was unsure how a database would work because of the jurisdictions and uncertainty of who responded to accidents. He thought it could be problematic to track accidents and injuries. He felt there had always been a disconnect on how the information was collected and he asserted he would work with staff regarding the matter.

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12:26 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

VAUGHN HARTUNG, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

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