

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

PRESENT:

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

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Eric Brown, 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:

22-0097 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon provided a document to the Clerk for Commissioner Lucey and Commissioner Hartung. He announced his statements would take about seven minutes, and he was not subject to the rules and regulations of the Board. He stated while he had not been a resident of Washoe County for approximately three years, he had been coming to Chambers for months to demand a redress of grievances. Mr. St. Jon quoted NRS 282.010 and stated commissioners must hold surety bonds in order to remain in office. He said he and others would be filing claims against these bonds for deprivation of rights.

10:05 a.m. The Board recessed.

10:15 a.m. The Board reconvened with all present.

Mr. Robert Beadles provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He stated he was the election integrity chair for the Central Committee of the Washoe County GOP. He stated the County did not have the ability to audit the source code in the machines, paper ballots after the election, and residents did not have the ability to be present while ballots were being counted. He opined these three things showed the election system was broken and corrupt. He referenced the document presented to the Board and noted that it should be placed on the agenda for the February 15 meeting for possible adoption as a resolution. He stated the document would restore confidence in elections and could save the County money. He commented the Board was farming out ballot creation to an unvetted out-of-state company. He demanded this practice stop, and

people in the community should be given this task. He demanded that the use of monies from special interest groups be disallowed.

Mr. Bill Neill stated he supported everything Mr. Beadles said. He asked the Board to look back at the residual values they once held as Americans, and the core values they may have held as Christians. He provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He referenced the document, which he stated was an article highlighting several peer-reviewed studies regarding the ineffectiveness and harmfulness of masks. He requested the Board support the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles.

Mr. Matthew LaVoy expressed frustration over how the voting process was run by Native Americans in their sovereign nation that still resided in Washoe County. He said he listened to a national broadcast that discussed Nevada and Washoe County and how elections were run. He expressed embarrassment over the state and county election systems and the lack of voter integrity. He requested that the election process be cleaned up.

Ms. Carole Fineberg shared she was there to support election integrity. She noted she had spoken at the venue last year and urged the Registrar of Voters to clean up the voter rolls. She requested an update on whether this had been done. She opined confidence in the fairness and integrity of elections was at an all-time low, which would decrease voter turnout. She referenced Assembly Bill (AB) 321 and noted it mandated mail-in ballots going forward. She urged the Board to prevent the use of Dominion voting machines in Washoe County. She requested for only paper ballots to be used, that they were counted by hand, and that the count was overseen by registered voting Nevada citizens from both major political parties during the next election.

Mr. Steve Witort endorsed the remarks made by Ms. Fineberg. He urged the Board to address the issue of election integrity and to place the item on the following month's meeting agenda. He thought there were still hard feelings over the 2020 election. He believed that for members of the community to have respect for government, the voter rolls needed to be corrected, and the election had to be conducted fairly.

Ms. Darci Fletcher stated she was a concerned Nevada voter. She endorsed the remarks made by everyone before her, especially Mr. Beadles and Ms. Fineberg. She encouraged the Board to read the document Mr. Beadles provided and to listen to its voters.

Ms. Melanie Sutton requested that the Board eliminate the Dominion voting machines and asked it to support the use of paper ballots and voter identification.

Mr. Keith Hanly demanded the use of paper ballots with identification and signatures to ensure a clean and fair election. He endorsed the remarks of Mr. St. Jon and Mr. Beadles.

Ms. Bharah Patel asked the Board to decertify the 2020 election until audits were completed. She requested mail-in ballots be discontinued except for military

personnel and those who needed special accommodations. She expressed frustration about the use of electronic voting machines and requested all ballots be counted by hand.

Mr. William Filer shared an article he read online that morning, which stated most developed countries, especially in Europe, banned the use of mail-in voting except for citizens living overseas. He said it was done to fight fraud and ensure election integrity. He urged the Board to stop the use of mail-in ballots and to require photo identification.

Ms. Monica Jaye said as a talk show host in February of 2020, she announced to her listeners this was not about a virus. She said it was about an election, and it was to push the agenda of mail-in balloting. She stated she was a poll worker and was not allowed to see anything that happened. She explained only three commissioners were needed to approve the use of paper ballots and to give the people their voices back. She shared that Lander County had eliminated the Dominion voting machines and urged Washoe County to do the same. She expressed frustration about the election system, and the need to clean up the voter rolls. She urged the Board to do the right thing.

Ms. Val White shared an allegory, by asking the Board to imagine a large bus with many passengers on their way to vote. The bus would take the passengers over a scary mountain pass, and they were told the bus was safe. The bus's mechanics and construction were never thoroughly checked, and it had a history of mechanical failures, but passengers were assured it was safe. The passengers reconsidered riding the bus because they could also walk to the polling place in the same amount of time and be guaranteed safety. She asked the Board whether it would take the bus or walk. She wanted the Board to remove the bus from service. She said the bus was the voting system currently in use, and the journey by foot was a paper ballot hand-counted election.

Mr. Michael Barnes provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He stated he was a proud citizen of Sparks and had served in law enforcement for over 30 years. He expressed frustration about the way ballots had been distributed, noting every bad vote counted negated one good vote. He said voters could get to the polls, and if transportation was an issue, then that should be addressed.

Mr. Jim Bratcher said he was a registered voter from Washoe Valley. He stated emergency declarations by the governor needed to stop, and rights guaranteed to the people under the constitution should be protected. He urged the Board to put a stop to election irregularities by cleaning up the voter rolls and requiring paper ballots and verifiable photo identification. He noted self-printed and mailed ballots should only be allowed for members of the military and special cases. He said voting should only occur on election day and ballots should be hand-counted by poll workers who were American citizens and Washoe County residents.

Ms. Sharon Stoneman said she had been a proud Washoe County resident since 1959 and felt let down by the system. She requested that the Board make elections fair. She applied to be a poll worker three times but said she never received a response. Six

weeks ago, she went to the Registrar's Office and was informed the applications would be reviewed soon, but last week she was notified her application had not been received. She expressed disappointment and said she had wanted to be part of the election. She believed the system within the County needed to be reviewed, and the voter rolls cleaned up. She supported everything said by the speakers before her regarding voter identification, the use of hand-counted paper ballots, and the elimination of Dominion voting machines.

Ms. Gail Anderson opined that residents' rights had been defiled by using Dominion voting machines, mail-in ballots, vote harvesting, and fictitious voters. She urged the Board to remove the voting machines and institute same-day in-person voting by paper ballot, with exceptions for citizens residing outside the United States who had the right to vote.

Mr. Christopher Hussar thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and noted he had been a physician for almost 40 years. He voiced concern that no one had discussed the origins of the Covid-19 (C19) virus and opined there would be future strains. He stated he did not trust any governmental agency. He expressed frustration about election fraud and thought things needed to change.

Mr. Eugene Gerscovich shared he was an immigrant who had been in the country for 50 years and was shocked by what he had seen over the past few years. He asked the Board to stop voter fraud by cleaning up the voter rolls, instituting paper ballots, and verifying voter identification.

Mr. J. S. McElhinney III thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and opined election integrity was the most important aspect of a voting system. He stated ballots should be paper with a serial number and a watermark to verify authenticity, and voter rolls should be purged annually. He thought ballots should be hand-counted by several members of both parties, and poll workers should be able to demand accountability at the time ballots were counted. He said he applied to be a poll worker six to eight weeks ago, and while several friends had been interviewed, he had not.

Ms. Hope Backman stated integrity was doing the right thing when no one was looking. She said when she first started coming to the meetings, she thought the Board was uninformed, but she now believed it was ignoring the people.

Mr. Donald Fossum had spoken to the Board five years ago about voter integrity, then was taken to speak with the Registrar of Voters. He was later contacted by KOLO-TV News for an interview. He said the interview was only played once and wanted to know why. He asked the Board what it had done about this issue in the past five years.

Mr. James Benthin provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He stated the document was an article from the Western Journal regarding mail-in voting in Pennsylvania, which was ruled unconstitutional by the courts ahead of the midterm elections. He voiced concern about the voting machines and opined

records should be kept for a minimum of two and a half years. He urged the Board to endorse the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles.

Mr. George Lee demanded the Registrar of Voters clean up the voter rolls and opined sending out the ballots was a waste of taxpayer money. He requested the Board eliminate the use of Dominion voting machines and increase the number of polling locations. He thought a new Registrar of Voters should be appointed if she did not want to perform these tasks.

Ms. Darla Lee shared that the Heritage Foundation had recently released a voter scorecard on election integrity, and Nevada ranked 50th. She noted California came in two points higher than Nevada, stating people showed up to Chambers because they were tired of Nevada being last in education and voter integrity. She urged the Board to approve the resolution provided by Mr. Beadles.

Ms. Penny Brock stated she lived in Reno, was an American citizen, a taxpayer, and a voter. She remarked that Americans deserved elections they could trust. She explained voting should be easy and cheating should be difficult. She referenced AB 321, which mandated the use of mail-in ballots. She discussed the recent ruling in Pennsylvania that indicated mail-in ballots were unconstitutional and requested action be taken in Nevada.

Mr. Tim Stoffel commented that something needed to be done to fix the voting system. He requested the implementation of voter identification, limiting the use of absentee ballots, and cleaning up the voter rolls. He wanted people to be allowed to observe the election and the counting of paper ballots.

Ms. Janice Jones told a story from her childhood about being with her mother while she was in line to vote. She thought the election process was sacred and expressed frustration about the current voting system, the voter rolls, the use of voting machines, and mail-in ballots. She asked the Board to vote to approve better election methods in Washoe County.

Ms. Cindy Martinez displayed an image of a pocket constitution. She shared her frustrations with the election process and thought the system was corrupt. She opined that the Nevada GOP had provided evidence of election fraud, but it was not investigated or taken seriously. She stated the people deserved free, fair, and transparent elections. She urged for voting to be held in person, on election day, with a paper ballot, and voter identification. She said absentee accommodations could be made for citizens and service members who could not vote in person. She demanded the Board include the resolution provided by Mr. Beadles on the agenda for the February 15 meeting.

Ms. Valerie Fiannaca urged the Board to ensure fair elections for the people and for future generations. She supported the remarks made by Ms. Martinez.

Ms. Dawnee Olson said she volunteered to canvass for the 2020 election and believed she witnessed fraud. She demanded election integrity in Nevada and supported the remarks of everyone before her. She voiced frustration about the mask mandates and urged the Board to do away with them, especially for children.

Ms. Maxine Bradshaw worked the first recall of Governor Steve Sisolak and assisted with sending out letters signed by approximately 1,400 residents demanding the right to vote in person in the 2020 election. She opined there was significant voter corruption, and individuals with an agenda had been put in office who had not been committed to the people. She urged the Board to do the right thing.

Ms. Valerie Wharton stated it was imperative the voter rolls be cleaned up and expressed frustration that she was unable to find out whom she voted for at the Registrar of Voters' Office. She shared she was a proud American, a proud veteran, and a proud Nevadan. She thanked Mr. Beadles, Ms. Jaye, and her fellow patriots for fighting the good fight. She urged the Board to do something to ensure voter integrity.

Ms. Teresa Taylor shared there was a house in her neighborhood where parties were held nightly hosted by an organization that was in Nevada to help people register to vote. She said they were there approximately two weeks before moving on to another state. She notified the Registrar's Office as well as her party affiliation representative but never received a response from either. She opined there were nearly 2,000 people registered to vote at that address. She expressed her support for Mr. Beadles' resolution and thanked those who showed up for the meeting. She urged the Board to eliminate voting machines and mail-in ballots.

11:32 a.m. Vice Chair Hill left the meeting.

Ms. Karen Serink displayed her certificate of naturalization and said she supported those who had spoken before her. She shared a story about the process of immigration and voiced concern that proof of citizenship was not required to register to vote. She asked why she was not required to produce proof of citizenship to register to vote and whether the Board was okay with noncitizens registering to vote. She wondered about a ballot for noncitizens.

Ms. Paulette Hathaway voiced concern over civil unrest. She did not want security to have to be at public meetings. She said people should be welcomed into a good environment and community and thought the only way to do that was with clarity and integrity in the voting process.

Ms. Kellie Unlentine was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Julia Crouse wanted to discuss three things: her own experience in the 2020 election, the great global unity rally, and the constitution. She opined the election was fraudulent, and that she saw multiple duplicate votes on the Registrar's website as she was scrolling through the rolls. She shared there was an upcoming global unity rally because

people around the world were fed up with elected officials at all levels of government. She said they were concerned that elected officials were only concerned with donations. She noted the date of the rally had not yet been announced but she would work to get the word out. She mentioned the Declaration of Independence, stating according to the Declaration the people had the right and the duty to alter and abolish any government that did not secure their inalienable rights.

Mr. Tom Taber stated that postcards used to be mailed to people that did not vote in the general election to inquire whether they were still residents of Washoe County and wanted to remain on the voter rolls. He said this process was dismissed years ago and he thought it kept the voter rolls up to date. He noted elections were difficult and electronic voting had not proved to be beneficial.

Mr. Wes Elliott shared he had attended many meetings and was proud of the turnout that day. He opined there was a dictator in charge of the state. He requested the use of paper ballots on a specific type of paper that could be authenticated under a black light. He surmised those ballots could not be copied or subverted. He asked the Board to support the use of those ballots and to ensure voter integrity.

Mr. Bruce Foster asked how many members of the media were in attendance and encouraged their presence. He opined the state was being run by a Marxist government. He stated the issue of voter integrity needed to be addressed immediately. He asked whether Governor Steve Sisolak received his orders from Washington, D.C. and if the Board was receiving orders from Carson City. He stated he was a Republican poll watcher in the 2020 election and witnessed many improprieties. He said his counterparts were primarily attorneys from California. He supported the remarks of the speakers before him and requested that something be done regarding voter integrity.

Ms. Sue Van Ness wanted to address the Registrar of Voters' Office. She shared that during the 2020 election she showed up to vote in a shirt with the American flag and was asked to get out of line. She noted she had applied four times to be a poll worker and had never been selected. She said people had the right to know where voting machines were being stored. She requested the Registrar be removed from office and interviewed about election fraud.

Ms. Betty Thiessen said she was a native Nevadan, and her parents would roll over in their graves if they could see what had happened with the election system. She shared she had been working with Mr. Beadles regarding voter integrity. She visited the Registrar's Office and asked whether people could use their business address to vote and was told no. She declared she had proof of 710 people who did vote from their businesses. She requested that identification be required to vote.

Ms. Dianne Wagner Robak endorsed the remarks made by Mr. Beadles, Ms. Fineberg, and Ms. Jaye. She shared that as a former businesswoman, she thought it would be cheaper for the County to hire people to clean up the voter rolls than to send out mail-

in ballots. She encouraged the Board to review the budget and to consider that process. She expressed support for the suggestions made by Mr. Taber.

Ms. Kathy Banson was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Tracy Schroeder blessed the patriots for showing up to the meeting and said the people did not trust politicians right now. She went to vote in person because she did not trust the mail-in ballot that was sent to her. She said while in the voting line she discovered other people who felt the same way. She opined that the C19 virus was here because of the election, and she feared there would be additional variants because of the upcoming election. She said there were medications for the virus. She expressed frustration and embarrassment that Nevada schools were last in the country.

Ms. Pamela Ettlin shared that she lived overseas for many years and was never allowed to vote and knew what tyranny looked like. She explained that she moved to the United States amid the primary election and was unsure whether she was back in America. She shared her support for election integrity, noting votes were the most valuable thing in America. She encouraged the restoration of confidence in the election system with legal votes of hand-counted paper ballots.

Ms. Kandy Lyons said she had a lot invested in the community. She supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. She requested that the voter rolls be cleaned up, paper ballots were used, only one day of voting occurred, identification was required, Dominion voting machines and mail-in ballots were eliminated, ballots were hand-counted, the 2020 election be decertified, and there be transparency in the voting system. She asked the Board to do the right thing and ensure the peoples' votes counted. She thought only legal citizens should be able to vote.

Ms. Susie Howell shared she had applied to be a poll worker three times and had never been called. She supported the resolution provided by Mr. Beadles and resented Chair Hartung for saying that no election fraud had occurred. She expressed embarrassment that Nevada ranked last in schools and election integrity. She asked why people continued to wear masks and why children were still required to wear masks in school.

Ms. Tracey Hilton Thomas quoted Matthew 5:6 from the Bible. She thanked the Board for removing the state of emergency for Washoe County. She said the County needed to clean the voter rolls and require verification of legal citizenship status to vote. She suggested elections be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center so counting could be better observed. She requested the Board ban the use of Dominion voting machines. She stated the biggest issue was the election management server and noted it was the one machine where votes were changed. She asked for a large screen to be provided to show the real-time tallies of each ballot and voting kiosk as they were processed to ensure accountability and transparency. She referenced NRS 293.361, stating the counting procedure was required to be public and to continue without adjournment until completed.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar said the United States of America, located in Washington, D.C., was a foreign corporation owned by France. She shared that she was not a communist and would never vote for something that was communistic. She said there was never a forced mandate on the general public to get a vaccination that did nothing. She opined there was no pandemic. She expressed frustration for what had been done to the people and businesses and demanded the Board represent its constituents.

Mr. Robert Dern stated support of the resolution provided by Mr. Beadles. He said he voted by absentee ballot when he was in the Marines and thanked all the patriots and veterans in attendance. He remarked that receiving his ballot was a treasure. He suggested the Board support the election integrity resolution.

Mr. Dinn Cosart said people were there to support change and thought some members of the Board were not listening. He hoped the Board was listening and said that the people were praying for its members.

Ms. Juanita Cox said she was a lifelong Nevada resident and a trustee and owner for many properties in the state. She supported the resolution provided by Mr. Beadles and asked for it to be heard and adopted by the Board during its February 15 meeting.

Ms. Janet Butcher said great people spoke during the meeting. She opined that the Department of Motor Vehicles switched many voters from Republican to Independent, which rendered them unable to vote in the primary for Republican candidates. She asked the Board to look into this and ensure transparency in the election system. She shared that Monday would be National Donor Day and she hoped unvaccinated individuals would not be prevented from receiving donations.

Ms. Bev Stenehjem thanked Commissioner Herman for supporting the people of Washoe County. She expressed support of Mr. Beadles' resolution. She said the people demanded fair elections and the resolution would restore the confidence of the voters. She urged the use of paper ballots and proof of photo identification. She applied to be a poll worker six weeks ago but had not yet received a response. She believed the N95 masks were the only ones that provided benefits.

Ms. Cindy Sassenrath responded to Ms. Stenehjem's comments regarding masks, saying whenever masks were touched, they became contaminated, and they only worked in a sterile environment. She wanted to discuss election integrity and supported Mr. Beadles' resolution. She signed up to be a poll worker after being a poll watcher during the 2020 election and was dismayed at the scene when the mail-in ballots were received. She stated poll workers were not trained properly and the Registrar did not know what she was doing. She opined that people were being cautious about volunteering as poll workers due to having to commit to working a 12 to 14-hour day. She urged the Board to be a leader on this matter.

Mr. Wayne Gordon displayed a mail-in ballot and stated that elections were supposed to be secure. He asked how many people believed this was true. He quoted Abraham Lincoln, saying elections belonged to the people. He quoted Dwight Eisenhower and said that the future of our republic was in the hands of the American voters. He urged that automatic voter registration with vehicle registration be discontinued. He opined the purpose of masks was to control people.

Ms. Christina Sherbrook said she was a naturalized citizen of the United States and took her rights and responsibilities seriously. She wanted representatives who would look out for her and her family and expressed support for Mr. Beadles' resolution. She urged the Board to do something about the election integrity issues quickly.

Dr. Layne Linebaugh thanked the Board for listening to everyone who spoke at the meeting and appreciated everyone that came. She said the corruption had been exposed and noted the Board could be part of the solution. She requested the Board place Mr. Beadles' resolution on the agenda for its February 15 meeting and vote to approve it. She discouraged the use of electronic voting, mail-in ballots, and requested that identification be required to vote.

Mr. Isaac Ndalo shared he was an immigrant from Kenya. He had arrived in America when he was ten years old and raised himself. He stated he was almost done with his naturalization and thought it was odd that he had rights without having citizenship. He thanked everyone who came out to the meeting in support of election integrity. He voiced frustration about the mask mandate.

Ms. Melissa Clement believed the country was more polarized than ever and neither side had confidence in the elections. She said the citizens asked to have their votes protected and thanked the Board for listening, urging it to provide safe and transparent elections. She noted that dead people should not be voting in elections and asked the Board to clean the voter rolls. She believed one vote per voter was not a slogan, it was what the people expected.

Ms. Lisa Fleiner displayed an image from her phone of ballots that were sent to her home from Washoe County that did not belong to any current resident. She asked the Board to support Mr. Beadles' resolution. She expressed frustration with the process to add her son to her NV Energy account. She had to jump through a bunch of hoops to make this happen and was frustrated that it was a simpler process for a person to vote which did not even require identification.

Mr. Tom Lenz lived in the former Soviet Union in 1993 and saw the damage that communism caused. He said he was able to watch as the people received more freedom, but when he returned to America in 2015, he watched American citizens lose their freedoms. He urged the Board to do something about election integrity.

Ms. Elaine Cowan said the people there were Christians, taxpaying citizens, God-loving parents, grandparents, neighbors, business owners, employees, and concerned

Americans who had had enough. She urged the Board to get back to basics and to read and understand what the constitution and country were founded on. She asked the Board to consider three words: jealousy, hatred, and greed. She said these created and fed the devils' workshop and urged the Board not to fall into it.

Ms. Teri Grofrulvino said she had lived in Spain and Chile under dictators, and both countries had good, honest elections once the dictators were removed from power. She supported Mr. Beadles' resolution and asked the Board to consider the consequences of not having truly legal and free elections. She urged for voter identification and voter rolls to be cleaned.

Mr. Kenneth Pullino said Ms. Grofrulvino was his wife and urged the Board to listen to what she said. He stated he had two things to share, one was the fable of the Emperor's New Clothes, and the other was an essay by Alexander Solzhenitsyn titled "Live Not By Lies." He explained that he had a photograph of himself at 25 with Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and had met Senator Joe Biden the same evening. He shared that then-Senator Biden was introduced to him as a future President of the United States. He returned to the fable and said the emperor had no clothes. He said the people knew they were being lied to.

Ms. Araya Anra was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Susan McMurray supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. She believed people needed to vote in person and provide identification. She said there were 35 states that asked for identification when people went to vote, but Nevada was not one of them. She referenced a poll that indicated 85 percent of Americans approved of showing identification to vote. She said NRS required voters to be legitimate and elections to be secure. She did not believe Nevada lived up to these standards and urged the Board to do the right thing.

Ms. Maureen Kane was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Robert Harris said he attended a school board meeting last April where he spoke about equity in schools, noting the media changed his comments in the newspaper. He urged the Board to watch video trailers: *Kill Chain* on Showtime; and *2000 Mules*, which was not out yet. He wondered who decided what was misinformation and surmised that fascists decided.

Ms. Pamela McCoy stated she did not come prepared to speak but was glad her voice could be heard. She agreed with everyone who had spoken before her and requested elections be transparent. She believed that wearing a mask should be a choice.

Mr. Dennis McCoy believed the country was in a sad state of affairs and people needed to have accountability in voting. He urged the Board to represent the people and to do the right thing.

Ms. Renee Rezendes said she had been involved in politics, education, and the community back in the 1980s. She shared experiences she had while working the polls and was a precinct captain in Sparks, a delegate to the county convention and state, and was on the central committee. She felt compelled to stand up for the country, families, and children in schools. She stated a senator had told her that one mail-in ballot represented 1,000 people.

Ms. Victoria Myer agreed with everything that was said by the speakers before her. She asked for children not to be required to wear masks. She wanted to hear feedback from the Board regarding everyone's comments. She supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles and urged the Board to put it on the agenda for the February 15 meeting and vote to adopt it.

1:10 p.m. Commissioner Lucey left the meeting.

Mr. Richard Nagel thanked the Board for being there and allowing him the opportunity to speak. He said mail-in ballots were unconstitutional and a form of voter suppression. He wanted voter integrity to be protected and opined without integrity there was nothing.

Mr. Michael Abel provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He endorsed the elimination of mail-in ballots. He opined that Agenda Item 14 was a step toward the elimination of the courts in Incline Village and was disappointed that Commissioner Lucey left the room. He suggested it was to avoid listening to his comments. He said the document he provided showed there was a vendetta against the Assessor, Michael Clark.

Mr. Kenji Otto thanked Commissioner Herman for the work she had done in her district and thanked Commissioner Hartung for allowing applause. He stated that he was an American and a retired Master Sergeant and he believed the state of Nevada had been taken over by Marxists who controlled the Democratic party. He shared that he did not trust the Post Office as he had worked there a short time but left because he believed they wanted him to perform illegal acts. He said that he had worked for the Department of Justice in California and had witnessed many instances of fraud. He explained that he did not trust the government. He wanted paper ballots to return.

Ms. Cathy Reyes supported Mr. St. Jon's comments and the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. She thanked Commissioner Herman for being actively involved and for supporting the people regarding the 2020 election. She wondered about the lack of media presence. She asked the Board to question the need for masks.

Mr. Paul Larson said people did not want to see the country degenerate and they demanded to have democracy. He believed the election had been stolen and the people would not tolerate the theft of their elections.

Mr. Arvid Pasto said he attended a meeting the past year and discussed election integrity. He noted he had lived in a small suburb of Knoxville where voting was a laborious task but easily accomplished. It involved being registered and going to a designated precinct to vote. He explained the person's name was crossed off the voter list after providing photo identification and then they could vote. He understood that this process could take a lot of time but thought people would be willing to volunteer to ensure the election was fair.

Ms. Elaine Pasto supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. She shared that recently she and her husband had spent about 12 hours in the evenings commenting on the proposed voting rule changes from the Secretary of State's Office. She believed if the right people were in place for the election, additional rules would not be needed. She heard that mask mandates were lifted for Washoe County and wondered whether that was true. She referenced an article from the Epic Times that mentioned a point in history when the ruling class figured out the workarounds with the constitution.

Mr. Matt Buehler was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Isaac Francois said he was trained in the U.S. Navy in HAZMAT. He opined that face masks were useless, and the only way to be truly protected was to wear a Tyvek suit and a respirator. He noted everyone should be thankful the virus was not Ebola. He thought the election had been compromised and shared that he voted as a Libertarian in the last election and watched as votes dropped. He surmised that people were being affected by a vaccine that had not been scientifically approved and asked why there had been a push for vaccine and mask mandates.

Ms. Nikki Florio was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Linda Shipley was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Erin Massengale was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Roger Edwards provided a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated it contained a list of demands, solutions, and a petition. He wondered why he spent his life fighting for and protecting a country that did not care about the votes of the people. He said he understood the Registrar of Voters worked for the County Manager and asked that she be removed.

Mr. Antonio Pickrell stated he was not there to beg the Board to drop mandates. He said he was giving the Board notice that it would not get away with fraud. He noted many politicians were not seeking re-election. He displayed a photo from his phone of two images of President Biden and opined one was the real Biden and the other was a clone. He said people had stood next to each other at sporting events and there was no outbreak of the virus. He wondered who the Board took orders from.

Mr. Mark Sutton displayed an image from his phone. He thanked Commissioner Herman for being the only conservative voice and thanked everyone in attendance for being there. He supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. He noted that February 9, would be 700 days since people were told it would take 15 days to slow the curve. He implored the Board to do its job.

Ms. Joannah Schumacher said she was a resident of Washoe County and was there on behalf of a bipartisan group that urged the Board to hold a meeting every other month in the evening so that people who worked days could express their grievances. She stated voting machines were not secure, and that more than 10 years ago she witnessed a machine change someone's vote and saw someone take a memory cartridge out of a voting machine. She demanded the use of paper ballots and hand-counting and did not want to question who she voted for. She urged the Board to do its duty by putting the resolution on an agenda and to publicly state where it stood on this issue.

Mr. Daniel McClure stated he did not vote Republican or Democrat, he voted for the person he thought was right. He said everyone in attendance acknowledged that machines could have problems. He received six mail-in ballots to his business address. He explained that his generation would figure out how to remove all the bad decision-makers. He shared that the past year he called his son's school to ask questions about the process of having his son evaluated for C19 symptoms. He said he was told the nurse did not have time for questions and would automatically mark his son as C19 positive and suspend him for 14 days. He asserted his son was suspended although he did not have C19. He urged the Board to prohibit this type of power from happening.

Mr. Gary Schmidt stated he had spent more time in Chambers than anyone in the room. He supported the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles and the submission provided by Mr. Edwards. He said he was a candidate for District 40 of the Nevada State Assembly. He shared that in 1967 and 1968 he was a computer systems design programming analyst in Silicon Valley. He believed the voting machines were hackable and everyone he had talked to agreed. He requested that Vice Chair Hill and Commissioner Jung consider changing their party registration.

1:55 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

2:02 p.m. **The Board reconvened with Commissioners Lucey and Jung absent.**

Ms. Debbie Hudgens expressed support of the resolution presented by Mr. Beadles. She said a pandemic was released on the world in 2020. She opined that the people were led by Anthony Fauci, who was a known criminal. She believed the pharmaceutical companies were running the administration. She surmised that masks, vaccines, and lockdowns did not work, they just disrupted people's lives and made it easy for the election to be stolen. She demanded a return to normal life and fair elections.

2:05 p.m. **Commissioner Jung returned.**

Dr. Jon Marsh thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He said he was there to support the election integrity resolution presented by Mr. Beadles and to request the Board do everything possible to eliminate the mask mandate. He remarked that he could provide hundreds of studies that showed masks did not work, including N95 masks, and he believed wearing a mask to avoid contracting C19 was like a mosquito flying through a chain-link fence. He opined people struggled to purchase masks and noted they would end up in a landfill. He asserted children should not be wearing masks.

Ms. Lena Alexander was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Fred Dellinger said he was there for the first time and thanked Chair Hartung for how he handled the situation at the beginning of the meeting. He thanked Commissioner Lucey for leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. He thanked the veterans in attendance for their service. He said his wife asked him to come to the meeting and say something about Joey Gilbert, gubernatorial candidate. He noted he proudly devoted his life to helping 15 to 18-year-old criminals in Pennsylvania and started a deinstitutionalization process to help these children turn their lives around. He said the program only had a 30 percent recidivism rate. He requested the Board consider all the comments made by the speakers.

Ms. Wendy Hart was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Laurie Blakey was not present when called to speak.

Mr. James Ginty was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Lorraine Dougherty was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Michael Clark said he received two ballots at his house during the last election, one of which was for his friend who moved to Australia eight years prior. He stated a friend had continued to receive ballots for his wife who passed away six years earlier. He suggested the County cross-reference the rolls and thought the Registrar should work with other entities to solve the problem. He demanded the voter rolls be cleaned up.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated emails were received from Ms. Lyn Karol Blumenthal, Ms. Patricia Moser Morris, Mr. Tom Huger, and Ms. Debra Yates, which were placed on file.

Ms. Ingrid Lubbers indicated she had lived in Reno for 60 years and noted she was not a fan of the mass mailing of ballots. She believed it led to many negative things and was a waste of money. She opined the health emergency was never a true emergency and should have been declared over after two weeks. She wanted the voter rolls cleaned up and shared that she received ballots for her in-laws who had not lived in the state for years. She noted her cousin's wife, who was a Japanese citizen with a green card, was offered to register to vote when renewing her driver's license online. She urged for in-person voting,

the elimination of voting machines, and the hiring of poll workers of both major parties for the election. She stated trust needed to be restored, and it would have to start locally.

22-0098 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Chair Hartung expressed respect for the public commenters and understood the peoples' concerns, noting he agreed that people should be identified before they could vote and felt it was not out of line to require it. He asked for an agenda item on the next possible meeting, although he remarked the agenda was already drafted for February 15, to address issues that pertained to Nevada; how the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) affected voting; what was changed in 2019, and 2021; what was within the purview of the Board; and how voter rolls were being cleaned. He mentioned the passing of his dad in 2020 and stated his name was stricken from voter rolls. He wanted to understand poll worker applications and the lack of information provided to those who applied. County Manager Eric Brown stated recruitment of poll workers had just started and indicated a staffing challenge delayed the process but was now under control and said applicants would be receiving calls soon.

Chair Hartung asked for information related to the process of poll worker selection and providing proof of citizenship. He wondered whether a watermarked ballot could be used for added security.

2:31 p.m. **Commissioner Lucey returned.**

Commissioner Herman said many good questions were asked by Chair Hartung and public commenters and assured people that Manager Brown would get answers to those questions. She believed some of the items required work to be done at the legislative level. She thought the people who came out to speak during public comment were brave and she understood their fear. She read from a note she wrote, the people had spoken loud and clear, and she agreed it was the Board's duty to provide voters with a fair and honest constitutional election they deserved, which created trust and faith between government and citizens. She expressed concern about the safety and honesty of elections that had been run in the County for many years and said she understood the doubt and mistrust of the residents of Washoe County. She asserted she did not vote for the canvass of the vote although she invited the Registrar of Voters to answer questions about irregularities inducing mail that came to her home addressed to individuals who did not live there. She wondered about early voting and was concerned that poll workers were exhausted by the time the actual election day came. She questioned why voting machines were connected to the internet. She indicated a request was made for an audit of the voter rolls from the 2020 election although her request had not been fulfilled. Peculiarities showed in the final tally of votes in several states, and she said it made her curious and she wished someone could answer the questions of the voters to eliminate the distrust and solve the issues. She believed the voting system of the 1770s performed well up until a few years ago and wondered why the system needed to be fixed when it was not broken. The Board needed to acknowledge something was wrong and it was imperative to conduct simple and fair elections. She asserted as a representative of this Board she swore to protect the people,

stating she did not work for the County, but for the citizens of the County. She wanted integrity brought back to elections, which included safeguards to ensure faith was returned as it once was. She assured the citizens she would work hard to get an item addressing these issues on an upcoming agenda and hoped the Board would do the right thing. Someone once told her these Chambers needed to be a positive place, not a place where dreams came to die.

Commissioner Lucey expressed appreciation for all the comments made and stated he took many notes about issues that needed addressing. He asserted all members of the Board believed in fair and equitable elections and that it was the only way to continue to serve as a democratic society. He stated speakers mentioned that divisiveness had brought people to a state of distrust and destabilization of what they believed the government could and should be doing for its people. He said he would continue to bring forward fair and equitable elections while he served Washoe County. Many issues had been brought up including cleaning voter rolls, poll worker applications presumed to be lost or disregarded, and ballot assignments. He said these issues needed to be vetted by the Legislature and NRS. He asserted NRS was the guiding document as the State Constitution and what the Board could do was drafted by state law. He agreed there should be an audit of the process of conducting elections and ensuring poll workers had the ability to monitor the election easily and effectively at the polls. He said with Washoe County being a large county of 500,000 people, half of which were registered voters, he thought they needed to do a better job ensuring people participated in a fair and honest manner. He mentioned the Heritage Foundation study, shared by one of the speakers, which indicated Nevada was last in election integrity and he wanted to research the study. He asserted the rules related to proof of citizenship for voter registration were dictated by NRS and stated issues that needed to be resolved would have to be addressed during the legislative session. He wanted the concerns of the citizens to be addressed.

Commissioner Jung addressed the number of people present for public comment. She stated as an American citizen and a citizen of this County her heart was broken over the divisiveness. She admitted she had to look at herself and her behavior also, and said the perception was that citizens did not believe in or trust in the validity of elections. She wanted to work with every individual and for them to have the best quality of life in Washoe County. She expressed disappointment about Board members and staff being verbally attacked by the public. She noted this Board was the government closest to the people that affected residents' lives the most. She extended an offer to have lunch with any citizen who had concerns in the County because she wanted to remind them, they were on the same side and fighting together to make a better place for everyone. She stated the anger projected was uncomfortable and she listened to everything that had been said. She vowed to help people achieve their goals.

Commissioner Lucey believed Commissioner Jung made a good point. Many people talked about their experiences with the pandemic over the past two years and about fair and equitable elections, but he thought sometimes people lost sight of the accomplishments that this Board and this organization had done. He said people could forget about the roads, human services, children, foster children, seniors, and the justice

system but the Board members had to deal with these things every day. All the issues were important and the entire Board did not play a partisan role, it had to work together to find and identify solutions for the issues with the information provided to it. He asserted the Board would address any initiative that had supporting data and noted if a decision was made and then determined it was not for the best, the Board was not afraid to listen and be pragmatic to ideas for solutions. He stressed things would not change overnight, he knew people wanted changes to be made quickly, but it was not that way. He stated this was the first step to show that the Board and the citizens could work together. He explained the Board members chose to serve the people of Washoe County and made sacrifices to serve and fight for changes to better the County. He thanked the Board and the organization for the work they did as they all spent much of their time fighting for things in the County that many people would never see. He thanked everyone for coming and providing input. He asserted the Board had always been dedicated to the betterment of this community.

Chair Hartung said the Board did not have a mask mandate, stating he wore a mask for the same reason he wore a tie, out of respect. He asserted that County employees were required to wear masks when dealing with the public.

Chair Hartung spoke about the Citizen Advisory Board meeting where they discussed the advanced signal warning system on Pyramid Highway and asked for a resolution to allow the Board to send a letter to the Nevada Department of Transportation about the issue. He stated a rash of catalytic converters had been stolen in Spanish Springs and he was having discussions with Sheriff Darin Balaam about a solution.

Chair Hartung congratulated Commissioner Lucey for his appointment as President of the Nevada Association of Counties, saying it was a huge time commitment. He expressed appreciation for Commissioner Lucey’s representation in Washington, D.C. related to infrastructure issues.

2:48 p.m. **The Board went into recess.**

3:30 p.m. **The Board reconvened with Vice Chair Hill via telephone.**

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Chair Hartung stated that Agenda Item 5 would be held until the next meeting.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 6A1 THROUGH 6G1

22-0099 **6A1** Recommendation to approve an Agreement between Washoe County and E720 LLC for the Battle Axe and Tracks Music Festival to be held at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park on October 1 and 2, 2022, with set-up beginning on September 27, 2022, and tear-down concluding on October 4,

2022 [revenue to Washoe County will be in the amount of \$16,410.00].
Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

- 22-0100** **6A2** Recommendation to approve a cross-fund, cross-functional appropriation transfer in the amount of [\$69,300; net impact to County budget is zero] for final expenses on the Our Place Homeless Housing Project; and direct the Comptroller to make the cross-fund, cross-functional budget appropriation transfers and cash transfers. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0101** **6B1** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2021 - Unaudited. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0102** **6C1** Recommendation to approve Interlocal Contract between the Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Health Care Financing and Policy) and the County of Washoe (Juvenile Services) to authorize Juvenile Services to accept Targeted Case Management reimbursements services from Nevada Medicaid from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2026. The Department estimates reimbursements of \$50,000 to \$70,000 per month. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0103** **6D1** Recommendation to approve State Collection Development Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$16,178.00, no local match required] for a retroactive term of December 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the augmentation of Library Collections, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments and authorize the Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0104** **6E1** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$1,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 3 Commissioner Kitty Jung recommends a [\$1,000] grant to the Office of the Washoe County Recorder -- a government entity -- to offset recording fees for a Declaration of Removal of Discriminatory Restriction for 23 homeowners with the purpose of disavowing racist language contained in property records; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3.)
- 22-0105** **6E2** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,000] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000] grant to Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District -- a government entity-- for its Ash Can program to reduce fire risk in

Washoe County; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.)

- 22-0106** **6F1** Recommendation to accept an unsolicited grant of [\$20,000.00] from The E.L. Cord Foundation to be used for Washoe County Sheriff's Office most pressing needs, and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0107** **6F2** Recommendation to approve additional funding [increase of \$70,009.00, no match required for a total of \$140,018.00] as administered through the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of expenses associated with Internet Crimes Against Children investigations for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2020 through August 31, 2022, and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0108** **6F3** Recommendation to accept a Justice Assistance Grant award, project number 18-JAG-44, [amount not to exceed \$9,500.00, no County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, to cover the cost of equipment for the Regional Bomb Squad, for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0109** **6F4** Recommendation to approve a pass-through grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement (FSI), Project No. 21-FSI-03 for [\$117,749.00, no County match requirement] to provide for continued education and training and associated travel for staff members and instruments for the analysis of opioids by law enforcement officers in the field for the Forensic Science Division for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0110** **6F5** Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 21 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, Award No15PBJA-21-GG-03155-DNAX [amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, No County match required], to cover costs related to the DNA capacity enhancement and backlog reduction/prevention and travel, for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023 and if approved, authorize Sheriff

Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0111** **6G1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending January 31, 2022, of payment of refunds and interest since last update in the amount of \$2,642,005 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.)

Commissioner Lucey pointed out item 6E1, Commissioner Jung used discretionary funds for the Recorder's Office to assist with the removal of discriminatory restrictions. He stated item 6E2 was from Chair Hartung using discretionary funds for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District ash can program.

Chair Hartung stated he was proud the ash can program was a success.

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

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 6A1 through 6G1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 6A1 through 6G1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – 7, 8, 10, AND 11

- 22-0112** **AGENDA ITEM 7** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the South Truckee Meadows Flush Valve Project [staff recommends Rapid Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$342,243.00]. This project will construct piping and flush valve assemblies to allow the necessary annual flushing of the reclaim water distribution system to enhance water quality and improve safety for the Utility operations staff. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be awarded.

22-0113

AGENDA ITEM 8 Recommendation to: (1) accept a FY22 Homemaker subgrant award amendment from the State of Nevada, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) in the amount of [\$306,160; \$31,586 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide Homemaker services to seniors aged 60 or older in Washoe County; (2) approve Amendment #4 to the contract currently awarded to Freedom Home Health, LLC. (awarded Request for Proposal RFP #3088-19) to support the Homemaker program, which (a) extends the contract term end date through June 30, 2022 in amount up to [\$241,450]; (b) provides for two (2) one (1) year renewal periods in amount not to exceed [\$241,450] per renewal period; and (c) increases the available service hours up to 9,638 service hours annually; (3) approve Amendment #3 to the contract currently awarded to Medical Services of Nevada dba All Valley Home Care (awarded Request for Proposal RFP #3123-20) to support the Homemaker program, which (a) adjusts the contract term end date through June 30, 2022 in amount up to [\$102,425]; (b) provides for two (2) one (1) year renewal periods in amount not to exceed [\$175,600] per renewal period; and (c) increases the available service hours up to 4,097 services hours for the contract term of December 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and up to 7,027 service hours annually per renewal period; and (4) authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and (5) direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and (6) authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Amendments and any subsequent renewals. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

22-0114

AGENDA ITEM 10 Recommendation to accept the 2022 Opioid Narcotics Treatment Program funding [amount not to exceed \$179,101.90, no County match required] as administered through the University Of Nevada, Reno to be used for the continued creation and development of an Opioid Treatment Program within the Washoe County Regional Detention Facility, for the retroactive grant period of September 30, 2021 - September 29, 2022, and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, authorize Non-County Employee Travel expenses of approximately [\$5,145.00] for one (1) Discharge Planner and one (1) Health Provider to attend the RX Drug and Heroin Summit, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be accepted, approved, authorized, and directed.

22-0115 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to Award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 3166-22 for Sample Ballot Mailing Services for the 2022 elections to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Metro Mailing Service Inc., in the amount of [\$500,000], and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the contract. Registrar of Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Herman thought when something was sent out to bid, all the bids were provided with the staff report. Chair Hartung stated only one proposal was received.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

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

22-0116 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance to amend Washoe County Code section 25.600 to impose a fee to be charged and collected when a passenger car is shared through a peer-to-peer car sharing program, as authorized by NRS 244A.810; and set the second reading and public hearing for possible adoption on February 22, 2022, to become effective April 1, 2022. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown read the title and Janis Galassini, County Clerk, provided Bill No. 1872.

Commissioner Jung asserted the tourism tax should not be charged to local citizens for this program or for car rentals and wanted car rental agencies to be reminded of this. Government Affairs Liaison Jamie Rodriguez stated she would investigate that, saying it was collected by the Department of Taxation and would need to be clarified with them.

Chair Hartung wondered how the tax worked and was collected for Uber. Ms. Rodriguez clarified this was not Uber but more like AirBnB for cars, where the renter was handed the car keys, and it was not driven by the owner of the car. She stated the ordinance allowed 2 percent to be charged as it would for a car rental, and she would bring the information about locals being exempt from the tax back to the Board before the second reading.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1872 was introduced by Commissioner Lucey, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

22-0117 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Public hearing and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 45 relating to the Washoe County Human Services Agency and Washoe County Sheriff's Office by removing and amending provisions relating to the work permit and background requirements for child-care employees to align with Federal and State background check requirements. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Janis Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1680, Bill No. 1870.

Commissioner Lucey asked about permitting people in the County and wanted to know more about background checks and who would conduct them. Division Director of Child Protective Services Cara Paoli stated the Department of Public and Behavioral Health would conduct the background checks going forward and people would no longer be required to obtain work cards. She hoped this would expedite the process and be less expensive for individuals who wanted to become childcare providers.

Vice Chair Hill wanted to see how the County could support additional childcare workers in the community.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1680, Bill No. 1870, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

22-0118 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Public Hearing and possible adoption 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. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Janis Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1681, Bill No. 1869.

Commissioner Herman expressed disappointment about the lack of map details to show the district lines.

Commissioner Lucey thanked staff for the hard work on this project.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Herman voting no, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1681, Bill No. 1869, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

22-0119 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance to amend Washoe County Code section 5.465 to abolish the office of constable in Incline Village - Crystal Bay, based on a determination that the office is no longer necessary in accordance with NRS 258.010; for possible adoption to become effective January 2, 2023. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Janis Galassini, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1682, Bill No. 1871.

Commissioner Lucey stated this was an issue the Board had been addressing for a long time, noting it would not be effective until January of 2023. He assured the residents there would be no loss in service in the Incline Village area. The Sheriff's Office planned for one Bailiff and additional staff in the court to provide services and when the court was not in session the deputies would perform law enforcement services. He noted there would be joint services with the Department of Alternative Sentencing, saying Chief Justin Roper and Captain Corey Solferino would conduct drug and alcohol testing, and continue to perform home and work checks for individuals being monitored by the judicial system. He believed the level of service would increase and be enhanced by this change.

Chair Hartung thought the deputies assigned to the court would be on the street providing services when the court was not in session. Commissioner Lucey confirmed that was correct.

Vice Chair Hill indicated she would not be voting for this item due to the community not being involved in the discussions and they felt they were going to lose services. She wanted to see more details and did not see transparency in the budget. She believed misinformation was communicated to the community.

Commissioner Herman stated she would not be voting for this item either and did not believe the Incline Village residents understood the changes. She stated the feedback she received was not in support of this item.

On the call for public comment, Judge Alan Tiras thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak about this item. He had attempted to provide information to correct inaccuracies in the staff report, the Sheriff Captain's report, and statements made by this Board, but had not been provided the opportunity to speak other than as a member of the public. He said he had previously stated a strong objection to this item. He expressed frustration about what the Constable, Incline Village Justice Court, and the community were experiencing. He asserted stakeholders had not been allowed to be included in conversations about the change. He noted information about this item was placed on an agenda without advance warning to stakeholders or even the Board member of the affected district, while later hearing the matter had been under consideration for some time. He stated once conversations were held with the community and stakeholders, if the County determined the lack of need for the Constable's Office, then so be it, but he thought those conversations needed to occur first. He asserted the lack of communication was the reason the public had distrust in government. He stated costs would increase and believed a reduction in services would occur.

Mr. Gary Schmidt was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Joannah Schumacher stated she did not live in Incline Village but thought people should be involved in conversations about changes. She asserted the Constable's position was required and was unsure whether services would be better with the proposed change. She thought forcing people to drive to Reno to obtain services that were currently available in Incline Village could be a problem. She agreed with Vice Chair Hill and Commissioner Herman and thought the County needed to be better stewards in the community and listen to the constituents. She wanted public hearings to occur in the evening so people could attend.

Chair Hartung asked whether a time would occur that Washoe County would not provide a Bailiff for a Judge. Captain Solferino stated that would not happen, noting the budget would transfer to the Sheriff's Office for a Deputy Sheriff Bailiff assigned to the court, which would imbed the Sheriff's Office into the court and allow other resources to be utilized there. He noted they were already performing these duties at the Reno Justice Court. He stated he and Chief Roper had discussed what the partnership would look like related to drug and alcohol testing to ensure they continued to occur in Incline Village, as there were potentially 30 active probationers during the summer months that could require those services. He was confident the Sheriff's Office could handle all the duties and there would be no drop-off in service.

Chair Hartung asked whether the court was being eliminated. Ms. Rodriguez indicated only the Constable position was being eliminated.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Chair Hartung, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Commissioner Herman and Vice Chair Hill voting no, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1682, Bill No. 1871, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

22-0120 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Public Comment.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon was not present when called but had provided a document, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Cindy Martinez thanked the Board for listening to the concerns of everyone in attendance. She said the people had been following the issue of election integrity since the Legislature passed Assembly Bill (AB) 321, and they had brought this to the attention of the Board last spring. She noted that Commissioner Lucey had directed the County Manager to make room for volunteers to help clean out the voter rolls but she did not believe it would occur. She opined the Board's actions did not match its words and thought it should be held to a higher standard.

Ms. Diane Wagner Robak was not present when called to speak.

Ms. Kathy Banson was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Bill Neill was not present when called to speak.

Mr. Roger Edwards said he was very serious about the issues of voter integrity he mentioned earlier but wanted to address problems in Golden Valley. He stated he was a resident for 24 years and was one of the original crafters of the water recharge program in Golden Valley in the 1990s. He said it was shut down in 2016 because it was working too well and was flooding neighbors below. He expressed frustration that people were still being charged approximately \$22 per month, requesting the charges to stop and the issues to be resolved.

Ms. Joannah Schumacher said it was important that each member of the Board be allowed to place at least one item on every agenda. She stated that constituents in one district were very different from the constituents in another district. She opined that silencing a member of the Board was silencing their constituents. She voiced concern that she should be able to address her grievances with her commissioner about an item on the agenda during a meeting.

Ms. Stacey Piro said she was a long-time resident of Sparks and Washoe County, and a retired County employee. She shared that as an employee she and others used the saying "keep it simple stupid," and she believed that was how elections should be conducted. She said she should be able to go to the precinct, show her identification, receive a ballot, vote, hand it back in, and by the end of the day she may or may not have results. She said people knew what day election day was, and they could take the time off to go vote. She believed things had become too complicated and it was time to start over.

Ms. Katherine Snedigar expressed frustration about the Board eliminating the Palomino Valley Fire Department. She voiced concern that Truckee Meadows Water Authority wanted to come in and replace the water in the aquifer with lower quality water. She believed that residents of Palomino Valley were paying for services through their taxes but were not receiving them. She thought the Board did not listen to the citizens or represent their best interests.

Ms. Tracey Hilton Thomas referenced Romans 1:18-32 from the Bible. She stated the Bible was one of the greatest sources of wisdom and hope. She said when people denied God's existence and dishonored him there were consequences. She noted that God alone was worthy of loyalty and worship. She provided documents, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Penny Brock discussed AB 321 and noted that she and others had attended the Secretary of State's election proposals and submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain copies of communications from outside organizations. She stated they found communications from leftist groups out of Washington, D.C., and Illinois. She noted they had not yet submitted a FOIA request to the 2021 Legislature but believed they would find the same type of information. She named several organizations that she was concerned about: Center for Technology and Civic Life, All Voting is Legal, Democracy Fund, and At Home. She believed that AB 321 did not come from the people of Nevada.

Ms. Janet Butcher expressed disappointment about the vote to eliminate the Constable in Incline Village. She said one size did not fit all and thought if something was not broken it did not need to be fixed. She asked about the lack of date and time stamps at the voting locations on the day of the election. She indicated she was at Spanish Springs High School and there was no date stamp. She expressed frustration that she had to have something notarized that afternoon and there was no notary in the building. She reiterated that National Donor Day was coming up the following week, and she hoped individuals who were not vaccinated would not be denied transplants.

Ms. Melanie Sutton said when she listened to Agenda Item 14, she received many phone calls from concerned citizens. She voiced her frustrations about mask mandates. She urged the Board to put Mr. Beadles' resolution on an agenda.

Mr. Mark Sutton thanked Commissioner Herman for everything she had done for the people of North Valleys. He stated people did not believe there was voter integrity in the 2020 election and urged the Board to clean up the voter rolls and ensure the integrity of elections.

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Commissioner Lucey reminded the community that a forum would be held in the Hidden Valley/Damonte Ranch area on February 10 related to wild horse issues

along the Virginia Range. He stated the City of Reno would be hosting the Zoom forum, and the County would be participating in discussions.

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4:41 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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