

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

PRESENT:

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

**Janis Galassini, County Clerk**  
**Eric Brown, County Manager**  
**Mary Kandaras, Deputy District Attorney**

ABSENT:

**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**

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:

**22-0124** **AGENDA ITEM 3** Presentation by Jen Robinson, Co-Founder and Youth Intervention Director of Awaken, a local faith-based non-profit organization that provides awareness about Human Trafficking in Nevada.

Ms. Robinson thanked the Board for allowing her to present and said it was important for the community to be educated on the work Awaken did. Awaken had been established in the community for almost eleven years and worked with anyone who came out of commercial sexual exploitation, legal prostitution, and illegal prostitution. She noted Nevada was unique because it was the only state with legalized prostitution. Referencing a study from Creighton University, she stated Nevada was 63 percent higher than the next highest state for illegal prostitution. She opined the community had to examine if legalization helped the illegal rates and what effects it had on women and children.

Over the past year, Awaken worked with 177 individuals, with 64 of those individuals being minors under the age of 18. Ms. Robinson informed the youngest child she worked with was eleven years old. She said the Awaken facility was in the center of where prostitution and trafficking occurred in the community. She informed Awaken had a drop-in center that was completely survivor-run. She noted it was important for women to be met by people who had been in their situation. Once an individual was ready to make a change, case managers walked them through the change process. It was important for the case managers to listen to the words of the women so they could support the changes they were willing to make. She said change could look different for many women and could

include things like job readiness programs, going back to school, social development, training mentorship, or getting their children back.

Awaken had an education center for teens with an online school setting. Ms. Robinson explained many girls struggled with returning to a public education setting and preferred an online setting. When the public schools went to online learning during Covid-19, Awaken opened their education center. She said the education center was run by an educator, and tutors came in weekly to assist with specialty subjects. She noted the teens were involved in fun activities to form a bond with each other and build camaraderie. It was important, she commented, to give the teens fun and laughter because most of them had missed out on a childhood.

For women who were ready to live on their own, Awaken had transitional housing available. The housing was available for women to stay in for periods of six months to two years. Ms. Robinson said Awaken provided services for women and children and if there were services Awaken could not provide, they would help women find those resources in the community. She opined Awaken was a safe place, no matter where someone was in their healing process. Chair Hartung thanked Ms. Robinson for the work she did and expressed his support of Awaken's mission.

Vice Chair Hill thought it was great the community was able to learn more about Awaken. She reminded that the Board was committed to getting people housed and wondered how they could support Awaken's efforts for housing. Ms. Robinson said housing was Awaken's number one barrier for teens and adults. She said if a teen was not part of social services, there was no housing for them. She mentioned Awaken had staff to write housing grants and had just applied for the Continuum of Care Fund grant.

Ms. Robinson referenced Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and said a person could not move higher on the pyramid without the safety and shelter needs met. She mentioned the women Awaken helped did not always fit in with other populations, such as domestic violence victims because their needs were unique, and the type of abuse was different. She said she would appreciate any additional resources the Board could provide to her. Vice Chair Hill asked Manager Eric Brown to connect Awaken with resources.

Commissioner Lucey noted Awaken had done volumes for the community. He wondered how Awaken addressed women who were resistant to help due to past trauma. He commented that the issue was something the Washoe County Human Services Agency had struggled with. Ms. Robinson commented that changes, even healthy changes, could be scary. She said often women would stay in their unhealthy situation because they knew what to expect and the unknown was scary. She said the healing journey was hard for women and that was what caused a high recidivism rate. Staff could not make the women want to change; they could only point them in the right direction.

Ms. Robinson thought it was important to provide traditional and non-traditional therapy at Awaken. Some therapies Awaken used were equine therapy, art therapy, and adventure therapy. She thought adventure therapy recreated a traumatic

experience the group could experience together to form a bond, which resulted in the brain wiring with healthy individuals. A therapist was brought along to help the individuals process the experience and bring them down from an emotional state. She noted Awaken used art therapy, meditation, and yoga to bring the individuals down from their heightened states. The women, she explained, did not like yoga because they did not like the feeling of being present with their bodies; they preferred to disassociate with their bodies. She said Awaken had two therapists on staff for the women, and one therapist for staff, because the work staff did could trigger their trauma and affect their work.

Commissioner Lucey noted human trafficking was a federal and state issue and asked if Awaken had experienced challenges getting federal grant dollars. He wondered how the Board could help Awaken procure federal dollars.

Ms. Robinson said Awaken had been very blessed with their funding. She mentioned Awaken was offered funding through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and had originally declined the funding because Awaken did not want VAWA to dictate their outcomes. VAWA informed Awaken they wanted to support the work being done and Awaken decided to accept funds from VAWA around 2014. She explained Awaken began accepting funds through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) in 2015. She noted VOCA was a huge supporter of Awaken's case managers and drop-in center.

When the first transitional house opened, Awaken applied for their first federal fund through the Office for Victims of Crime. Ms. Robinson said Awaken had recently applied for three additional grants for outreach and housing opportunities. The community support, she mentioned, was incredible and a fundraiser the previous weekend raised over \$60,000. She continually saw the community step up to donate and get involved in Awaken. She opined Awaken was lucky to have the support of the community.

Commissioner Lucey mentioned the Department of Justice recently opened new programs for mental health through the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Health and Human Services had grants relating to mental health, he informed. He further suggested that Ms. Robinson reach out to Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen for help identifying community project grants.

Commissioner Herman was pleased to have met Ms. Robinson and thought she could assist Awaken. Commissioner Hartung said Awaken's services were important, and he was grateful for the assistance they provided to the community. He opined much of the community was unaware human trafficking occurred in the region.

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

**22-0125**      **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation by Nick Johnson, Project Management Chief (NDOT), regarding the Nevada Department of Transportation's sustainable funding sources for roads and how Washoe County will fund road construction and maintenance as the fleet transitions away from fossil fuels.

Chair Hartung noted he and Commissioner Lucey saw the presentation at the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), but he was glad Mr. Johnson was there to give the presentation to the rest of the Board.

Mr. Johnson said the study he would review was not a Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) study, but it was an ongoing study conducted by an advisory working group directed through Assembly Bill 413 from the last legislative session. He commented NDOT was directed to facilitate the process.

Mr. Johnson conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Agenda; Nevada's growing population; Gas tax; Counties; Transportation revenue; Erosion in gas tax; Sustainable Transportation; Legislature directed NDOT; Legislative study; Advisory Working Group; Meeting schedule; Transportation Revenue; AWG's Transportation Revenue; Guiding Principles; Revenue Mechanisms; Next steps; Study timeline and next steps; and More information.

Mr. Johnson informed that vehicle miles traveled had exceeded the population growth. Rising construction costs, such as inflation and material shortages made it harder to preserve existing infrastructure and construct new infrastructure. Due to the rising number of fuel-efficient and electric vehicles, the fuel tax that went into the highway fund was slowly decreasing.

The Advisory Working Group (AWG) was directed to look at the Utah Road User Charge (RUC) program and the Natural Resource Defense Council study. Mr. Johnson noted the Utah RUC program had been passed in Utah and taxed electric vehicles. He said a roster of the AWG members could be found on the website address listed on the last slide of the presentation. He said the AWG wanted to whittle down the list of revenue mechanisms being analyzed and how the mechanisms could be combined. The AWG convened the second Tuesday of every month for public meetings, and the meetings were streamed live on NDOT's YouTube channel.

Chair Hartung reminded the Board about the County's voter-approved gas tax, Regional Transportation Commission 5, and the Regional Road Impact Fee. He wondered how Clark County paid for its infrastructure and if they had a gas tax like Washoe County. Mr. Johnson said Clark County had an initiative like Washoe County's indexing of the gas tax.

Chair Hartung was frustrated with the County's level of spending on Washoe County infrastructure and thought it was disproportionate. He noted that Washoe County residents had funded much of the infrastructure, and he hoped whatever measures the AWG came up with would be voted on. Mr. Johnson said the purpose of the AWG was to provide a recommendation to the Legislature.

Vice Chair Hill mentioned she had previously seen the presentation through the Tahoe Transportation District. She was excited about the comprehensive way the

funding sources were looked at. She noted there had been issues regarding the state highway fund being used for public transportation and wondered if the AWG had discussed flexibility for how the funds could be spent. Mr. Johnson responded that the committee had not had a discussion regarding that matter. He opined there was room for flexibility, but he said it would depend on what recommendation the AWG decided on. He said the AWG was taking many things into account.

Vice Chair Hill said Tahoe was looking at a regional revenue source and she was glad coordination was happening with NDOT. She looked forward to working with NDOT to ensure people were getting transported safely while conserving energy. Commissioner Herman noted her district was large and hoped the roads in District 5 would see an improvement. She said her constituents would be pleased to see roadway improvements and it was time to take care of the roads that had been neglected.

Commissioner Lucey noted that Washoe County differed from the other counties in Nevada because it had a large demographic urban core that represented approximately 136 square miles of the community; the remainder of the County was rural. He opined the RTC did a good job supporting connectors and arterials in the County, but roads in other parts of the state were in disrepair. He acknowledged all counties in the state agreed safety was the top priority and improvements needed to be made; however, the funding responsibility was not shared. He said because Clark County generated a lot of the sales tax, it left the other 16 counties to fend for themselves when it came to funds for road improvement. He was thankful Washoe County had the RTC, the Cities of Sparks and Reno, and tourism to help fund road improvement but noted smaller counties did not have that funding.

Commissioner Lucey gave the example of Gerlach City, where Burning Man was held, and noted it was one of the largest economic drivers in the community; yet Washoe County had to find funding and work with NDOT for repairs on the state road into Gerlach City. He commented there was never a substantial enough amount of money because there were always bigger projects that needed to be addressed. He opined discussions needed to be had regarding sustainability for all of Nevada, not just the large counties with a lot of money. He noted that Las Vegas had millions of people travel through it which added to their sales tax, which none of the other counties benefitted from.

Chair Hartung was concerned about the crossovers that could occur in the list of revenue mechanisms being analyzed. He thought there was a possibility for disproportionate taxes for many people. He said there was a huge need in the region for infrastructure that had not been addressed in many years. He was supportive of the AWG, but he hoped the AWG measures would come to the voters and not just the Legislature.

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

**22-0126**      **AGENDA ITEM 5** Appearance and presentation by Dwayne Smith, P.E., Engineering and Capital Projects Division Director, Washoe County

Community Services Department, to provide an update regarding the response to the 2017 North Valleys Flooding. (All Commission Districts.)

Mr. Smith noted a significant amount of work had been done since he last updated the Board. He conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County Commission Directives; Update Items; Swan Lake Water Elevations; Flood Response Funding; HMGP Residential Property; Map; Temporary Barrier Removal; Photos; FEMA 100-Year Flood Plain; Map; Long-Term Mitigation; Stakeholders; Swan Lake Historic Lake Levels; and April 2019 Swan Lake.

Mr. Smith said staff used the Board's directives to shape initial and current responses to the 2017 flood events. He noted the stairstep down progression of the Swan Lake water elevations and said it was expected the levels would come down due to dry weather and drought impacts. The flood response funding included money from utilities to protect the Lemmon Valley wastewater treatment plan; however, many of the funds were used to follow the Board's directives for the benefit of the residents.

The Residential Purchase Program started as an application through the State to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2018. Mr. Smith said impacts from the lawsuit between the residents and the City of Reno caused a lot of changes to be made, such as a reduction in the number of houses purchased by the County in the first phase.

Mr. Smith commented the temporary barrier removal started once the water dropped to safe levels. He said the County restored conditions around the fence line while removing the barriers along the Lemmon Valley Elementary School. This, he noted, left the property better than staff found it. The remainder of the temporary barriers around the lake were in the process of being removed. He stated the work would not be complete until the County left the area better than they found it. The material in the HESCO barriers, he explained, was stockpiled and stored at the Silver Knolls pit to be used in the future. He said the County collaborated with the City of Reno to make sure their expectations were met for the roadside ditches along Lemmon Drive.

Mr. Smith noted staff recognized the importance of accurately providing flood risk information to the community. As the flood plain level changed, he said additional people would be impacted. Staff was committed to working with the potentially impacted community and FEMA in the process. He anticipated the process would take approximately 12 to 18 months to go through the FEMA update and work with the community partners to address their concerns.

Mr. Smith said good progress had been made on the long-term mitigation effects to reduce the flood risk for residents and protect the critical infrastructure. The efforts, he explained, included conditioning new development and updated policies from the Board and Reno City Council. In 2018, a matrix was developed consisting of alternatives that would bring benefits to the overall flood conditions in the Swan Lake area. He said the five alternatives in the matrix were: the purchase of residential properties;

diverting run-off from Peavine away from the lake; berms and levees; retention basins; and pumping out water from the Swan Lake area. The alternatives in the matrix were all focused on the Swan Lake Operation Plan. He informed staff had worked closely with the stakeholders on a plan.

Mr. Smith said the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) project to raise and straighten portions of Lemmon Drive aligned with policies the Board set forth. He noted during the flooding there had been concerns about the Lemmon Valley Water Reclamation Facility. He explained staff had researched a process where the flows were moved from the Lemmon Valley plant to the Reno Stead plant. He said staff would continue to bring projects to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Herman explained she went to the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in 2017 after the flood and was able to get congressmen to work on finding help for the flooding. She said the congressmen were able to get help from FEMA and the Corp of Engineers, as well as getting the HESCO barriers put in. She indicated her hesitation in removing the barriers was that the people in Lemmon Valley felt some protection with them in place. She received questions asking when the piles of refuse from the County's work around the flood area would be removed. She wondered if the Silver Lake drainage could be diverted into Swan Lake. She opined the water should be used somewhere rather than running indiscriminately into the Swan Lake Basin. Referencing the map in the presentation that represented the anticipated changes to the flood plain, she asked if the County would buy out all the homes in the flood plain or if they had some way to protect those properties.

Mr. Smith had heard residents were reaching out regarding the debris that was in place due to the County's construction project. He said the debris would be removed and cleaned up by the end of the following month, as indicated in his presentation. He reassured the community that staff would leave the area better than they had found it. Regarding Commissioner Herman's suggestion of the Silver Lake drainage diverted into Swan Lake, he mentioned the mitigation of future flood issues was a comprehensive and complicated solution because it was unknown when a flood would occur.

Mr. Smith said the relationship between Silver Lake and Swan Lake was being researched. That research, he opined, would help the County make the best recommendations for potential future impacts. He believed there was a place for future home purchases and noted many of the areas were on the west side of the lake in the Pompe Way area. He informed the County was working on other mitigation strategies to help protect the entire lake so there would be an overall comprehensive solution, instead of a single solution.

Commissioner Hill mentioned she took a tour of the area with Commissioner Herman and was surprised to see how many overlapping boundary lines there were with the County and the City of Reno. She expressed her excitement about the Lemmon Drive RTC roadway project and wondered if any FEMA grants allowed for the

beautification of the area. She asked if there were any public safety investments or pedestrian improvements the Board could support.

Mr. Smith said the RTC project had not been finalized but it included walking paths and other amenities for the community. He commented there had been a lot of discussion about providing amenities for the community. Another focus, he mentioned, was the wildlife around Swan Lake. He mentioned they were working with partners to see what opportunities could be brought to enhance the wildlife and wetlands components. After meeting with Ducks Unlimited, he thought there was an opportunity for something that would add to the quality of life and wildlife in the community.

Commissioner Lucey asked if the infrastructure was still in place for dewatering off the northern side of Lemmon Drive. Mr. Smith responded Washoe County had collaborated with City of Reno on the American Flat property, and City of Reno put a pipeline pump system in. He thought City of Reno planned to keep that infrastructure in place but do something different with it to get rid of the exposed pipe.

Commissioner Lucey mentioned there had been discussions about utilizing effluent water from Swan Lake and the sewer treatment plants to help properties in the north held by the Bureau of Land Management, and in the northeast held by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the Hungry Valley Tribe. This, he noted, would help them provide Class A water to those areas and reduce burdens on Swan Lake. He asked if conversations had continued with the tribes regarding the matter. Mr. Smith thought there were opportunities to tie in other export strategies, such as putting in pumps and piping to take water toward the tribal areas. He said it was unknown how the water would be used and the frequency of the usage but assured the tribes were a partner in the discussions.

Commissioner Lucey had conversations with the national Ducks Unlimited group regarding the matter, and he said they were interested in the area and had grant programs to procure land federally and locally. The grants would help with the preservation and restoration of riparian areas to ensure they remained a habitat for wetland and migratory birds. He was willing to facilitate the discussion between the County and Ducks Unlimited.

Commissioner Lucey agreed with Commissioner Herman that there were opportunities through south of Silver Lake towards the airport along Red Rock to put in purple pipe. He opined that would bring different pump areas into Swan Lake, which would connect the systems. He thought staff should investigate grants through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and FEMA and research public-private partnerships.

Chair Hartung asked about the timeline for decommissioning the Lemmon Valley Waste Treatment Plant. Mr. Smith said an exact schedule had not been set yet, partly due to new development. He opined some of the timing of the development would play into the design and construction of the lift stations. Washoe County's permit for the Lemmon Valley facility would expire in four years, so staff would have to research how to complete the work before the next permit was due. He explained some work had been done

regarding the financial piece and the engineering analysis, and he expected to see significant progress over the next two to five years.

Chair Hartung opined the low lake level was a good time to get work done. He had worked with Commissioner Lucey to get Lemmon Valley Drive realigned and elevated. He wondered if staff was still working on the disaster mitigation grants to cordon off the north end of Pompe Way and the south end of Patrician Drive. Mr. Smith said staff was working with Disaster Mitigation on grants. Staff was researching how to stop stormwater and flood flows and how to rectify roadside ditch issues. He explained that future projects needed to focus on mitigating the water flowing in and reducing operation and maintenance costs.

Instead of roadside ditches, Chair Hartung wondered if the County should use culvert piping that was easier to maintain. Mr. Smith noted culvert piping would be a consideration in the recommendations for the final projects.

Chair Hartung said Silver Hills agreed to retain one and a half times the water coming off their property. He noted Silver Hills also asked for their effluent back. He explained Lifestyle Homes in Silver Hills wanted all their effluent back to build an agrihood. He was supportive of the agrihood and thought it was a unique way to solve problems. He thought the development of the North Valleys was an opportunity to pay for pieces of a regional stormwater utility.

Chair Hartung reminded he worked to have the Western Regional Water Commission map the stormwater flows to give a regional look at the conveyance channels in the County. He opined it was time to work collaboratively to get a stormwater utility like the one in Spanish Springs. He said the stormwater utility was a system that worked, and it was easier to build a facility when there was no flooding. He thought the first step was to get Lemmon Valley elevated and realigned. He agreed with Commissioner Lucey regarding working with the tribes and said the tribes wanted to continue discussions about potentially receiving some of the water.

Chair Hartung wondered if an item could be brought back to the Board asking staff to pursue what a stormwater utility would look like in the North Valleys and how to fund it. Mr. Smith said staff would return to the Board with some framework and a timespan for moving forward.

Commissioner Hill recognized Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey's work in advocating for Lemmon Valley and ensuring the RTC would respond to the flooding. She thought their work would make a difference for the community.

Chair Hartung said it was important to begin work on researching disaster mitigation grants and getting berms put in place.

Commissioner Lucey noted a big issue coming out of the ARPA funding was the access to broadband and other infrastructure. He explained when the line for fiber

was cut, it would be cut alongside other utilities like power and storm drains. The tribal community would be first in line to get a lot of that infrastructure, he said. He wanted staff to have discussions with the federal government, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding a possible alignment with the agencies for funding the infrastructure.

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

**22-0127**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Public Comment.

Ms. Janet Butcher reiterated her request for the voter integrity resolution to be placed on the February 22 agenda. She questioned the integrity of elections and said her previous research into genealogy led her to believe better records were kept in 1764 than currently. Regarding the presentation from Nevada Department of Transportation, she did not understand the equity in the high registration fees she paid for a new car that did not get driven much. She believed if the government cared about trafficking, then it would stop the flow of drugs and people into the Southern border. She attended a human trafficking rally in Carson City and noted people were rude to her for standing up against human trafficking.

Ms. Elise Weatherly noted it was impossible for her to get through all her statements in the allowed three minutes. She said money was spent to stop human trafficking when it would never end. She objected to volunteer work because she had done it for decades and it never worked. She opined politicians with common sense were needed. She said people damaged her property and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office did nothing about it.

Ms. Erin Massengale voiced her support for the election integrity resolution and asked it to be placed on the February 22 agenda. She wondered why Governor Sisolak dropped the mask mandate but did not end the state of emergency. She opined the state of emergency left elected officials vulnerable if Governor Sisolak decided on additional mandates. She thought a vaccine verification system was a violation of human rights and asked the Board to pass a resolution banning it.

Ms. Melanie Sutton stated her support for the resolution and asked that it be put on the February 22 agenda. She said paper ballots and voter identification should be required for voting. She thought it was strange the equity and inclusion items in the lobby were still up and said the community was past all of that.

Mr. Donald Fossum expressed his appreciation for Chair Hartung's request that the election integrity proposal be investigated. He thought the lack of people at the meeting indicated the importance of election integrity to the community. He hoped the Board would join the community in correcting election integrity. He asked for paper ballots, the elimination of machines, and requested that everyone who signed up to be a poll worker was given the opportunity. He mentioned the debate Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo would participate in and said he did not want sanctuary cities.

**22-0128**      **AGENDA ITEM 7** Announcements/Reports.

Vice Chair Hill mentioned the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) were working on public transportation and roadway improvements in Lake Tahoe. She said the TRPA and the TTD were looking at the corner of 28th and North Shore and Emerald Bay as zones to have user fees on. She commented the corner of 28th would be mainly parking fees. These developments would ensure people could get to Lake Tahoe on buses and incentivize different modes of transportation. She would keep the Board posted on any updates.

Commissioner Lucey explained that Ledger8760 was a group the County partnered with to track its carbon footprint and provide that information on a public-facing platform that tracked carbon emissions on county-owned buildings and vehicles. He thought the program was a smart, forward-facing ideology and it was the right thing to do for the environment and the community. He opined the County needed to continue its work on improving the environment to avoid long-term impacts. He noted there had been a dramatic decrease in snowpack in the region during his lifetime. The program, he said, allowed the County to understand its energy use and how energy was wasted. He thought the County had a fiscal responsibility to make sure tax dollars and time was not wasted on inefficiencies within the community. He thanked the Board and staff for their support and thought the program would pay off for the County in the future.

Commissioner Lucey mentioned short-term rentals (STR) had been discussed at the last Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) meeting. He hoped to work with the RSCVA to mitigate STR challenges and get funding to help offset costs for the STR program. He said the RSCVA would have a strategic planning session on March 5 to discuss transportation and tourism. They would discuss how to get individuals to the area from outside the community and how to get tourists to and from events, venues, and the airport. He mentioned the RSCVA hired consultants from Canada who had done planning and assessments across the country.

Commissioner Lucey noted the number of Nevada and California locals who participated in the Olympic Games, and he mentioned the former University of Nevada Reno student who played for the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl. He was happy to see local participants in major events.

Commissioner Herman asked the North Valleys residents to attend the Citizen Advisory Board meeting held that night.

Chair Hartung recognized National Donor Day and said it was important to him. He asked anyone who was not signed up to be a donor to sign up. He asked that Doctor John Klacking, who served on the District Board of Health, speak to the Board about his research on using stem cells to grow organs.

Chair Hartung said he and Commissioner Lucey submitted a Freedom of

Information Act request asking Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for crash data on Pyramid Highway and Mt. Rose Highway. He requested to see the data NDOT used pertaining to the elimination of the advanced signal warning systems. He expressed his frustration that he had not received the requested data. He said the County had many roads with capacity problems that had not been addressed and commented he was going to ask NDOT for action.

### **DONATIONS**

- 22-0129**      **8A1** Recommendation to accept donations of [\$2,262.19] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0130**      **8B1** Recommendation to retroactively accept a donation from the Grace Community Church of Reno, a non-profit religious organization, to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$701,579.09] in support of exterior and interior property improvements including furniture, fixtures and equipment of the River House at 480 Galletti Way, Sparks NV 89431, Building 14 and Building 15, on the Our Place Campus; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0131**      **8C1** Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge various winter clothing items, such as gloves, scarves, hats, and socks, as well as holiday trees donated to the Nevada Cares Campus holiday drive from various donors totaling an estimated market value of [\$3,000]; (2) accept and acknowledge various food snack donations from the Reno Sparks Gospel Mission Food for the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$300.00]; (3) accept and acknowledge a donation from Joaquin Roces for 99 cases of 24 Nestlé® Pure Life® Purified Water bottles totaling an estimated market value of [\$1,385.01], pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.140-15.160. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0132**      **8D1** Recommendation to accept donations to Washoe County Regional Animal Services in the amount of [\$11,409.66] retroactive for the period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, from numerous donors (see attached list) to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0133**      **8E1** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$300.00] from Fire Shows West to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program

(CCP), including funds to be used for food purchases & operating supplies, and, if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make appropriate 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 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A1 through 8E1 be accepted.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 9A1 THROUGH 9B1**

**22-0134**      **9A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioner's regular meeting of January 11, 2022. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0135**      **9A2** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Communications; Monthly Statements/Reports; and Executed Contracts. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

**22-0136**      **9B1** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$3,900] for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$3,900] grant to the Washoe County Homelessness Services Continuum of Care administration --a government entity—to support providing each unsheltered individual, who participates in the Point in Time (PIT) count, with a \$5 McDonalds gift card at the time of the count, as incentive to participate; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)

Commissioner Lucey acknowledged Vice Chair Hill's disbursement to the Washoe County Homelessness Services Continuum of Care administration. He said the point in time count was important for the collection of data and the identification of federal government funding opportunities. He thanked Vice Chair Hill for her continued dedication to the homeless community.

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 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9B1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9B1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**22-0137**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

**22-0138**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Announcements/Reports.

Regarding the crash and lidar information Chair Hartung requested from Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), he mentioned NDOT claimed people sped up for the advanced signal warning systems (ASWS), and he wondered if NDOT had done the same study on intersections without ASWS where people sped up to go through yellow lights.

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**11:50 a.m.**      There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

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**VAUGHN HARTUNG**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Evonne Strickland, Deputy County Clerk*