

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

AUGUST 23, 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:

Chair Hartung noted the presenter for Agenda Item 3 was en route from the airport and the item would be heard later in the meeting. He invited Cooper, Lucas, and Dominic, players from the Pop Warner Football Team, to join him at the dais for the first part of the meeting.

22-0633 AGENDA ITEM 4 Public Comment.

Mr. Rick Snow provided documents, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He explained he had called Code Enforcement seven weeks prior but was not told the manager was on vacation, so he called Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro. He then received a call from Office Support Specialist Johnna Chism who was upset he went above her to Mr. Solaro. He provided Ms. Chism with a list of eight places with double residences that were in violation of the Washoe County Code. To date, he was unable to get ahold of Mr. Solaro or Ms. Chism to get an update on the progress. He said there were ten people who had second residences on their properties, which he believed overwhelmed the road and caused disarray. He requested a follow-up on the issue.

Mr. Kurt Schlegelmilch stated he had retired as director of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center 8 years ago and had lived in the area for 18 years. During the previous three months, he had developed concerns about the integrity of the nation's election processes. He recalled seeing articles in the papers about election integrity three months ago and decided to educate himself on the issue and the processes of elections. He was shocked at what he discovered. He opined the democracy component of the Country's constitutional republic was important. He believed it was critical for the citizens to have

confidence in the elections, but he explained he did not have that confidence after reading documents and watching hundreds of hours of videos. He believed the fundamental issue was the election machines and stated he did not trust them because they were open to hacking. He suggested the Board consider abandoning the election machines for paper ballots. He read a quote from former President Ronald Reagan.

Ms. Elise Weatherly noted it was nice to see a full Board present that day. She believed all things worked out for her own good, whether she made a mistake or not. She trusted her God but said she would make up her own rules as she went along. She thought a person's mistakes affected others. She said politicians had to pay attention to what was going on around them. She talked about her issues with her homeowners association and stated she did not want to leave, but she did not think she had another option because the association was accusing her of being in the wrong.

Mr. Mark Neumann informed that Agenda Item 8F1 was the recommendation for the Board to appoint him to the Senior Services Advisory Board. He currently sat on his homeowners association board and the Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board, and he was running for a seat on the Sun Valley General Improvement District. He hoped the Board would support him for the Senior Services Advisory Board. He informed that several Sun Valley residents had asked him questions regarding the Master Plan process developers go through. He explained developers were required to have meetings with the community, Citizen Advisory Boards, and General Improvement Districts, and get approval from the Washoe County Planning Commission. Oftentimes, after that process, developers would change the Master Plan to something different. He said citizens wondered why the Board would approve projects when the developers had changed aspects of those projects after the meetings and after approval from the Washoe County Planning Commission.

Mr. Thomas Daly claimed that on October 21, 2021, the Board approved an interlocal agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the City of Reno for forensic services. The agreement was retroactive to July 1, 2021, and expired June 30, 2022. The terms of the agreement stated the services the WCSO would provide to the City of Reno would cost \$1,615,516. He said that during the October 21 meeting, the City of Reno agreed to pay \$1 million for the services, and he wondered who was paying the \$615,000 difference. He noted a staff report was provided but a staff presentation had not occurred. He informed that he had made three public records requests to the WCSO for an accounting of what the WCSO spent on forensic services for the City of Reno, and how much money the WCSO received from the City of Reno for forensic services. He explained he had not received that accounting from the WCSO and stated that was a violation of the public records act. He asked County Manager Eric Brown for help, but he had not received a response from Manager Brown. He said the agreement was not subject to an audit by the County because it had expired and was not presented to the Board to be renewed. He wondered whether the agreement had continued without the Board's authority. He believed an audit was needed, due to the City of Reno's gross abuse of a previous forensic agreement that had been canceled in 2020. He suggested the Sheriff come before the Board to explain the matter.

Mr. Keith Lockard relayed a productive meeting he had with Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Charles Moore the previous week regarding wildfire threats to the community. He said they discussed the closure of Station 30 near Bowers Mansion and how it affected the health and safety of the public. He advised that his concerns about the closure were shared by other citizens. He noted the new fire station would be constructed on the White Pelican Way business route 395 site, and he recommended the inclusion of a properly sized meeting room and restrooms. He believed a meeting room would serve a variety of needs for the community, such as training for elections, emergency incident management training, shelter health services outreach, and development proposal community meetings. He noted many of his friends in the development community struggled to find locations for community meetings. He said special interest community groups needed affordable spaces to meet and had difficulty finding them. He thought the inclusion of a meeting room at the new fire station would aid in relationship building between citizens and the government.

Mr. Kenji Otto recognized Commissioner Herman for her work on a project she and Mr. Otto began in 2018 for the Cold Springs Valley Community Center. He explained the project had been delayed due to COVID-19 but had been completed in January 2022 after Commissioner Herman secured funding for the doors of the community center. He explained the project provided elderly and physically impaired people access to the community center. He noted the Board would be approving a donation that day for Commissioner Herman's project to quiet and save lives on Crystal Canyon Boulevard. That project would begin the following week and would be beneficial to those living along the northern part of the boulevard, outside of Woodland Village. He said Commissioner Herman had taken on many projects that benefitted District 5, including Nevada land issues that took her to Washington, D.C. Her accomplishments could be viewed on her election website. He reminded that Commissioner Herman voted against projects that would have impacted voters of the North Valleys, while other commissioners sided with the developers. He asked the citizens to vote against Edwin Lyngar because Mr. Otto believed he planned to pave over the North Valleys and defund the WCSO. He requested the Board disapprove Agenda Item 22 because the County did not need more laws to harass voters. He wondered who would make arrests because the Nevada Revised Statutes did not define an animal control officer as law enforcement.

22-0634 AGENDA ITEM 5 Announcements/Reports.

Vice Chair Hill reminded she was absent from the previous week's meeting because she attended the Lake Tahoe Summit. The Lake Tahoe Summit had been a wonderful opportunity to interact with other elected officials, and she was excited about the plans that had developed as a result of the event. She commented that Julie Regan, Chief of External Affairs for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, gave a presentation about the future of tourism at Lake Tahoe with a focus on public transportation. Vice Chair Hill looked forward to action on the preservation of the lake and ensuring the lake was accessible to everyone.

Commissioner Herman thanked Lifestyle Homes for its donation to the Crystal Canyon Boulevard Traffic Calming Improvement Project. She reminded that Reno Air Race Association Director Bobbi Thompson had come before the Board in July seeking support for the Reno Air Races (RAR). Commissioner Herman said the RAR would be held soon, and she asked for a discussion with Chair Hartung and County Manager Eric Brown regarding funding for the event. She opined it was important for the RAR to have the resources to put on a successful and safe event.

Commissioner Jung said she represented the Board at the Sun Valley Presbyterian Church (SVPC) the previous weekend. The SVPC had a 70-year presence in the area, and Pastor Joe Barstow served as a trustee on the Sun Valley General Improvement District. At the event, Commissioner Jung spoke on behalf of the Board about how beneficial non-profits and charities were to the community. She noted quite a few people attended the event, despite the heat, and it was a remarkable occasion that made her proud of her community. She opined the SVPC and the Black Springs area had a great deal of history that would make a wonderful video short.

Chair Hartung spoke about the youth sitting with the Board, noting they had come to his door to sell chocolate bars for their team. He was proud to support their efforts and appreciated that they worked as a group to fund their sports team. He believed youth sports would build leadership and team skills for children, and he thought it was important to acknowledge the efforts made by the group of young men in Chambers that day. He thanked the County engineering staff, the Nevada Department of Transportation, and the Regional Transportation Commission for activating the light at Sunset Springs Lane and Egyptian Drive. He noted he had not received any complaints from the community regarding the light being turned back on, in fact, he saw positive reactions on the Nextdoor app. He informed that the City of Sparks had plans to put in a light at Dolores Drive which would slow down traffic on Pyramid Highway. He believed it would make the area safer for travel.

Chair Hartung mentioned he attended some events recently and was able to see how County Manager Eric Brown had interjected himself into the community. He said Manager Brown worked great with the community and citizens responded well to him. Commissioner Jung noted she had served on the Board for 15 years and had never seen a Manager show up for Citizen Advisory Board meetings until Manager Brown. She said her constituents told her how impressed they were with Manager Brown, and they loved seeing him out in the community. She thought it was important for Manager Brown to attend community events because he was able to hear information that was not filtered through staff. She opined the work he did throughout the community should be considered during his yearly job performance and salary review. Chair Hartung stated Manager Brown loved meeting people and was an interactive Manager.

Chair Hartung asked that Code Enforcement follow up with Mr. Rick Snow regarding the issues he spoke about during public comment. He requested Manager Brown have his staff speak with Mr. Kurt Schlegelmilch regarding election issues. He requested a

conversation with Manager Brown and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office regarding the issues Mr. Thomas Daly spoke about.

22-0635 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Appearance and Presentation by Brian Mitchell, Director, Nevada Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology, on the construction and installation of fiberoptics cable to support high speed internet access to the Gerlach area.

Brian Mitchell, Director of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology, conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Overview for Washoe County Commission: Broadband Vision; Needs for Digital Equity; NITA Digital Equity Act Programs; Digital Equity Act Planning Program; Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Nevada Participation Rates (June 1, 2022); Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Nevada Participation Rates by Zip Code (July 1, 2022); Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Nevada Participation Rates (Washoe/Carson Area Zip Codes); Phase I: Map of State/Local Facility Locations; State Facilities in Washoe County; State Facilities in Washoe County Overlaid With Local Government Facilities; Phase II: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) – BEAD Fund; Bead Timeline; State Role; County Broadband Action Team Role; BEAD Application and Award Process; Southern Washoe County; Areas for Collaboration; Contact Information.

County Manager Eric Brown stated that in his time at Washoe County, he had not experienced this level of assistance offered by the State for the expansion of County services. He said in addition to providing fiberoptics cable to Gerlach, Mr. Mitchell had begun researching the use of federal and State monies to help expand broadband in other rural areas of Washoe County. Manager Brown opined that Mr. Mitchell had gone above and beyond in his efforts to work with the County Manager's team on this issue. Mr. Mitchell expressed excitement for the State plan to bring faster, affordable, scalable, and more reliable internet service to Washoe County constituents.

Mr. Mitchell reported that the Gerlach project was created seven years ago, and it was now at the point where internet service was ready to be provided to the public library. After this, resources could be leveraged to provide better internet service to the school, residents, and the area of the Burning Man (BM) festival. He acknowledged that the organizers of BM were interested in partnering with the State to provide better connectivity for public safety and emergency management resources for all festival attendees.

Mr. Mitchell said this project would not have been possible without the support and assistance of County Manager Eric Brown and his community outreach team, as well as the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. He predicted the partnership established would result in many other benefits for the community moving forward.

Mr. Mitchell presented the State's vision and goals, which was for universal access to broadband so every Nevadan who wanted access to the internet, would have

access that is affordable, reliable, and scalable. He explained it was not enough just to provide the fiber to communities if they could not afford to pay for the internet. He said the State also wanted to make sure the internet service was reliable; therefore, it was important to build infrastructure that was reliable, scalable, and met current and future needs. He expressed that collaboration and partnerships, especially with local governments, were so important to the efforts of the State. He pointed out that his office did not know the community as well as the Board of County Commissioners (BCC); therefore, he relied heavily on the County Manager's office to help make sure his office was making the right investments in the right communities. To be able to connect everyone and meet the many needs of each person throughout the State, they would need to be efficient with their use of funding and focus on making long-term investments in infrastructure. His office would be looking at thirty- and forty-year investments so it would not be necessary to return to the County in five or seven years because what had been done was not sufficient to meet the needs of the community.

Mr. Mitchell said he wanted to kick off the conversation by talking about digital equity, which was an umbrella term that had three sections to it: can you afford the internet at your home; do you have an internet-connected device; do you have the digital literacy or the know-how to be able to use a computer effectively to live your best life. He explained that each one of those sections was important and the State wanted to ensure all investments, both on the infrastructure side and the digital equity side, took them into account. He confirmed the funding had been provided to the State from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Commerce to develop and execute the plan for digital equity. He said there were three different buckets of money in the Digital Equity Act, which would help County constituents be able to use the internet in order to have a better life. The State was currently in Phase I, which was the planning process. An application by his office had been submitted to receive \$60 million for planning; therefore, it was important for the State to work with the County to develop a statewide plan for digital equity that involved learning the needs of constituents and how those needs could be met. He believed once the State created a plan, it would unlock Nevada's share of the State Capacity Grant Program dollars. He gave an example of how the plan would help identify those in need, such as senior citizens in the community who may need to learn how to navigate starting a computer and logging onto Wi-Fi. Then the State could potentially fund a program at the senior center or the library to teach seniors how to do those things. He also suggested another library program that could be funded for new community members who were recent immigrants or were learning the English language and needed help learning basic word processing skills in order to secure employment. He acknowledged the planning process could sometimes be long and boring; however, because the State had the funds, the State would be able to deploy the money directly to implement or solve the needs that were identified in the planning process.

Mr. Mitchell added that there was a competitive portion of the funding the State was not eligible for. He informed local nonprofits and certain entities in the County would be eligible to apply directly to the federal government for digital equity implementation money and his office would be happy to provide support to anyone

interested in applying. He said the State would receive approximately \$750,000 in planning money, with the planning process taking place over the next six to nine months. He stated his office wanted to invest the money into pre-existing local programs instead of creating new State programs, pointing out that the County already had existing relationships with programs in the community, and could identify where funding was needed most.

Mr. Mitchell steered the discussion to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which was a federal program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). He explained that affordability was one of the biggest barriers for people who did not have internet access; therefore, the program provided a \$30 per month subsidy for anyone who qualified. He indicated that qualifying individuals could be any of the following: households under 200 percent of the poverty level; participants of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or participants of the school lunch program; any household that had a member who received a Pell Grant. He informed the County currently had a good participation rate of approximately 35 percent of individuals who were eligible and had already signed up for the program. He presented a statewide map that was broken down by zip code to highlight the areas in Washoe County with residents who were eligible to apply for the ACP. He said partnering with the County would help his office raise awareness about the importance of the ACP to those who were eligible to apply for it. He gave examples of what the State was currently doing to share this information: texting Medicaid recipients; displaying information on kiosks, and in the foyers of State office buildings; adding recorded information to the State's telephone lines when placing callers on hold. He said the State had information resources and flyers they could share with different community programs in the County to reach the eligible communities and individuals. He indicated there were many different options for the State and the County to work together on this project.

Mr. Mitchell outlined the goals for the State to provide infrastructure to local facilities that lacked fiber in Washoe County. He said the State would cluster these facilities and invite local governments to join a request for proposal (RFP) process, which would result in bidding out the opportunity for a provider, or partnership of providers, to serve the facilities within a particular cluster. He explained this method would ensure rural facilities were not overlooked or deemed too expensive to service and would strengthen the entire RFP, resulting in the connection of more end units or facilities. He pointed out this would save money because rather than sharing the entire cost of the program, the County's only responsibility would be the incremental cost of building to the facility plus the monthly recurring cost for internet service.

Mr. Mitchell presented Phase II of the High-Speed Nevada (HSN) initiative, which was the part of the program where individual residences in need were connected. He said the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, had approximately \$42.5 billion for states in the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) fund. Once fiber had been built to the facilities identified, he said his office would then be able to use BEAD funds to branch off and begin connecting local unserved households and businesses. He indicated his office would develop a five-year

plan which would be submitted with an initial proposal to the NTIA, and he was hopeful that specific awards would start sometime in the next year.

Mr. Mitchell said the State's role was to engage communities and provide resources, tools, capacity, and technical assistance. Then the State would define a grant plan and seek out approval for the applications that came in. He indicated his office was relying on local governments and local broadband action teams chaired by Manager Brown, which would assist in identifying and prioritizing the needs in the community, so no household was left behind. He said once the County provided those needs it would then identify, through an open, fair, and competitive process, a private provider partner to meet those needs. He stated his office would not award any funding directly to private providers (PP), but rather to a local government and PP partnership. He explained that would result in local government leading the initiative, identifying the needs in the community and what funding would be applied to meet those needs, and the PP delivering all the technical specifications for how those needs would be met. He said once the County identified its partner, they would work together to apply for funding from the State to meet those needs.

Mr. Mitchell proposed working with the County to do an analysis of the unserved data the State had, which would help to validate whether areas were truly served or unserved. He said he would like to continue to work and collaborate with the County on both digital equity and infrastructure needs for the community.

Manager Brown informed that his office would be able to discuss each of the individual district's needs and he believed this was a very important project that would help expand broadband access and affordability in the future. He said he envisioned the outreach team working on the digital equity project to determine where there were elderly communities in need of affordable broadband, as well as the digital literacy required to utilize this service.

Vice Chair Hill expressed her excitement for the Gerlach project as it would be transformative for that area. She referred to a slide that was presented, which seemed to indicate Lake Tahoe was a well-served area. She disagreed with this statement and said the area was overburdened due to the high number of visitors. She stated this could cause problems if there were emergencies or people trying to get public transit on their phones, in addition to other services. She asked Mr. Mitchell if she could connect the Tahoe Prosperity Center (TPC) with his office to make them aware of these grants, and he advised that his office already held monthly meetings with the TPC. He said he was well versed with some of the unique challenges the lake had, and his office was working hard with the TPC to overcome some of the specific challenges in that area. Vice Chair Hill suggested the County Manager's Office and the Board connect with the health district, because both offices communicated to the same zip codes for other outreach and health goals, and this could provide a great partnership. She opined that \$30 each month would be a huge saving to connect people to the internet and inquired whether this was available pre- or post-COVID-19 (C19). Mr. Mitchell answered it was established during C-19 and then Congress made it a permanent program. Vice Chair Hill stated she had not seen Verdi on the map and would like to go back and look at that area, as well as other areas in the County.

She said there was a difference between broadband and cellular coverage at the lake, so she would like to review any profound cellular gaps and make sure the program addressed those issues.

Commissioner Lucey noted the C19 pandemic had made everyone aware of just how important internet access was for children and their education, and he believed it was paramount that kids had direct access to the internet. In line with that, he said there should be discussions not only with the health district but also with the Washoe County School District (WCSD) and the new Superintendent. He asked Mr. Mitchell if his office was trying to identify children and families in need. Mr. Mitchell confirmed his office had done some outreach with the WCSD and he was working directly with the district's Chief Information Officer (CIO), Chris Turner, to identify children who had needs for technology hot spots. He advised his office had and would continue to distribute information throughout the school system about the ACP; however, his office and the WCSD were trying to improve upon their delivery method, since the information sent home with children did not always get delivered to their parents. Commissioner Lucey stated during the C19 pandemic parents were driving their children to closed libraries just to sit in the parking lot so their children could do homework by accessing the library's Wi-Fi, so he appreciated the outreach efforts by Mr. Mitchell and his team.

Chair Hartung stressed the importance of this issue, especially in rural areas, but also acknowledged there were communities within the County where affordability and access were a problem for some households. He hoped action rather than discussion would take place in order to complete the goals of the program. He acknowledged he did not understand the need for fiber and wondered whether this was something that may become obsolete in the future. He informed Manager Brown that he would look forward to a follow-up discussion where further information and timelines would be presented.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8K1

- 22-0636** **8A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of July 12, 2022, and July 19, 2022, and concurrent meeting of July 22, 2022. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0637** **8A2** Acknowledge and approve correction to the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting minutes of May 3, 2021, to correct the record of the vote to reflect the true vote on Agenda Item 5, Recommendation and possible action to approve the Washoe County COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan ("the Plan"), and direction to staff to submit the Plan to the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force ("Task Force") for approval as the final Local Plan for Washoe County as required by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, Directive 041 ("the Directive"). (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0638** **8B1** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 unsecured tax roll 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibit B and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$74,137.69]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0639** **8C1** Recommendation to approve, on the recommendation of the Chair, the appointment of Kelly Mullin to serve as a Hearing Examiner pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 110.912.15 to fill a term beginning on August 23, 2022 and ending on August 22, 2026. Hearing Examiners are empowered by State Law and County Code to conduct public hearings and make decisions on certain variance, special use permit and administrative permit applications. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0640** **8C2** Recommendation to approve Stipulation, Settlement Agreement, and Withdrawal of Protest of Water Rights Application No. 89988 in the Office of the State Engineer by and between Washoe County and Pyramid Materials, Inc. dba Western Nevada Materials. If approved, Washoe County will withdraw its protest of Water Rights Application No. 89988 in the Office of the State Engineer subject to conditions within the Stipulation Agreement. Application No. 89988 seeks to appropriate 2.67 cubic feet per second/300 acre feet of water annually for use by Pyramid Materials, Inc., dba Western Nevada Materials (formerly Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.) in connections with their property at APN 089-160-51. The approval of the Stipulation Agreement will facilitate the review of Water Rights Application No. 89988 by the Office of the State Engineer. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)
- 22-0641** **8D1** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the audit procedure materials from the County’s external auditor BDO USA LLP which provides an overview of the plan for the audit of the financial statements and schedule of expenditures of federal awards of Washoe County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, including a summary of the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0642** **8E1** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$68,182.00; no county match] in both revenue and expense to the FY23 National Association of County and City Health Officials Medical Reserve Corp (NACCHO MRC) Rise subaward retroactive to July 1, 2022 through December 30, 2022 for the Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness (EPHP) Division to assist with the Medical Reserve Corp to response, innovate, sustain and equip in preparation of COVID and future pandemic response, and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0643** **8E2** Recommendation to approve budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$87,400.24; no county match] in both revenues and expenditures to Youth Vaping Program retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0644** **8F1** Recommendation to appoint Charles Mark Neumann [Alternate] to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending June 30, 2025. Applicants include: Charles Mark Neumann. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0645** **8F2** Recommendation to accept a FY23 Child Death Review subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$32,500.00; no County match] retroactively from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep practices; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency.(All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0646** **8F3** Recommendation to accept a Community Mental Health subaward from the State of Nevada Division of Public & Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$61,600.00; no county match] for mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment vouchers, retroactive to July 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0647** **8F4** Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match] for Family Preservation services, retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0648** **8F5** Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match] for Family Reunification services, retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0649** **8F6** Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$58,800.00; \$19,600.00 county match] for Family Support services, retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0650** **8F7** Recommendation to accept a FY23 Differential Response subaward from the State of Nevada Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$142,545.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to support Differential Response services to at-risk families in the child welfare system; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0651** **8F8** Recommendation to accept a Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$127,890.00; \$42,630.00 county match] for Adoption Promotion & Support services, retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant award; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0652** **8G1** Recommendation to approve the acceptance of reimbursements from the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program for Fiscal Year 2022/23 for youth detained at Wittenberg Hall Detention Facility. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0653** **8G2** Recommendation to approve the acceptance of reimbursements [\$2,500 no County Match] from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force to pay for 2 officers' overtime under the Federal Bureau of Investigations Operation Street Sweeper Initiative, retroactive from June 1, 2022, to July 1, 2022, and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0654** **8H1** Recommendation to appoint two candidates from a pool of applicants including: Ann Medaille, and Lea Moser, to fill two vacating seats on the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees, with a term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Library. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0655** **8H2** Recommendation to approve Federal 2022 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant-In-Aid Award Funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$33,850, with a \$3,385 local match required (in-

kind)] for a retroactive term of July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023 for the purchase of a book kiosk that will provide access to books and materials to the North Valleys Community; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and the Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0656 **8I1** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Reno Sparks Pop Warner --a non-profit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes-- which enables young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a safe and structured environment; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.)

22-0657 **8J1** Recommendation to approve the Law Enforcement Funding Agreement between Burning Man Project (BMP) and Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide reimbursement for extra staffing [\$129,582.00 estimated total reimbursement] needed in the Gerlach/Empire area during Burning Man for 2022. Sheriff. (Commission District 5.)

22-0658 **8K1** Recommendation to Acknowledge Receipt of the Report of Sale- July 25, 2022, Delinquent Special Assessment Sale [Sale Proceeds \$0.00] as all parcels paid prior to the sale for the following districts: WCAD 32 - Spanish Springs Valley Ranch Rd, parcels: 076-310-31, 076-310-44, 076-391-23, 076-391-65, 076-690-45, 076-690-46, 076-690-47, 077-230-07, WCAD 37 - Spanish Springs Sewer Phase 1A, parcel: 089-243-07 Treasurer. (Commission District 4 and 5.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly said she did not agree with appointing Mr. Charles Mark Neumann as an alternate to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board. She asked why the County had not helped her regarding child support issues. She believed the Board would vote to approve the Consent Agenda items because it always approved them. She wondered why the County did not help children born to drug-addicted parents and the caregivers for those children. She asked that the Board not approve some of the consent items. She spoke about her health issues and how she was not supposed to live past 2015. She noted she was barely getting by financially each month, and she wondered where her help was.

Ms. Brittany Diehl, Business Manager of the Spanish Springs Pop Warner Football Team, spoke regarding Agenda Item 8I1. She said the Reno-Sparks Pop Warner Association had a mission to enable young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities. The goal, she explained, was to provide physical and mental learning

opportunities to the 35 players on the roster. The players were expected to be a part of their outcome, which included fundraising for themselves. She opined children should be involved in an activity that gave them responsibility, and she thought the young men Chair Hartung introduced that day were shining examples of the good that came from participation in team activities. She said the donation meant a lot to the players because the team had goals of competing at a higher level, and the team wanted every player to be able to participate regardless of their financial situation. She thanked Chair Hartung for recognizing the value of the organization and the hard work, determination, and respectful nature of the players. She invited the community to attend the games for the season which would begin Labor Day weekend.

Vice Chair Hill noted Chair Hartung's donation to Reno-Sparks Pop Warner and explained the organization enabled young people to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a safe and structured environment. She introduced the three players, the head coach, the team manager, and the mother of one of the players. Commissioner Herman said she did not get requests for donations at her house but wanted to help the team by giving a cash donation.

Commissioner Lucey opined Chair Hartung's donation was a great use of funding to elevate the youth in the community. He noted the players had been very collected in sitting through the meeting and he was impressed by their fundraising efforts. He understood how financially challenging it was for parents to allow their children to participate in the program, and he opined the donations would benefit families who could not afford the program. He believed the time and effort the parents, coaches, and managers committed to helping the children grow was a benefit for the youth and the community.

Chair Hartung explained that when the three young men came to his door, they were respectful, and it caught his attention. He opined parents involved in the activities of their children led to the children becoming successful adults. He said sports were a great team-building opportunity and allowed youth to understand how to work collectively.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

11:15 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:19 p.m. **The Board reconvened.**

PROCLAMATIONS

22-0659 **AGENDA ITEM 6A1** Proclaim September 2022 as National Preparedness Month.

Vice Chair Hill informed she attended an emergency preparedness event with the group she had at the podium. She explained the event involved drills for earthquakes, floods, and other disasters. She was proud of how well the County team and its regional partners worked together, and she noted the partnership had impressed the instructors at the event. She hoped the community understood the region was prepared for a variety of incidents that could happen in the area.

Emergency Management Administrator Kelly Echeverria thanked the Board for recognizing September as emergency preparedness month. She said the County, along with its regional partners, had planned, trained, and performed exercises for all aspects of emergency management. She opined the County program could not do what it did without the entities that stood with her that day. She thanked them for their participation in helping the community become more prepared and resilient against hazards. She explained that in the first and secondary responder communities, challenge coins were given to those who went above and beyond. She presented challenge coins to the regional partners on behalf of the County.

11:24 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:28 p.m. **The Board reconvened.**

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 6A1 be adopted.

DONATIONS

22-0660 **7A1** Recommendation to accept a donation [\$20,000.00] from Lifestyle Homes for the Community Services Department's Engineering Division's Crystal Canyon Boulevard Traffic Calming Improvement Project to reduce speeding and improve pedestrian safety in this County roadway within the Woodland Village in the Cold Springs area; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

22-0661 **7B1** Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$607.00] retroactive July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022; and (2) accept donations from various donors to Washoe County Human Services Agency Child Protective Services Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$1,150.00] retroactive for the period

July 1, 2022 through August 10, 2022; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0662 **7B2** Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$3,616.00] retroactive to June 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022; and (2) accept donations to Washoe County Human Services Homelessness Fund in the amount of [\$0.20] retroactive June 24, 2022; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0663 **7B3** Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$10,405.00]; and (2) accept donations to the Human Services Agency Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the amount of [\$2,514.50] retroactive for the period June 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0664 **7C1** Recommendation to approve the acceptance of two scholarships [total estimated amount of \$3,113.66] for the travel of two County employees to attend the American Probation and Parole Association's 47th Annual Training Institute in Chicago, IL August 28, 2022, through August 31, 2022, awarded to Washoe County Juvenile Services Department by The Nevada Center for Juvenile Justice Innovation. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung thanked Lifestyle Homes for its commitment to the community. For Agenda Item 7B1, she noted that the community was very generous in providing assistance for child welfare. Regarding item 7C1, she opined it was important to train the professionals who dealt with troubled youth. She did not believe minors should be prosecuted as adults because science had shown that a human brain was not fully formed until a person was 25 years of age. She hoped laws would start to reflect that science.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Elise Weatherly was called to speak but was not present.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A1 through 7C1 be acknowledged and accepted.

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22-0665 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to: 1) accept the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security “Lemmon Valley Flood and Stormwater Advance Assistance Design and Planning Project” grant [in the amount of \$450,000.00 with a Washoe County cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$150,000.00]; and 2) approve the Grant Award Letter with a retroactive grant period from September 20, 2021 through August 20, 2023; and 3) authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and 4) direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.).

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 Agenda Item 9 be accepted, approved, authorized, and directed.

22-0666 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve the settlement of the claim by the heirs of Joel Edwards: Kathleen Edwards, Harley Edwards, and Felicia Edwards; and the Estate of Joel Edwards for a total sum of [\$459,317.01] for all claims against Washoe County and its employees for the vehicular accident causing the death of Joel Edwards. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

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 Agenda Item 10 be approved.

22-0667 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to retroactively approve the net settlement receipt of [\$1,470,000] from Chubb Insurance for funds to be used for the necessary repairs to Washoe County 1970 Bell HH-1H helicopter assigned by Defense Reutilization Marketing Office (DRMO) to the Sheriff’s Office, FAA registration number N91JK due to a hard landing that occurred on June 2, 2022. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

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 Agenda Item 11 be approved.

22-0668 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to Award Request for Proposal (RFP) No.3181-22 for the Washoe County Health District’s Healthcare Specific Temporary Grant Positions retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to Talent Framework in the total amount not to exceed [\$7,305,862.20], and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to approve the Purchase Order. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

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 Agenda Item 12 be awarded, approved, and authorized.

22-0669 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to acknowledge and approve the selection of, and the contract award to UMR for RFP 3192-22, to provide medical and dental third-party administration services, as part of the Health Benefits Program for the County’s self-funded PPO, HDHP, and Dental plans, available to employees, retirees, and their eligible dependents, effective January 1, 2023. [Estimated increase of \$299,089 for the calendar plan year 2023] Human Resources.

Benefits Human Resources Manager Ashley Berrington mentioned the County was transitioning away from the current third-party administrator for the self-funded health plan and dental plan. The County had gone through the request for proposals process and selected UMR as the most qualified vendor to provide services. She explained that representatives from UMR were available to provide a presentation and answer questions. Vice Chair Hill said she supported the item and did not need a presentation. Chair Hartung noted the world was changing and said he was supportive of the direction staff was headed. He thanked Ms. Berrington for being proactive and responsive to staff.

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 Agenda Item 13 be acknowledged, and approved.

22-0670 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to accept the FY23 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY program) subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$200,000.00; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to provide case management and related services to youth aging out of foster care; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller’s office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0671 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept a FY23 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$247,715.00; \$61,929.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0672 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to accept a FY23 subgrant amendment for the Fund for Healthy Nevada award from Nevada Clinical Services, Inc. through the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$231,274.00; no county match] retroactive to March 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to support meals at OUR Place, food baskets for clients at CrossRoads and meals for the 2nd Home-Delivered Meals program; authorize the Director to retroactively execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0673 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Recommendation to accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$342,500.00; no county match] retroactively from June 28, 2022 to June 27, 2023 in support of children in foster care; retroactively authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to

make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0674 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to accept a FY23 Title XX subgrant award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the amount of [\$663,807.00; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0675 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Recommendation to accept a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Assistance Program Subaward from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services in the amount of [\$1,587,817.00; no county match] for Washoe County Child Welfare Services retroactive for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute retroactively the subgrant award documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Hill, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0676 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Recommendation to approve agreement between Washoe County and Nevada Donor Network for use of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office facility for postmortem tissue donation for a period of three years, with revenues totaling [\$727,944], effective January 1, 2023. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hartung expressed a debt of gratitude to the people who worked in organ and tissue donation. He thought the issue was very important for the community and hoped the Board would support Agenda Item 21.

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 Agenda Item 21 be approved.

22-0677 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Discussion and direction to staff regarding up to two (2) Washoe County Bill Draft Requests for the 82nd (2023) session of the Nevada Legislature which will begin on February 6, 2023. Proposed Bill Draft Requests include changes to NRS chapter 111 to allow county recorders to take action proactively to remove discriminatory covenants from recorded documents within their counties, and to NRS chapter 484D to expressly add county snowplow vehicles to the list of emergency and service vehicles allowed to display blue lights while operating. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown advised that Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas was present to provide information on Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 484D.

Chair Hartung opined discriminatory language in recorded documents was prevalent in older homes and the removal of the language was an important cause. He acknowledged Vice Chair Hill for the work she had done with specific property owners and the Recorder's Office to champion the cause. He explained the Board wanted to put the matter into statute so the language could be removed regardless of where it occurred in the State.

Ms. Thomas reported that several submissions were received for the County's bill draft requests (BDR) and there were two viable submissions to proceed with. She disclosed the City of Sparks was interested in the blue light issue, and the County would coordinate with them to determine whether another legislator was willing to present the bill. She recommended that these two requests move forward and stated she would work with staff at the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB) and Mr. Alfredo Alonzo, who assisted the County with legislative issues.

Chair Hartung asked Ms. Thomas to expand on how the blue light issue came about. She explained that the County snowplows in rural areas used blue lights for the safety of both the employees and the public. Following several incidents where County snowplow operators were stopped by the Nevada Highway Patrol for unauthorized use of blue light, these bills were proposed. If approved, it would allow County snowplows to continue using the blue lights and operating safely. Chair Hartung indicated he was in support of these bills.

Commissioner Jung expressed her support for the BDRs and recognized they addressed real issues that were achievable, measurable, and would solve many problems for the County. She said she was very proud of how these bills were crafted and constructed and she would be following the next legislative session closely to see the outcome.

Commissioner Lucy shared the same sentiments, noting how much work went into identifying the needs of the County, what needed to be addressed in the next legislative session, and ensuring legislators understood the importance of what needed to be accomplished. He pointed out that this was not just a County or district issue, but a statewide issue that affected other heavy equipment machinery in addition to snowplows. He believed this was something the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Board of Directors would cosponsor.

Commissioner Lucy remarked that following his departure from the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), he would like the Board to work on issues with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), specifically to identify whether TMRPA board members should still be district mandated. He opined that educated individuals should sit on the TMRPA board to articulate the needs of a growing community and continue service planning within the region. He suggested talking to legislators about simple changes such as infrastructure, which was not only broadband but also roads and safety for the communities. He advised Washoe County needed to work with other counties to develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) regarding tax abatements, and address funding to enable all parties to work collegially to discuss the needs of an ever-growing County and State. As the economy had grown, so had the public safety issues; therefore, he would like to see these addressed and he looked forward to receiving a robust report about what those potential BDRs would look like and how the County could participate from a legislative standpoint and provide information. He understood that navigating legislative sessions was not easy and appreciated the amazing legislative team the County had. Although each department in the County had its own representative to attend legislative sessions, there would still be challenges faced. He recommended the Board review bills from the previous legislative session already placed into action and look at how they could evolve in order to be financially sustainable and highly efficient for the future.

Vice Chair Hill thanked the Board for being proactive and looking at items for BDRs that needed to be addressed. She stated she had learned so much about the legislative process from Commissioner Lucey and noted that due to the initiative of Ms. Rodriguez, the new language on the covenants allowed the County to make its own decisions without pushing an agenda onto other counties.

Vice Chair Hill referred to the issue of Lake's Crossing Center (LCC), which was currently at capacity, and asked Ms. Thomas if the Washoe County Sheriff's Office planned to hold any discussions with the State regarding a Southern Nevada facility. She stated she would like to make sure this matter was still being pushed forward so that a solution could be found with Southern Nevada to free up space at LCC. She commented

this would assist local people with mental health issues, who could be placed at LCC instead of the Washoe County Jail.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 20 be directed.

22-0678 **AGENDA ITEM 22** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 55 (Animals and Fowl) by repealing a section duplicative of state law related to harboring a vicious dog; by adding a section making it unlawful to fail to quarantine or surrender for quarantine biting animals or animals that have been in close contact with an animal suspected or known to have rabies; by adding a section governing euthanasia of vicious dogs; by amending provisions related to: the definitions of “dangerous” dog, “vicious” dog, “animal”, “substantial bodily harm” and “provocation”; the dangerous and vicious dog determination process; exemptions under which a dog may not be found dangerous or vicious; the requirements for dangerous and vicious dog registration; the requirements for relocating or transferring ownership of a dangerous or vicious dog; unlawful acts by the owner or keeper of a dangerous or vicious dog; impoundment of a dog, both before and after a dangerous or vicious dog determination; and by updating a section governing the criminal and civil penalties for a violation of chapter 55; and all other matters properly relating thereto; and if supported, set a public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance on September 13, 2022. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager Eric Brown reported that Commissioner Herman had requested the item be delayed. Chair Hartung asked Commissioner Herman to explain her reasons for the request.

Commissioner Herman stated she had received many calls from constituents who were concerned about the possible lack of authority of the employees. She explained there were questions about whether Animal Services had the legal stature to arrest people and make decisions on misdemeanor charges. She asked for clarification before she decided to support the item.

Chair Hartung reminded that Agenda Item 22 was a first reading and did not require a vote. He stated the item would move forward. Commissioner Jung mentioned the ordinance had come from the Animal Services Advisory Board (ASAB). Chair Hartung agreed with Commissioner Jung and added that the ordinance was vetted through the ASAB. He asked Director of Regional Animal Services Shyanne Schull to explain the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Schull reminded that on June 28, 2022, she presented a comprehensive overview of requests for changes to Chapter 55 of the Washoe County Code (WCC). If the Board desired, she was prepared to give a presentation detailing the language of the code amendment. Commissioner Lucey clarified that the code amendment allowed the County to continue to follow the State regulations, but also gave the County the ability to work proactively with its Animal Services officers to address the needs of the community. He believed the Board had been given substantial time to review and address the amendments, and he pointed out that the changes would improve the County's ability to be efficient and understanding with dog owners. He said the amendments were not being made as a way to remove animals from owners without cause. Ms. Schull affirmed Commissioner Lucey was correct. She explained that the current WCC had only one categorization, which was dangerous dogs. The proposed amendments delineated two different tiers, one for dangerous dogs and the other for vicious dogs. She said the intent of the amendment mirrored the Nevada Revised Statutes. Commissioner Lucey noted the State of Nevada considered animals to be the property and asset of an individual. The amendment, he explained, would allow for harm done to an animal to be classified as property damage and go through the judicial process. Ms. Schull affirmed Commissioner Lucey was correct.

Chair Hartung said the ordinance would essentially mirror State law and asked Ms. Schull to clarify why it was important to have it in the County code if it was already State law. Ms. Schull replied that State law did have the two categorizations of dangerous and vicious; however, it was vague and did not outline the requirements the animal's owner would have to adhere to. Due to this, the responsibility fell on local governments to clarify the requirements. Since 2015, Ms. Schull and her staff worked with the ASAB to focus on clarifying the two different categorizations, while also adding changes to allow easier compliance for animal owners. She relayed that the updates to the code had been discussed in open meetings for the past two years in an effort to get community feedback.

Chair Hartung said Ms. Schull had been proactive in cleaning up the WCC and thanked her for her work. He opined the WCC was a living document and there were sections that had been established many years ago that were no longer valid. He stated ambiguity in the law was not a good thing. Commissioner Jung said Animal Services had been managed by different departments in the past, but Ms. Schull was the first subject matter expert to run Animal Services. She noted the voters had been very generous regarding Animal Services, which allowed the County to employ a subject matter expert. She opined the amendments had been heavily vetted by Ms. Schull and the ASAB, and she was ready to introduce the ordinance. She did not have any interest in opening the matter up to public criticism when open meetings had already been held regarding the matter.

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.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1882.

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

Bill No. 1882 was introduced by Commissioner Jung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

22-0679 **AGENDA ITEM 23** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

22-0680 **AGENDA ITEM 24** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Lucey reminded that County Manager Eric Brown and his staff were working on the opioid settlements from the State. He met with the Clark County Commissioners and members of the Legislature the previous week regarding the matter. He believed the County could use the settlement money efficiently, and he wanted to see a plan from staff for the allocation of that money.

Commissioner Lucey thanked the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for its continued support of the issues in the Pyramid Way area; however, there were still issues that needed to be addressed, like Mt. Rose Highway. He noted the road improvements in Northern Nevada paled in comparison to the improvements in Las Vegas. He understood funds had to be allocated based on population, but he opined Las Vegas' needs should not cause a shortfall for the needs of the rest of Nevada. Northern Nevada was drastically underfinanced and underserved, he said.

Commissioner Lucey recalled a recent, personal experience he had with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) regarding its invoices. TMWA, he explained, had recently moved towards paperless statements unless a customer opted out of the service. He had not opted out of the paperless service and his bill was automatically converted to paperless, which meant a paper statement had not been sent to him. Due to this, his water was shut off for nonpayment. The issue had been resolved, but he wanted to inform the public about TMWA's changes. He hoped TMWA would address the issue going forward.

Chair Hartung said he would follow up with TMWA regarding the issues that Commissioner Lucey addressed. He noted that while he was appreciative of NDOT, there were still issues along Pyramid Highway. He informed he had extended an invitation to the director and deputy director of NDOT to visit Pyramid Highway, especially the north end, to see the hazards of the highway due to congestion and high speeds.

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12:17 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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