

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 18, 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, Chief Deputy District Attorney

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:01 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:

22-0789 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ms. Renee Rezendes spoke about the primary election and said she had been in the processing center to observe the count. She opined the processing center should be open until all ballots were counted and work was complete. She thought processing could be done in shifts to keep the work going until it was finished. She mentioned the distrust people had with the election and believed this process could lessen it. She expressed frustration about the restrooms near the processing center being locked. She wondered about cameras being allowed in the processing center and stated an individual was filming her from outside the room. She said she had been harassed by a security guard who was not wearing a name badge and she was unable to identify the individual. She expressed concern that a meeting room at a shooting range was closed due to smoke in the air and people were unable to request to gather there for a meet and greet with candidates.

Ms. Janet Butcher thanked the Board for recognizing Constitution Day and hoped it could be acknowledged before the event the following year. She wondered why the Washoe County School District did not recognize Constitution Day. When she asked about it, she was told they say the Pledge of Allegiance. She spoke about discussions that played on the television in the lobby related to COVID-19 vaccinations and she opined they were not good for everyone. She wondered who distinguished what was considered misinformation about vaccinations. She wanted the count of votes to be continuous until all ballots were counted. She stated there was mistrust with elections and thought this process could ease some of that feeling.

Mr. Scott Finley provided documents which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He asserted he did not condone violence. He provided background information about himself and noted he was a Washoe County resident. He opined there was an active conspiracy by subversives that sought to undermine and harm the republic. He said mail-in voting was not secure and indicated that one week before election day in 2020 he received a notification from BallotTrax that his tracked mail-in ballot had been scanned by the United States Postal Service (USPS) and was inbound to the County's election office. He wondered how this could occur since the Registrar of Voters (ROV) only had one mail-in ballot printed for him and he was in possession of it and showed it on the overhead projector. He stated both the Secretary of State (SOS) and the ROV said the chance of a mail-in ballot being duplicated was zero and there was no evidence of election interference; however, neither of the government departments nor the USPS had a contract with BallotTrax or its parent company i3Logix and he questioned their process to encourage voters to sign up to have their mail-in ballots tracked. He noted i3Logix did not sign up on SilverFlume to be a corporation until July 2021, which he opined meant a foreign corporation was illegally operating in the State of Nevada, indirectly confirming there was election interference in the 2020 general election. If i3Logix was providing tracking services on a charitable basis, he said it would have had to register as a non-profit to legally operate in Nevada. It was previously noted by former ROV Deanna Spikula that K & H Integrated Print Solutions had printed the ballots since 2006 and she had asserted it was better to utilize familiar vendors. He wondered why K & H was not contracted to track the mail-in ballots as it had the capabilities and a current contract with Washoe County. He requested the Board condemn mail-in voting and strongly encouraged all residents to vote in person.

22-0790 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Herman expressed concern about the comments made by Mr. Finley during public comment. She stated there was one year she was not allowed to vote, and then got interested in trying to fix the election process. She mentioned she had not received a sample ballot yet and wanted to know why.

Vice Chair Hill said she and Commissioner Jung attended the groundbreaking at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and stated the plans the Airport had for expansion were exciting. She wanted to have a presentation from the Airport in the new year. She informed the Nevada Housing Coalition Conference was scheduled for that evening at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. She noted the Incline Village Mobility Hub Committee and the First Annual Washoe County Youth Mental Health Summit would be held on October 24.

Chair Hartung stated he spoke to Washoe County Sheriff Darin Balaam earlier about placing a speed trailer on Hidden Valley Drive in both directions. He wanted a counter and speed count on Parkway Drive leading into Hidden Valley. He asked Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro for information about placing solar speed signs in Hidden Valley and Spanish Springs. He spoke about Omni Drive in Spanish Springs being a major thoroughfare and said it was difficult for residents to get onto Pyramid Way. He

observed a massive tower located on the northeast corner of Sunset Springs Lane that was discussed in a previous meeting did belong to the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). He stated the Commissioners attended an event at Liberty Dogs and noted the Dave and Cheryl Duffield Foundation was funding the program. Liberty Dogs would be the nation's premier service dog training program and its goal was to provide service dogs to veterans at no cost to assist with independent living. He asked staff to follow up with the issues raised by Mr. Finley and Ms. Rezentes during public comment.

PROCLAMATIONS

22-0791 **5A1** Proclaim October 2022 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Hill read the Proclamation and presented it to Technology Project Coordinator James Wood. Mr. Wood stated he was proud to be at the forefront of Cybersecurity to help protect the County and its citizens.

22-0792 **5C1** Proclaim October 18, 2022 as Wolf Pack Day (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Lucey read the Proclamation and presented it to the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Government Affairs Director Madeline Burak, Government and Community Engagement Coordinator Austin Brown, and students Dion Stanfield and Mathew Haun.

Ms. Burak thanked the Board for the Proclamation and said she was honored to receive the recognition.

Ms. Stanfield stated it was homecoming week and invited the Board to attend the upcoming festivities.

Mr. Haun mentioned he was a native Nevadan and was proud to attend UNR. He asserted UNR was ready to beat San Diego State Saturday night.

22-0793 **5B1** Proclaim October 2022 as National Community Planning Month (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hartung read the Proclamation and presented it to Division Director of Planning and Building Kelly Mullin, Planning Manager Trevor Lloyd, Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro, Planner Kat Oakley, Senior Planner Chris Bronczyk, Senior Planner Eric Young, and Senior Planner Rob Pierce. He expressed pride in the Planning Department, noting the Code was a living document and staff ensured it was kept alive.

Ms. Mullin thanked the Board for recognizing the Planning Department and said its focus was to identify growth for the future.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 5A1 through 5C1 be adopted.

10:31 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

10:35 a.m. **The Board reconvened with Commissioner Jung absent.**

DONATIONS

22-0794 **6A1** Recommendation to accept a donation of \$40,000.00 from the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, to be utilized for the purchase of subscription services from COPLINK X between Forensic Logic LLC., a wholly owned subsidiary of ShotSpotter, Inc., and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Vice Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6A1 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - 7A1 THROUGH 7C2

22-0795 **7A1** 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 NDOT Contracts. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0796 **7B1** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement pursuant to NRS 244.1505 in the amount of [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 2 Commissioner Bob Lucey recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Friends of Washoe County Library -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the South Valleys Library, for use to improve the library as a destination for the entire family from youth to senior citizens; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 2.)

22-0797 **7B2** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$15,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 4 Commissioner Vaughn Hartung recommends a

[\$5,000.00] grant to Rollan Melton Elementary School -- a government entity - to benefit the students of the Reno elementary school; a [\$5000.00] grant to Spanish Springs Elementary School - a government entity - to benefit the students of the Sparks elementary school; a [\$5,000.00] grant to the third grade classroom of Ms. Kristy McMillan, a classroom of Spanish Springs Elementary School - a government entity - to benefit the students within Ms. McMillan's class, specifically; and a [\$500.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Services Agency – a government entity - to support the Moving Towards Hope 5K run/walk to bring awareness to, prevention of, and remembrance of teen suicide; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 4.)

22-0798 **7B3** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$27,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$25,000.00] grant to the Incline Village Crystal Bay Community & Business Association -- a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support funding of the Incline Village Main Street program that will establish several community connection initiatives to aid Washoe County in their efforts to further redevelopment and housing initiatives outlined in the Tahoe Area Plan; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition – a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to fund the update, print, and distribution of Lake Tahoe Bicycle Maps; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)

22-0799 **7C1** Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$63,875 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for personnel, operating, and travel expenses relating to the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) program, retroactive from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0800 **7C2** Recommendation to accept grant funding [\$100,611 with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for personnel, operating, travel, and toxicology expenses relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program, retroactive from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign

the award and approve amendments, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Medical Examiner.

Commissioner Lucey acknowledged Vice Chair Hill for donations from her Commission District Special Fund in the amount of \$25,000 to the Incline Village Crystal Bay Community and Business Association and \$2,500 to the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition. He recognized Chair Hartung for donations from his Commission District Special Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to Rollan Melton Elementary School, \$5,000 to Spanish Springs Elementary School, \$5,000 to the class of Kristy McMillan at Spanish Springs Elementary School, and \$500 to the Washoe County Human Services Agency.

Vice Chair Hill acknowledged Commissioner Lucey for a donation from his Commission District Special Fund in the amount of \$5,000 to the Friends of Washoe County Library.

Chair Hartung stated that a few weeks prior he attended the Spotlight Awards that honored the Carano Family, noting they were very philanthropic. He said there were three candidates for the Extraordinary Educator Award, and one was Spanish Springs Elementary School teacher Kristy McMillan who did not receive the award. He wanted to donate to her classroom and the school. He thanked Principal Jim Verdi and Ms. McMillan for their daily contributions. He stated Rollan Melton Elementary School also did not win an award but would be receiving a donation. He thanked Principal Jeff Batavia for his dedication.

Ms. McMillan said she was honored and humbled by the generous donation. She mentioned she started as a teacher's assistant at Spanish Springs Elementary School, then was a teacher at Alyce Taylor Elementary School for 17 years, and had been back at Spanish Springs for the past 7 years. She indicated the money would be used for great things such as field trips, leveled readers projects, wiggle chairs, and supplies for arts and science projects.

Chair Hartung said Ms. McMillan's mother was Roberta Lawson, who opened Spanish Springs Elementary School. He stated Ms. McMillan was the Board's Spotlight Award winner.

Principal Verdi said Ms. McMillan was one of the best, which was why she was a finalist for the Extraordinary Educator award. He stated it was a pleasure to go into her classroom and watch her work as she was very talented. He thanked the Board for the acknowledgment. He presented the Board with a heart poster made by students.

Human Services Division Director Steve McBride thanked the Board for its support and donation of \$500 towards a 5k to support and bring awareness to teen suicide.

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 Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7C2 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7C2 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0801 AGENDA ITEM 8 Public Comment.

Mr. Keith Lockard reminded the community that October 16 through 22 was National Friends of Libraries Week. He said the local Friends of Library was started in 1980 and had raised more than \$2 million for the library system and had over 600 community members that contributed annually. He stated during his term on the Library Board he had the honor of serving as a liaison member for three years and mentioned it was a remarkable group of men and women that sought to ensure the community was a better-quality place with a better quality of life. He noted that National Friends of Libraries Week would be celebrated nationally. He thanked Commissioner Lucey for his donation to the Friends of Washoe County Library, specifically the South Valleys Library, which was his favorite and most used library. He thought it was a wonderful place for individuals and families and was an important element of what the County government provided to the community.

Mr. Wayne Gordon spoke about issues related to elections. He asserted it was three weeks until the election and he thought the County was not ready to have a fair and honest election. He mentioned someone he knew moved out of the State but was still on the voter rolls for Washoe County after 18 months. He said he called the state of Texas and was told when someone registered to vote there, Texas notified the state where the voter moved from to be taken off the voter rolls. He asserted this person had registered cars, bought a home, and registered to vote in Texas but was not removed from the election rolls in Nevada. He opined the voter rolls included people who had died or were not living in the State of Nevada. He wanted a postcard sent to people to verify their information. He wondered how people would feel about the upcoming election. He expressed disagreement about commissioners thanking other commissioners for a gift they donated from taxpayer money and opined they were promoting themselves.

22-0802 AGENDA ITEM 9 Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

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10:57 a.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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Doni Blackburn, Deputy County Clerk*