

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 10, 2023

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Chair

Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair

Michael Clark, Commissioner

Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner

Clara Andriola, 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:

23-0633 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Cliff Low expressed appreciation for the return of early public comment; he hoped that if there were future discussions about removing it, all Commissioners would have an opportunity to weigh in on the decision. He pointed out that the people who made public comments during Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) meetings were the supporters, partisans, and constituents of the Board members. He urged people to follow the rules of public comment, which included addressing comments to the Board as a whole, not applauding the comments of others, and refraining from hostility and personal attacks. He suggested that if anyone was uncivil during their public comment, Commissioners take note and contact that individual after the meeting. He asserted that no matter how passionate someone was about a topic, getting the point across without aggression was possible.

Mr. William Mantle displayed a document that was distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He also emailed the Board a 180-page report he authored regarding the Korn Ferry (KF) pay study and implementation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He urged the Commissioners to read his report if they had not already done so. He reported that on December 13, 2022, the BCC voted to approve the Office of the County Manager's (OCM) portion of the pay study with a fiscal impact of about \$129,000. He claimed that when the OCM salaries were finalized in April 2023, the budgetary impact was closer to \$580,000. He recalled some Board members voiced concerns that the OCM pay increases were effective on January 2, 2023, while the rest of the County staff did not receive increases until August 14. He noted that the Board

requested information regarding the cost of retroactive pay for the rest of the County employees to match the effective date of the OCM's increases. He wondered why those figures had not been presented to the BCC. He expressed dismay about the communication from Human Resources (HR) on the pay study. He believed the implementation of the new pay violated Washoe County Code (WCC) 5.095, which required uniform salary and wage rates for an effective and efficient personnel system. He spoke about pay discrepancies between new and long-standing employees and alleged there were rampant equity issues throughout the County due to the study. He hoped the Board would discuss the KF study's outcomes on a future agenda.

Mr. Thomas Daly thanked the Board for the opportunity to comment at the beginning of the meeting. He spoke about Item 13, which would extend an interlocal agreement between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) and the City of Reno for forensic services. He reported that previous Commissioners had canceled a similar agreement due to financial disparities between the services rendered and the expenses incurred by the WCSO. He claimed the Board had a fiduciary responsibility to ensure taxpayer dollars were spent prudently. He encouraged the Board to request an audit of the agreement and ask the Sheriff to appear before the BCC to provide an update on it.

Mr. Terry Brooks read an original poem about the difficulties people experiencing homelessness faced when attempting to obtain a job.

Mr. Louie Cersosino wondered how many undocumented immigrants resided in Washoe County and if taxpayer funds supported them in any way. He spoke about terrorism in the United States (US) and inquired if the Board was prepared to react in the event of a local attack.

Mr. Rick Snow discussed housing developments in the North Valleys. He noted that roads in Lemmon Valley were in disrepair, which would be made worse by driving heavy construction equipment over them. He said there were plans to extend Lear Drive to connect Lemmon Valley to Stead and wondered when that connection would happen. He declared Lemmon Valley had a sewer capacity issue that additional housing developments would further burden. Chair Hill directed staff to follow up with Mr. Snow.

Ms. Janice Jones recalled an incident during a dance class at the Senior Center. She reported that County staff disrupted the class by entering the room to stock a supply closet while laughing and conversing loudly. She declared there was a verbal altercation between the class and the staff when she asked the staff to quiet down. After the staff left the room, security was sent in to inform Ms. Jones that she needed to leave or the WCSO would be called to forcibly remove her. She asserted that the dance instructors had since been looking for a new location to host the class, as there had also been several cases of purse theft at the Senior Center. She spoke about an article from *Our Town Reno* that highlighted two people experiencing homelessness who disliked the Cares Campus, so they chose to camp outside the Senior Center where they felt welcomed by staff. Ms. Jones inquired about the availability of senior-friendly spaces for taxpayers.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. She spoke about Item 5 and the Washoe County School District's (WCSD) contract with the consulting firm Performance Backed, which promoted equal outcomes for every student without exception. She read a quote about equity from Performance Backed's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Ms. Tibbett said her handouts depicted the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) 2023 to 2030 strategic plan and a contract between the FCPS and Performance Backed. She noted the similarities between the FCPS and the WCSD strategic plans. She alleged that Virginia's Attorney General (AG) opened a civil rights investigation regarding practices recommended by Performance Backed. She pointed out that Highline Public Schools, the district where WCSD Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield was previously employed, had a consulting contract with Performance Backed. She believed the WCSD needed to address the root cause of problems in the district and that no amount of money could fix the school system without doing so. Ms. Tibbet disagreed with Dr. Enfield's belief that consequences did not change behaviors.

Ms. Janet Butcher spoke about illegal drugs and human trafficking, which she thought were becoming more prevalent in the County. She noted that August 31, 2023, was International Drug Awareness Day. She mentioned recent events in Israel and hoped similar occurrences would not happen in the US. She appreciated that public comment was returned to the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Theo Nicholas stated he was an applicant for the Audit Committee. He had five years of experience working for the Department of Revenue in Pennsylvania and Maryland, was a former auditor for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and was currently an inspector for Tesla. He thought the Board should appoint him to the position because he was skilled in the audit techniques used by the IRS, which he could apply to his work on the Audit Committee.

Ms. Debbie Sauk had questions about Item 5. She wondered what the WCSD's core education standards were. She asked if a preschool child should be expected to recognize the upper and lowercase alphabet before kindergarten. She stated reading benchmarks for first and third-grade students were not addressed in Dr. Enfield's presentation. She claimed student success teams for struggling students were required at all grade levels. She spoke about English-language learners and asked if they would have access to remediation tools. She inquired about additional student learning opportunities, such as intersessions, summer school, and after-school tutoring.

Mr. Scott Finley provided a document that was distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He thought the Board should adopt an eminent domain ordinance. The purpose of eminent domain was to take private property and convert it for public use, making the land more productive and beneficial to the public. The Constitution of the State of Nevada defined justified compensation as a sum of money necessary to place a property owner back in the same monetary position without any governmental offsets. He speculated that a property's value would drop if the government announced eminent domain would occur for that property. He believed paying above market rate for property

acquired through eminent domain should be socially acceptable. He suggested such properties be valued by averaging the previous ten years of the property's appraisals and increasing that amount by 30 percent, which he claimed would be more justified than current eminent domain practices. He reiterated his request for the Board to adopt an eminent domain ordinance.

Mr. John Eppolito stated he was a former teacher, had children who attended WCSD schools, and was affiliated with Protect Nevada Children. He agreed with Mr. Low's comments calling for civility during public comment and appreciated Ms. Tibbett and Ms. Sauk's comments regarding the WCSD. He thanked the BCC for returning early public comment to the agenda and noted that the WCSD Board of Trustees did not hold public comment at the beginning of its meetings. He believed technology devices negatively impacted students and thought putting children in front of digital screens was not a good way for them to learn. He claimed the WCSD spent \$6.5 million on one software package and estimated the WCSD was spending over \$10 million per year on software.

Mr. Matthew Wilkie expressed concern regarding the current state of the Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services' shelter census dashboard, which he believed needed urgent updating. He told a story about his friend who was experiencing homelessness, had a job at Walmart, and was sometimes left sleeping on the streets when no beds were available at the Cares Campus. His friend relayed that the shelter census dashboard was regularly misrepresentative of the number of beds available because it was only updated in the morning after people left for work. When people finished working for the day and attempted to secure a bed at the Cares Campus, they sometimes found the shelter was full because it did not hold beds. Mr. Wilkie claimed that updating the portal after people left for work gave the impression that the County was managing the crisis successfully and had spare capacity, which was not true. He declared that his friend was forced to sleep in various casinos and use public restrooms to prepare for work. Mr. Wilkie did not think that was acceptable for someone striving to improve their life. He implored the Commission to take immediate action to rectify the situation. He felt the shelter census dashboard needed to reflect real-time availability to ensure people in need were not misled by outdated information. He suggested the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meet monthly to obtain community input and work to solve homelessness issues. He believed the well-being and dignity of people should be the utmost priority, and the community needed to work together to provide support and pathways out of homelessness. Chair Hill directed staff to follow up with Mr. Wilkie.

Mr. Roger Edwards spoke about the Golden Valley Area Recharge Program (GVARP) and claimed residents were still receiving bills despite it being inactive. He appreciated that early public comment was returned to the agenda. He mentioned a development project the Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID) brought forward and opined that a public utility should not be allowed to develop property. He discussed Item 5 and pointed out that the WCSD Board of Trustees had removed early public comment from its meetings. He said the WCSD was spending money on a new program to address issues with its quality of education but refused to resort to traditional instruction methods.

Ms. Tracey Hilton-Thomas quoted a Bible verse. She spoke about Item 7F1 and stated that as a former County employee, she appreciated the luxury of travel and training funds because they were rarely granted. She expressed gratitude that the sample ballot printing costs in Item 16 had decreased by 40 percent. She asked the Board to return Washoe County elections to compliance with Nevada and national election laws. She speculated about a potential email sent in March by Communications Manager Bethany Drysdale to Governor Joe Lombardo regarding available candidates for appointment to District 4. Ms. Hilton-Thomas thought an audit of the County's organizational structure would be beneficial.

Ms. Penny Brock spoke about unhoused residents who camped outside the Senior Center. She thought County Manager Eric Brown was responsible for determining a space to put carts so they were not visible to the public. She noted that in 2023, the County spent \$88 million on the unhoused community and \$10 million on seniors. She wondered why seniors were not receiving the same attention as people experiencing homelessness. She opined the City of Sparks had better senior centers than the County. She suggested that County libraries be made available to serve lunches and provide activities to seniors. She encouraged the Board members to go outside to look at the number of people camped along the street outside the Senior Center. She declared there were laws regarding loitering and nuisances and she thought people should access the Cares Campus instead of the Senior Center for homeless services.

Mr. Gary Schmidt commended Mr. Finley for his comments regarding eminent domain. He thanked the Board for returning public comment to the beginning of the meeting. He displayed a document that was placed on file with the Clerk and explained the document was a map of Gerlach's Master Plan. He declared the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) outlined the authority granted to GIDs. He pointed out that NRS did not contain language that allowed a GID to develop commercial, residential, or industrial property.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon believed the people's freedoms had been eroded, including entering the Chambers without being searched. The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution indicated there had to be probable cause and a warrant signed by a judge to permit someone to be searched. He claimed there was no warrant that required people to be searched when entering the Chambers. He thought forcing people to pass through a metal detector or be wanded was unconstitutional, and he demanded the removal of the metal detector outside the Chambers. He declared that Board members had not contacted him to discuss any concerns he had mentioned during BCC meetings. He noted it was not unlawful for people to clap after someone made a comment they agreed with and thought people should not be chastised for doing so.

Mr. John Briscoe stated he was an applicant for the Audit Committee and wanted to introduce himself to the Board. He shared he had served on several boards and commissions and was a retired Certified Public Accountant (CPA). He said he would be pleased if the Board appointed him.

10:55 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:01 a.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

23-0634 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Vice Chair Herman thanked everyone who spoke during public comment.

Commissioner Clark thought the public comment was informative. He agreed with Mr. Cliff Low's remarks regarding the need for respect and civility during public comment. He requested that an item be placed on a future agenda for Mr. William Mantle to present to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). He stated Mr. Thomas Daly brought up good points about the City of Reno and suggested an item be placed on an agenda regarding his remarks. He spoke about Ms. Janice Jones' comment and opined that threatening to have the police called on a Senior Center patron for having a disagreement with staff was retaliatory. He asserted the County needed to do a better job for seniors. He was scheduled to tour the Douglas County Senior Center and had visited the Carson City Senior Center several times. He suggested the County get a new food vendor for the Senior Center and challenged his fellow Board members to have lunch there sometime to see if they liked the food. He reiterated his concerns regarding Ms. Jones' comments and asked the Board to investigate the incident. He believed County staff should strive to ensure all citizens felt welcome. He mentioned Mr. Matthew Wilkie's comments and asked that an item be placed on an agenda to discuss a better way to manage beds at the Cares Campus. He said there should be a way for working people who lived at the Cares Campus to reserve a bed so they knew they had somewhere to go at the end of the day. He echoed Ms. Penny Brock's comments about hosting senior lunches and activities at County libraries.

Commissioner Andriola thanked Chair Hill and the BCC for bringing public comment back to the beginning of the meetings. She expressed gratitude to County Manager Eric Brown for following up with public commenters. She wondered if there was an opportunity for staff to provide the Board with the information they received while speaking with public commenters so the Commissioners could know which issues had been addressed.

Chair Hill appreciated the opportunity to attend the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference in Elko, Nevada, with her fellow Board members and other County Commissioners throughout the State. She learned that other communities in Nevada had similar issues to Washoe County. She thought the conference was an excellent opportunity to learn and network and looked forward to future NACO events. She noted that during early public comment, the BCC would start hosting virtual comment opportunities for Gerlach and Incline Village (IV).

Manager Brown announced two open positions for the Law Library Board of Trustees, which would close on October 31, 2023. He distributed an item to the Board, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He explained that the Human Services Agency

(HSA) would host a “Have a Heart” open house on November 4, 2023, for anyone interested in learning more about foster care. He congratulated the County’s Communications team for receiving an award during the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference. He reported that the October 24, 2023, BCC meeting would be a strategic planning workshop and would be held at the Sparks Library at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Hill asked if there were any changes to the agenda, to which Manager Brown responded no. Chair Hill said she knew people were enthusiastic about having public comment return to the beginning of the meeting. She noted electronic comment (E-comment) was an option for people who could not comment in person. She asserted that comments received virtually were taken just as seriously as comments received in person.

23-0635 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Presentation by Dr. Susan Enfield, Washoe County School District Superintendent on the district’s 2023-2026 strategic plan. The presentation will include a review of the strategic plan process, the district’s promise, and the five established goals, which focus on a strong start for students, student voice/advocacy, safety and belonging, academic growth, and empowering students for their future.

Washoe County School District (WCSD) Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: We are WCSD; Our Strategic Planning Process; Our plan is grounded in community voices; Our Promise; Our Pillars; Our Goals; Goal 1: Strong start for every child; Goal 2: Student voice and advocacy; Goal 3: Safety and belonging; Goal 4: Academic growth and achievement; Goal 5: Empowering all learners for their future; Portrait of a WCSD Learner; Schools can’t do it alone; Questions and Discussion.

Dr. Enfield provided a document that was distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. She announced the WCSD added one school in 2023, making the total number of schools in the district 103. She reported a decline in enrollment, which was a national trend. She stated that several groups worked together to develop the strategic plan. She remarked the WCSD’s promise to know every student by name, strength, and need was born from focal points during her time as a teacher and administrator for different school districts.

Dr. Enfield outlined the four pillars of the WCSD strategic plan and declared that the fifth overarching pillar was safety and belonging for students. She highlighted the five goals of the WCSD strategic plan and stated there were excellence targets for each goal. The excellence target for goal one was for at least 15 out of every 20 students to be proficient in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics by the end of third grade. She asserted goal one put significant investments into early learning. She believed giving students a strong start increased their chances of success in school and beyond. Goal two surrounded student voice and advocacy, which allowed students to explore interests both in the classroom and through extracurricular activities offered by the school. Goal three was safety and belonging, which Dr. Enfield opined was the best way

for the WCSD to prevent significant discipline issues and school disruptions. She thought goal three could be reached by increasing school volunteer access, expanding parent-teacher home-visit programs, and integrating annual student climate survey data. Goal four's excellence target was for at least 75 percent of students in grades 4 through 8 to meet or exceed ELA, math, and science standards, which Dr. Enfield claimed could be achieved by providing teachers with high-quality materials to personalize student instruction. Goal five was to ensure students were prepared for their future upon graduation. She noted that goal five had two excellence targets, which were to have 19 out of 20 students participate in dual-credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or career and technical education (CTE) pathways and for every graduate to complete a post-graduation plan. She declared that districts across the Country and the Nevada Department of Education, including the WCSD, developed "portraits of a learner," and she hoped all WCSD students could feel they fit into the portrait of a WCSD learner.

Dr. Enfield said the community could engage with the WCSD in several ways. She wanted the WCSD to be more accessible for school volunteers while maintaining student safety. She announced the WCSD looked to implement student internship opportunities and that local organizations could serve as internship sites. She expressed pride in the opportunity to learn, live, lead, and serve in the community.

Commissioner Garcia stated that when she started working for the WCSD in 2007, there was a graduation rate of 55 percent. She recalled knowing only one out of every four Latino males she served would walk across the graduation stage because the rates were far lower for students of color and those from special populations. In her 16 years working in Title I schools, she saw the daily struggles families were facing. As a school counselor, it was rare that her conversations with students were only about education. Families she worked with focused more on housing, childcare, employment, healthcare, and other things. She applauded Dr. Enfield and her staff for taking a holistic approach to education. She believed an overarching sense of belonging was critical to children's success.

Commissioner Garcia spoke about teen suicide and wanted to know what the County could do to help combat the issue. She thought the County's purchase of the West Hills property would fill a critical need in the region to improve mental health infrastructure. She acknowledged Dr. Enfield's leadership, accessibility, and focus on positive strengths to lift up students. She asked what could be done about the issue of teen suicide in the region. Dr. Enfield responded that the issue was bigger than just the WCSD. She mentioned a youth mental health summit she recently attended where there were robust conversations surrounding teen suicide. She asserted the WCSD had a team that supported students and staff and was eager to discuss what the WCSD could do differently to combat the issue. She reported the WCSD had taken concrete steps by investing in Care Solace, a portal that students, staff, and families could use to connect with local mental health care providers. She hoped the service would increase the availability of and access to mental health care and could help remove some stigma surrounding mental health struggles. She declared it was important for adults to talk with children about mental health issues and show them ways to face adversity and reach out for help when needed.

Commissioner Clark wondered how practical skills for spelling were taught. He suggested tips could be gleaned from people who continually won first place in spelling bee competitions. Dr. Enfield declared that focusing on early learning was critical to give students a solid foundation. She reported the WCSD planned to return to teaching the science of reading to help students develop fundamental skills in phonics. She believed the earlier students could be equipped with foundational literacy and math skills, the better their chances of future success in school.

Commissioner Clark expressed concern about youth suicide. He reported he was a licensed embalmer and understood what families went through when they lost a child. He thought children needed more education on suicide. He recalled that when his daughter was young, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) posted graphic photos depicting people who got in car accidents without their seatbelts, which he showed to his daughter to encourage her to always wear her seatbelt. He wondered if there was a way to schedule student field trips to the Medical Examiner's (ME) Office so children could experience firsthand what happens after someone commits suicide. Dr. Enfield stated she would defer to mental health and child psychology professionals to decide whether that would be an advisable event for children. She said there needed to be a way to help young people understand the seriousness of suicide, but she was unsure if the ME's Office was appropriate to expose children to. She asserted the WCSD needed to ensure there were no invisible children and that every child knew they had someone to reach out to during a low point, which could make a significant difference for them.

Commissioner Andriola appreciated the parent-teacher home-visit program. She thought it was essential to understand a child's home and school dynamics. She noted not all parents had the tools and resources to provide their children with a healthy framework. She had worked with parents of children in high-risk schools and noticed that while parents cared about their children, they might not have the skillset and resources to be good providers. Dr. Enfield said that in all her time as an educator, she had yet to meet a family member who did not want the best for their child; however, she had met plenty who did not have the access or knowledge to navigate the system or felt unsafe coming into a school environment due to past traumas, so they were not equipped to provide everything their child needed. To help with issues such as these, the WCSD developed a family action committee to identify ways to help families be better connected and equipped to support students at home. By law, schools were required to create performance plans available for families to review. Dr. Enfield thought many families did not have the time or interest to go through an entire performance plan, so the WCSD was working to create a family-friendly school performance plan to provide information to families on engagement and involvement in their child's school. She opined the parent-teacher home-visit program was an excellent opportunity to meet families in a space where they felt comfortable and confident. The WCSD was tracking the success of that program.

Commissioner Andriola noted it was Mental Health Awareness Day and declared that one loss of life due to mental health issues was too many. She thanked the WCSD for doing what it could to save lives and educate students in the best way possible.

Chair Hill expressed pride in the strong relationship between the BCC and the WCSD. She thanked Dr. Enfield and Manager Brown for their leadership and was pleased with the efforts made by both organizations to work together.

11:46 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:48 a.m. **The Board reconvened with Commissioner Clark absent.**

DONATIONS

23-0636 **6A1** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$2,000.00] from the Reno Air Racing Association, Inc., dba (doing business as) : National Championship Air Races to support the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), including but not limited to the purchase of food and beverages to be used in emergency response, training, drills, support events or rehab during disasters, and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0637 **6A2** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$2,241.70] from Hot August Nights Inc. to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), including funds to be used for food purchases and operating supplies, and, if approved, authorize 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 Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Clark absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 6A1 and 6A2 be accepted.

11:50 a.m. **Commissioner Clark returned to the meeting.**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 7A1 THROUGH 7H2

23-0638 **7A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meetings of August 15, 2023, and August 22, 2023. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0639 **7A2** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting of September 12, 2023. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0640 **7B1** Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Nicholas-Martin Kearney for a term beginning November 5, 2023, and ending on November 4, 2027, for the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 23-0641** **7B2** Recommendation to approve an Easement Deed - Grant of Tank Drain Line Easement granting a permanent, non-exclusive tank drain line and access easement (totaling ± 4,831 square feet) to Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) on Assessor's Parcel Number 152-430-18, for no charge pursuant to NRS 277.053, located on Washoe County Arrowcreek Open Space, for the placement of a trench to extend the existing STMGID 4 tank drain line. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)
- 23-0642** **7B3** Recommendation to: (1) Retroactively accept Participating Agreement #23-PA-11051900-025 between Washoe County and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Region 5, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, for the Upper Third and Rosewood Creek Water Quality Improvement Project in the amount of \$800,000.00 [required match 200,000.00] for the period of upon approval through June 30, 2026; (2) authorize Assistant County Manager Dave Solaro to execute grant award documentation and any related amendments; and (3) direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. The project proposes to install stormwater treatment Best Management Practices and shoulder stabilization within the existing Washoe County right-of-way and undeveloped United States Forest Service parcels, providing treatment for urban stormwater runoff to meet the Lake Tahoe total maximum daily load. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 23-0643** **7C1** Recommendation to accept a Grant Agreement between Washoe County Human Services Agency and The William N. Pennington Foundation in the amount of [\$270,000.00; no county match] retroactively from July 26, 2023 to July 25, 2024 in support of children in foster care; retroactively authorize the Interim Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. These funds will be used to provide clothing, school supplies, activity support, diapers, hygiene items, educational toys, and Christmas gifts for approximately 520 children in foster care. Funds are also budgeted to purchase items for the Family Engagement Center supply closet to be distributed to families as needed. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 23-0644** **7C2** Recommendation to accept the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) FY24 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$132,300.00; no county match required] retroactive for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to support child abuse prevention activities; authorize the Interim Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the subaward; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. These funds will be used to support the implementation of child abuse prevention activities, which includes Strengthening Families Program at Women's Crossroads, trainings on evidence-based therapy

treatments for Intensive In-Home Services (IIHS) HSA clinical staff as well as contracting with a clinical provider, direct supportive services for the IIHS program and the Differential Response unit, various community outreach public awareness, and parent leadership involvement. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0645 **7C3** Recommendation to accept a FY24 Community Mental Health subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of [\$196,000.00; no county match] for services provided to pregnant women and their dependents through the Women’s Crossroads program retroactive for the period of July 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024; authorize the Interim Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant and related documents; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary budget amendments. Funds will be used to expand and enhance the Women’s Crossroads program with the goal of offering pregnant women and their dependents services including home visits to encourage healthy pregnancies, healthy postpartum care and healthy childcare practices. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0646 **7C4** Recommendation to accept a FY24 Child Death Review (CDR) subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$27,096.00; no County match] retroactive from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to provide public awareness and education on infant safe sleep practices and prevention of child suicide and child fatalities; authorize the Interim 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. Funds under the FY24 Child Death Review grant will support public campaigns focusing on awareness and promotion of infant safe sleep practices, awareness and prevention of child suicide and child fatalities. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0647 **7C5** Recommendation to accept a FY24 Differential Response subaward from the State of Nevada Division of Child & Family Services in the amount of [\$172,545.00; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 to support Differential Response services to at-risk families in the child welfare system; authorize the Interim Director of Human Services Agency to execute the sub-grant and related documents; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0648 **7C6** Recommendation to accept the FY24 Fund to Assist Former Foster Youth (FAFFY program) subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$200,000.00; no county match] retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to provide case management and related services for youth who aged

out of foster care; authorize the Interim Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award retroactively; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0649 **7C7** Recommendation to accept a FY24 John H. Chafee Foster Care Program subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$245,847.00; \$61,462.00 county match], retroactive from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to support youth who are aging out of the foster care system in Washoe County with achieving greater independence as adults; authorize the Interim 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.)

23-0650 **7C8** Recommendation to accept the FY24-FY25 Second Amendment to Grant Agreement 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 [\$462,548, \$231,274 in FY24 and \$231,274 in FY25; no county match] retroactive to July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 to support a healthy meal program to the residents of various Human Services Agency programs such as OUR Place; authorize the Interim Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award retroactively; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0651 **7C9** Recommendation to accept a FY24 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to promote reunification, safety, educational support, and normalcy for children in care; authorize the Interim 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.)

23-0652 **7D1** Recommendation to accept Title II Formula Grant, which is provided by the federal government Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to assist in delinquency prevention and intervention efforts, and juvenile justice systems improvements, from the Juvenile Justice Programs Office in the amount of [\$205,000; no match required] to partially fund the purchase of a new case management system from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2026. If approved, authorize Elizabeth Florez, Director of Juvenile Services to sign the grant award and No match required. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 23-0653** **7E1** Recommendation to approve the budget amendments totaling an increase of [\$100,962.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the EPA Inflation Reduction Act-CAA Special Purpose Activities Grant retroactive to July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments. The purpose of this grant agreement is to provide funding for the Air Quality Monitoring Network to purchase and install new air monitoring equipment to monitor for National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants. This project will improve monitoring and data availability of criteria pollutants so that Washoe County residents, especially those in historically underserved communities, will have the most current and accurate information. Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts.)
- 23-0654** **7F1** Recommendation to approve additional funding [increase of \$74,551.00, no match required for a total of \$214,569.00] as administered through the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of expenses associated with Internet Crimes Against Children investigations and Law Enforcement related training and travel and seek approval of non-county personnel training and travel for the retroactive grant period of October 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023, and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 23-0655** **7F2** Recommendation to approve the 2019 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funding from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Administration. [\$25,000, county match of 25% \$8,333 required] to be used for programmatic supplies, curriculum, overtime and training/travel costs for the retroactive period of August 4, 2023 to September 30, 2023, and direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 23-0656** **7F3** Approve the Interlocal Agreement Extraditions between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Sparks on behalf of the Sparks Police Department in an amount not to exceed [\$50,000] to be paid to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Consolidated Extraditions Unit for the processing of extraditions and transportation of prisoners for the Sparks Police Department, for the period of the date of execution to June 30, 2026. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 23-0657** **7G1** Recommendation to approve the multi-year (FY24-FY26) service agreement between Washoe County and Federal Engineering, Inc. for project management and implementation support for the regional Unified Computer Aided Dispatch and law enforcement Records Management System, and Sheriff's Office Jail Management System project for an

amount not to exceed [\$275,017]; and direct the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0658 **7H1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer’s status report for the period ending September 30, 2023, of payment of refunds and interest since last update in the amount of \$166,272.98 on certain property tax overpayments for residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

23-0659 **7H2** Recommendation to authorize Washoe County Treasurer to auction all delinquent lands held in trust for a total amount not less than the amount of the taxes, costs, penalties and interest legally chargeable against the property with the exception of those parcels listed on Exhibit “A and to approve and execute the Resolution authorizing the Washoe County Treasurer to transfer to other governmental entities, real property held in trust due to property tax delinquencies and other matters properly related thereto. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Debbie Sauk asked if applications were solicited for the open position in Item 7B1. Regarding Item 7C1, she wondered if foster parents were paid to provide clothing, school supplies, diapers, and hygiene items. She asserted that foster parenting was not a job or a source of income but a calling. She expressed frustration about items being retroactively approved. She requested a definition of “differential response services” in Item 7C5 and asked how people were supposed to know how the money was being spent. She declared the people needed transparency. She thought the grant period in Item 7F1 was expired and wondered why that item was on the agenda.

Mr. Gary Schmidt claimed that according to Open Meeting Law (OML), even though the Board bundled items under the Consent Agenda, a constituent was entitled to speak for three minutes on each item if they wished to do so. He reported that many public bodies moved items off the Consent Agenda when a member of the public requested to speak about them.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7H2 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements for same are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

BLOCK VOTE – 8, 10, 14, AND 15

23-0660 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to approve the Third Addendum to SR 28 Corridor Operations and Maintenance Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between Washoe County, Tahoe Transportation District (TTD), Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP), Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Incline Village General Improvement District, Carson City Parks & Recreation Department, Douglas County Parks & Recreation Department and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. The Third Addendum to the ILA identifies responsibilities of agency partners Washoe County, TTD, and the NDSP regarding the management, maintenance and operations of parking and the trail along SR 28 and the collection of parking revenues. The fees are collected by TTD and are used to reimburse Washoe County and NDPS for any operational or maintenance costs associated with parking and the trail along SR 28. Reimbursement amount is not expected to exceed \$300,000 for FY 23/24. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)

Public comment for each item in the Block Vote was heard together.

Commissioner Clark spoke about Item 12 and asked how many cases of Tuberculosis (TB) occurred in the County over the past five years. Chair Hill noted a Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) staff member was present in the Chambers and could answer Commissioner Clark's question. Deputy District Health Officer Erin Dixon informed there were currently four active TB cases the NNPH was working on and she would be happy to provide Commissioner Clark with some data from previous years.

Commissioner Clark wanted Item 12 to be pulled from the agenda until he received more information. Chair Hill asked Commissioner Clark what his concern was. Commissioner Clark responded that the Board was spending \$10 million for a TB clinic when only four people in the County had TB. He wanted to know why a new TB clinic was being built for such a small number of people. Chair Hill pointed out the origins of the funding for the project were in the Staff Report for Item 12. Ms. Dixon explained the funding for the new clinic came from the State. The current TB clinic on Kirman Avenue was in a state of disrepair. Commissioner Clark asked if the current TB clinic was the former Medical Examiner's (ME) Office, which Ms. Dixon confirmed. Commissioner Clark asserted the facility was in disrepair when the ME's Office was there. Ms. Dixon noted the TB clinic was active at that building, and staff and patients were there daily. Funding was secured to tear down and rehabilitate the existing building or build a new one. Based on a recent analysis, building a new facility would save the NNPH money over the next 25 years in maintenance and repair costs that were required for the existing building.

Commissioner Clark stated constituents asked him those questions. He knew there was information in the staff reports, but he did not think everyone had access to them. He remarked that he spoke with County Manager Eric Brown about selling the current facility and wanted to know if there had been any discussions about that.

Chair Hill asked if Commissioner Clark still wanted to pull Item 12. Commissioner Clark inquired if the item could be moved to the following meeting. Chair Hill did not understand why a delay was necessary. Commissioner Clark stated he wanted more information about the project. He asked Ms. Dixon if it would be detrimental to the project if Item 12 were delayed one week. Ms. Dixon responded the project was still in the design phase, so there would be no delays if the approval was moved one week. She reminded that Item 12 was an approval of a budget adjustment as the District Board of Health (DBOH) had already approved the grant.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Debbie Sauk expressed concern about Item 15. She thought the Microsoft Cloud system did not have any security. She suggested Proton, which was an encrypted system. She thought Proton was smaller than Microsoft Cloud but less expensive and more secure.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be approved.

23-0661 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve the purchase of three (3) new Tymco Model DST-6 sweepers from Tymco Regenerative Air Sweepers, 225 E. Industrial Boulevard, Waco, Texas 76705 [\$437,885.00 each for a total of \$1,313,655.00], utilizing Sourcewell (a public agency created by the Minnesota legislature) contract #122017-TYM, pursuant to the joinder provision of NRS 332.195. Sweepers will replace units that have aged-out and will be used to continue day-to-day road operations and maintenance and ensure compliance with air and water quality regulations. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Public comment for each item in the Block Vote was held concurrently; see Agenda Item 8 for any public comment relevant to this item.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

23-0662 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve the Forensic Support Services Agreements between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Carson City Sheriff's Office \$153,231; Mono County (CA) District Attorney's Office \$5,358; Sparks Police Department \$963,493; Winnemucca Police Department \$86,795 for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service fees for the retroactive term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 with a total income of [\$1,208,877.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Public comment for each item in the Block Vote was held concurrently; see Agenda Item 8 for any public comment relevant to this item.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

23-0663 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve the Enterprise Agreement between Washoe County and Microsoft Corporation, through reseller Crayon Software Experts, LLC, for software and services related to the County's use of the Microsoft Office 365 Cloud platform for a three-year contract term for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 [annual amount not to exceed \$1,033,833.45 based on current usage]; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the agreement. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Public comment for each item in the Block Vote was held concurrently; see Agenda Item 8 for the public comment relevant to this item.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved and authorized. Any and all Interlocal Agreements for same are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

23-0664 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve budget amendments and the necessary net-zero, cross-fund budget appropriation transfers to the Community Services Department (CSD) for the design and construction of the Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic totaling an increase of [\$10,000,000.00; no county match] in both revenue and expenditures to the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health TB Clinic Grant retroactive to July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, and direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments and necessary net-zero, cross-fund budget appropriation transfers. The purpose of this grant funding will support the design and construction of a Tuberculosis (TB) Clinic and other Public Health or Community and Clinical Health Services offices to serve the residents of Washoe County. Northern Nevada Public Health. (All Commission Districts.)

This item was continued.

23-0665 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the City of Reno on behalf of the Reno Police Department for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Services, performed by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division, fees for the retroactive term of

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 with a total income of [\$1,500,000.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

This item was tabled.

- 23-0666** **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Hidden Valley Phase 2 Reclaim Transmission Main and Reclaim Meters Addition Project, PWP-WA-2023-445 [staff recommends Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount of \$3,376,007.00]. The Project will provide installation of approximately 7,500 lineal feet of reclaimed waterline mains and appurtenances from Alexander Lake Road at Veterans Parkway to the Hidden Valley Golf Course along Desert Way. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

Division Director of Engineering and Capital Projects Dwayne Smith stated this was a standard construction project. As identified in the Staff Report, this item was Phase II of an extension to a reclaimed water line. He thought this project would open opportunities for regional park facilities, the Hidden Valley Golf Course, and other projects in the area. He declared this project was funded through the County's Capital Improvements Project (CIP) fund. He reported that the bid from Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC) was less than staff initially predicted.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be awarded and approved.

- 23-0667** **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve the appointment of two candidates, pursuant to WCC Section 15.545 to fill terms beginning on the date of appointment and ending on June 30, 2025, for the Washoe County Audit Committee. Applicants for the vacancies include: James Kuthy, John Briscoe, Kevin Stroupe, Matthew Buehler, Nicholas St Jon, Sabrina Grenet, Theo Nicholas. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

Program Assistant Alex Wilson asked the Board to vote on their top two candidates via closed ballot.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Debbie Sauk recommended Mr. John Briscoe, Ms. Sabrina Grenet, and Mr. Kevin Stroupe.

Mr. Nicholas St Jon spoke about a document he created and turned in to former Internal Auditor Samantha Turner regarding voting anomalies and errors in 2020. He declared staff reviewed his document and gave that review to the Audit Committee. He did not have the opportunity to provide feedback on the review and thought it contained

many erroneous points. He remarked he continued to inquire about his report and list of questions that were never answered. He said he applied for this board because he thought the board needed stability.

Ms. Janet Butcher wondered why someone had not been appointed for this position sooner, as the previous term expired on June 30, 2023. She asked why the previous board member did not remain active until a replacement was appointed. She appreciated the applicants who gave public comments and introduced themselves to the Board. She thought the Commission should require applicants to appear before the Board if they wanted to be considered for a seat on an advisory board.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the Commissioner votes aloud. Chair Hill summarized that Mr. Stroupe received three votes and requested a motion to appoint him to the Audit Committee.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Kevin Stroupe be appointed to the Washoe County Audit Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and ending on June 30, 2025.

Chair Hill stated the Board would vote between Ms. Grenet and Mr. Briscoe for the second seat on the Audit Committee. Ms. Galassini read the results of the second round of ballots naming Mr. Briscoe as the selected candidate. Chair Hill requested a motion to appoint Mr. Briscoe to the Audit Committee.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that John Briscoe be appointed to the Washoe County Audit Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and ending on June 30, 2025.

Commissioner Andriola declared that the applicants for this item were well qualified. She appreciated her discussions with them and claimed it was tough to choose the top candidates.

12:20 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

1:00 p.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

23-0668 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to award Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 3232-24 for Sample Ballot Printing and Mailing Services, not including postage or freight for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary, Primary and General elections to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Taylor Printing, in an amount not to exceed [\$308,085.00 total; \$164,795.00 for the FY24 Presidential Preference Primary and Primary Elections and \$143,290.00 for the FY25 General Election], and if approved,

authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the contract. Registrar of Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Herman wondered why there was no language in this item requiring the bid to be awarded to the lowest bidder and if any local companies had bid. County Manager Eric Brown stated there were no local bidders for this item. He noted one additional bidder submitted a bid with a higher price.

Chair Hill asked Comptroller Cathy Hill if this item's language was written the way it was because it was not a requirement to select the lowest bidder for this project. Ms. Hill responded that the language in this item was standard, and sometimes, the lowest bidder was not chosen because the company might not have the proper capacity or equipment for the job.

Commissioner Andriola commended the staff's work searching for local bidders for this project. She appreciated that Taylor Printing was located in Nevada and hoped this item would encourage local vendors to look at ways to serve with future projects. She thanked Manager Brown and Registrar of Voters (ROV) Jamie Rodriguez for their work on this item.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Debbie Sauk was called but declined to speak.

Ms. Penny Brock was excited that this item received a second round of bidding and came back with savings. She expressed disappointment that at the meeting where the Board decided this item would be re-bid, it did not do the same for mail-in ballots. She thought it would be great if an in-state printing company could also print mail-in ballots.

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

23-0669 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Hearing: Master Plan Amendment Case Number WMPA23-0006 and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number WRZA23-0006 (Learner-Lemmon). Consideration of Planning Commission's recommendation to:

(1) Approve an amendment to the North Valleys Area Plan, a component of the Washoe County Master Plan, to redesignate 8.566 acres of a 19.926-acre parcel from Rural (R) to Suburban Residential (SR); and

(2) Adopt an amendment to the North Valleys Regulatory Zone Map, to redesignate 5 acres of a 19.926-acre parcel from Medium Density Suburban (MDS) (3 units/acre) to High Density Suburban (HDS) (7 units/acre), to redesignate 3.27 acres of the same parcel from Medium Density Suburban (MDS) to Open Space (OS) (0 units/acre), to redesignate 2.35 acres of the same parcel from General Rural (GR) (1 unit/40 acres) to Medium Density

Suburban (MDS), to redesignate 5.59 acres of the same parcel from General Rural (GR) to High Density Suburban (HDS), and to redesignate .53 acres of the same parcel from General Rural (GR) to Open Space (OS). Approximately 3.18 acres of Medium Density Suburban (MDS) will retain its current zoning. The regulatory zone amendment is subject to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners of the associated master plan amendment and a finding of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by regional planning authorities; and

(3) If approved, authorize the chair to sign resolutions to this effect. And subject to a finding of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by the regional planning authorities, to approve a resolution initiating an amendment to the 2019 Truckee Meadows Regional Land Designation of the subject parcel from Tier 3 (maximum density existing) to Tier 2 (maximum density 30 du/acre). The applicant is Krater Consulting Group, PC and the property owners are Brett H. and Brian A. Learner. The subject parcel is located at 0 Pan American Drive, Reno, NV (APN 080-461-08), located approximately to the west of the intersection of Fleetwood Dr and Lear Blvd, and is 19.926 acres. The Board of County Commissioners may adopt the proposed amendments as presented, may modify the proposed master plan amendment and refer the modified amendment back to the Planning Commission for its report in accordance with NRS 278.220(4), or may deny the proposed amendments after the public hearing. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Ken Krater stated he was the applicant for this project. He declared he was an advocate of changing the way engineering was done in the North Valleys regarding water infiltration basins. He said he was the project manager when the Reno/Stead Airport Master Plan was underway, and he got the group to increase the amount of water infiltration by 30 percent. He speculated many people did not properly maintain their infiltration basins, which, if appropriately managed, could provide excess infiltration and make up for houses built without infiltration systems. He believed new development in the area would provide an extra 30 percent of infiltration, which would help with storm runoff and reduce the inflow to the Swan and Lemmon Lakes during flood events. He reported that during public outreach efforts, he spent two hours with neighbors to answer all their questions and continued to follow up as people had additional questions. He felt his company dealt with all the necessary issues for this project. He submitted this project's tentative map application concurrently with the Master Plan amendment because he thought the neighbors should know what the project would look like. He hoped the tentative map would be processed within the month. He noted he had a follow-up meeting scheduled with neighbors in early December to address any additional concerns.

Ms. Debbie Sauk declared people purchased homes in the North Valleys because of the area's rural nature. She thought there needed to be more infrastructure in the area to accommodate the increased traffic that would result from another development. She

felt high-density housing was unacceptable for the area and asked the Board to vote no on this item.

Ms. Janet Butcher wondered if this project's infrastructure was already in place. She spoke about traffic issues from new developments. She pointed out that the air races could no longer be hosted in the North Valleys because too many houses had been built in the area. She hoped Vice Chair Herman would relay whether the community favored this project.

Mr. Roger Edwards said he was a resident of Golden Valley. He reported that the freeway was tough to travel in the mornings and evenings. He pointed out this item would allow the developer to build 30 dwelling units per acre. He thought Mr. Krater had developed outstanding projects but did not think this project fit into the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan (TMRP). He asked the Board to vote no on this item.

Vice Chair Herman acknowledged the community needed housing. She claimed there was an effluent problem in Lemmon Valley and she did not want any additional enemies in the area. She stated she would vote against this item.

Chair Hill asked Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Nate Edwards to remind the Board members what to consider when approving or denying these types of projects. ADA Edwards directed the Board to page 4 of the Staff Report, which included findings for a Master Plan change. He recommended Board members articulate why the project should or should not be approved. He thought it was helpful when the Commission indicated which findings the motion was based on because they would be considered by a judge in the event of a judicial review.

Chair Hill appreciated Vice Chair Herman's feedback. She thought the development was consistent with the Master Plan, compatible land uses, and the area's growth pattern.

Commissioner Andriola pointed out this item was considered by the Planning Commission (PC) several times, and all the findings had been met. A lot of due diligence was done while going through the process to ensure the project was aligned and the findings were intact.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Vice Chair Herman and Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be approved, adopted, and authorized. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Item 17 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

23-0670 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Public Comment.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett appreciated that public comment was returned to the beginning of the meeting. She expressed gratitude that Ms. Gianna Jacks was appointed to

the Library Board of Trustees (LBT) and frustration that Ms. Ann Silver was also appointed. She thanked Commissioner Andriola for responding to her email, which included her recommendations for appointment to the LBT. She alleged the Board's decision not to appoint Ms. Reva Crump to the LBT was similar to the County's decision not to hire Ms. Tracey Hilton-Thomas for a position at the Registrar of Voters' (ROV) Office. She commended Vice Chair Herman for being the only Commissioner to vote for Ms. Crump. She suggested a Board member speak with the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees about returning early public comment to its meetings. She claimed Highline Public Schools, where Dr. Susan Enfield was previously employed, had 43 schools and a graduation rate of 85 percent.

Ms. Penny Brock thanked Commissioner Andriola for asking for follow-up on public comments. Ms. Brock looked forward to feedback from County Manager Eric Brown regarding shopping carts in the parking lot. She wanted the Senior Center to be something other than an extension of the Cares Campus. She suggested turning the current Senior Center into a Tuberculosis (TB) clinic and finding a new location for the Senior Center. She pointed out that Columbus Day and Nevada Day were not on the calendar on the County's website. She declared the calendar did not recognize important American holidays and thought something needed to be done about it.

Mr. Roger Edwards spoke about the WCSD. He stated that Dr. Enfield's presentation did not address English-learning students, which he thought was problematic. He asserted students could not be taught other subjects if they did not understand English. He believed children should finish school with proper qualifications to be part of the community.

Ms. Janet Butcher thanked Program Assistant Alex Wilson for answering her questions. She thought it was interesting that Dr. Enfield spoke about partnering with parents. She acknowledged Elections Specialist Valerie Balen for her communication skills. She expressed disappointment that someone with 20 years of experience was not hired over someone with less experience for a position. She appreciated that Ms. Brock mentioned the County calendar. She stated October 6, 2023, was German day. She spoke about her heritage and claimed she was a melting pot, which was what America was about.

23-0671 AGENDA ITEM 19 Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Clark pointed out only one Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) deputy was in attendance. He wanted to see a presentation from the Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) on things such as employment and job availabilities. He spoke about Mr. Thomas Daly's public comment regarding things the County was undercharging for. He noted Mr. Matthew Wilkie brought up concerns about the Cares Campus. Commissioner Clark felt working people living at the Cares Campus should take priority when it came to beds. He thought there needed to be a reliable source of information on bed availability. He mentioned the Golden Valley Area Recharge Program (GVARP) and asked what it cost to have staff send bills to that community. He recalled Ms. Penny Brock's comments regarding shopping carts on County property and inquired

if they could be considered stolen property. He requested a meeting with the Human Resources (HR) department about some issues. He pointed out that early public comment ended at 10:55 a.m. and final public comment ended at 1:40 p.m.

Vice Chair Herman said her heart went out to the people of Israel.

Commissioner Andriola echoed Vice Chair Herman’s comments. She expressed her deepest hopes that the issues in Israel would stop. She appreciated Chair Hill inviting the Board to attend a service in support and prayer for the people of Israel.

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1:45 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Taylor Chambers, Deputy County Clerk*