

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JANUARY 9, 2001

PRESENT:

Ted Short, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

01-05 AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Short ordered that the agenda for the January 9, 2001 meeting be approved with the following amendment: Delete Item 8J(7) concerning an Agreement with Sierra Pacific Communications regarding installation of underground fiber optic conduit through Bartley Ranch Regional Park.

01-06 ELECTION - BOARD CHAIRMAN

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Commissioner Shaw was appointed as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Chairman Shaw then assumed the gavel and presided over the meeting as follows:

Jim Shaw, Chairman
Pete Sferrazza, Vice Chairman [elected below]
Joanne Bond, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Ted Short, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

Chairman Shaw thanked the Commissioners for the honor of serving as Chair for 2001. He then presented Commissioner Short with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the people of Washoe County as Chairman of the Washoe County Board of Commissioners from January 2000 to January 2001.

01-07 ELECTION – BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Commissioner Sferrazza was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Weller, area resident, commented that at this morning's joint meeting between Washoe County and the Reno City Council, the City committed to build a municipal courthouse at the Pioneer Inn site unless they are convinced within a 60-day period that it makes more sense to do some construction at 1 South Sierra Street. He urged the Board to immediately appoint the justice facilities advisory committee so they are able to address all issues within this 60-day timeframe.

Robert Metz, area resident, said the judicial center does not belong downtown. A more appropriate location would be on Parr Boulevard where an improved center could be built for less than \$50-million including the land. The citizens committee needs to be put in place and every option needs to be looked at thoroughly.

Guy Felton, Washoe County citizen, discussed issues concerning his arrest at a meeting of the Reno City Council in November 1999 and the inhumane treatment he received at the County jail. He said the Board of County Commissioners is ultimately responsible for overseeing the Jail. He then expressed his disagreement with some of the decisions made by the Board in the past few months.

Elisa Maser, Champions of the Truckee River, provided a brief update on the Truckee River flood protection plan process. She thanked Washoe County for the staff support provided to the process and acknowledged staff members Paul Urban, Kathy Carter, and Bob Harmon for their efforts. Chairman Shaw and Katy Singlaub, County Manager, expressed appreciation to Ms. Maser for her efforts regarding this process.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, requested item No. 22 for discussion regarding the appointment of an Airport Authority Trustee be moved forward on the agenda so people wishing to speak on that item would not have to wait until the end of the meeting. He then discussed his disagreement with an article in the Reno Gazette-Journal that slammed the County Commissioners for demanding a full EIS on the air cargo issue.

Al Hesson, area citizen, reviewed issues concerning the lack of progress regarding downtown development. He noted the many vacant buildings and sites, lack of retail businesses, and low attendance at the new movie house.

Kathy Burke, Washoe County Recorder, advised there was an article in today's Reno Gazette-Journal concerning the Homestead Act, and more is involved in the process than was reported. She requested that people review the statute concerning Homesteading and recognize they need to bring their homestead document to the Recorder's Office. Upon inquiry of Commissioner Sferrazza, Ms. Burke advised that the Recorder's Office does not have the forms for filing a Homestead.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Chairman Shaw stated that, in response to Mr. Dehne's request, Item 22 would be heard after the Consent agenda items.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he wanted to make sure the appointment of the justice center committee would be on next week's agenda.

01-08 RESOLUTION – REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN CRIMINAL MATTER – DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Upon recommendation of Madelyn Shipman, Assistant District Attorney, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute:

RESOLUTION- Requesting the assistance of the Attorney General in the prosecution of a certain criminal matter.

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney is responsible for the prosecution of criminal offenses which have occurred within the County of Washoe; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has recently received a request to prosecute an aggravated stalking case; and

WHEREAS, the defendant is related to one of the employees in the Washoe County District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, if the Washoe County District Attorney's Office proceeds there would likely arise at some point the question of a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, it is essential in our judicial system that the conduct of the prosecutor remain free of any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County as follows:

1. That in accordance with the provisions of NRS 228.130 the Nevada Attorney General is hereby requested to assume complete responsibility for the handling

of the criminal prosecution relating to Washoe County Sheriff's Case No. 287717-00 involving a charge of aggravated stalking.

2. That should the Attorney General agree to assume responsibility for the handling of the aforementioned case, the Comptroller of Washoe County will, upon submission of a duly verified claim, pay from the general fund of Washoe County all expenses that the Attorney General incurs in the prosecution of said case.

**01-09 FINANCIAL REPORTS – GENERAL, HEALTH AND PUBLIC
WORKS CONSTRUCTION FUNDS – COMPTROLLER**

Upon recommendation of Kathy Garcia, Comptroller, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the General, Health and Public Works Construction Funds Financial Reports for the Four Months Ended October 31, 2000 (Unaudited) be accepted.

**01-10 PAYMENT OF MOVING EXPENSES – THREE DISTRICT
COURT MANAGEMENT LEVEL POSITIONS**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised additional information has been provided to the Board in response to questions raised at yesterday's caucus meeting concerning this item.

Upon recommendation of Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the payment of moving expenses for the District Court Administrator and the Assistant District Court Administrators of the General Jurisdiction and Family Courts (three positions) be authorized.

**01-11 INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, SUPPLEMENTAL
SECURITY INCOME, AND PERSONAL ALLOWANCE – SOCIAL
SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Mike Capello, Director, Department of Social Services, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following actions be taken:

1. Adult Group Care (AGC) rate of \$776 per month be approved.
2. All AGC residents' personal needs allowance be increased from \$65 to \$84 per month.
3. AGC residents who are recipients of Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income be allowed to keep their 3.5% cost-of-living increase for the month of January 2001.

01-12 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – NORTHERN NEVADA DUI TASK FORCE - SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of \$1,200 from the Northern Nevada DUI Task Force to pay for overtime and meals incurred during saturation DUI enforcement patrols be accepted with gratitude. It was further ordered that the following account transactions be authorized:

Increase Revenues	
15236D-5802	\$1,200
Increase Expenditures	
15236D-7003	\$1,105
15236D-7234	\$ 95

01-13 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – ROBERT Z. HAWKINS FOUNDATION – E. L. CORD FOUNDATION – "INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS" – SHERIFF

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of \$2,500 from the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation and \$5,000 from the E.L. Cord Foundation for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office "Internet Safety Tips for Kids" Program be accepted with gratitude. It was further ordered that the following account transactions be authorized:

Increase Revenues	
15235D-5802	\$7,500
Increase Expenditures	
15235D-7230	\$7,500

01-14 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – MEDICAL BACKBOARDS – TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that a donation of 11 wooden medical backboards be accepted with gratitude.

It was noted the estimated value of the backboards is negligible since the fire department replaced all wooden backboards with plastic ones. The wooden backboards will be modified for use when dealing in emergency situations with injured or disabled dogs of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

**01-15 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION – STOCK TRANSFER –
PURCHASE OF MOBILE COMPUTER TERMINALS –
INCLINE VILLAGE SUBSTATION – SHERIFF**

Upon recommendation of Dennis Balaam, Sheriff, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the donation of a stock transfer from an anonymous donor in Incline Village in the amount of approximately \$70,000 be accepted with gratitude. Net proceeds from the sale of the stock will be used to purchase approximately 10 mobile computer terminals for the patrol units at the Incline Village Substation. It was further ordered that the Treasurer's Office be directed to set up the account to facilitate the acceptance of the stock transfer, liquidate the stock upon receipt and credit net proceeds to the Sheriff's Office account reflected below; that the Capital Outlay expenditure of ten mobile computer terminals at a cost of approximately \$7,000 each be approved and the computer terminals be added to the IT refresh program; and that the following account transactions be authorized:

Increase Revenues	
15232D-5802	\$70,000
Increase Expenditures	
15232D-7849	\$70,000

01-16 AUTHORITY TO PURSUE GRANT – SENIOR SERVICES

Upon recommendation of Karen Mabry, Director, Senior Services, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Director of Senior Services be authorized to pursue a grant from the Human Services Consortium in the amount of \$55,000.

It was noted that the purpose of the grant would be to provide case management, legal assistance, and adult daycare as an interdisciplinary approach to avoiding premature institutionalization.

**01-17 AWARD OF BID – HOT AND COLD MEAL DELIVERY
VEHICLES - BID NO. ITB-2263-01 – SENIOR SERVICES**

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on November 1, 2000, for two Hot and Cold Meal Delivery Vehicles for the Senior Services Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

Delivery Concepts, Inc.
Custom Sales & Service
Mobile Advantage, Inc.

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bid No. ITB-2263-01 for two Hot and Cold Meal Delivery Vehicles for the Senior Services Department be awarded to Delivery Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$46,800 per vehicle for a total bid award of \$93,600.

**01-18 AWARD OF BID – 20 CUBIC YARD BELLY DUMP TRAILERS –
BID NO. ITB-2271-01 – EQUIPMENT SERVICES**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised additional information has been provided to the Board in response to questions raised at yesterday's caucus meeting concerning this item.

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on December 6, 2000, for two new 20 Cubic Yard Belly Dump Trailers for the Equipment Services Division of the General Services Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

Worthen Kenworth & Equipment, Inc.
Sierra Freightliner

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bid No. ITB-2271-01 for two new 20 Cubic Yard Belly Dump Trailers for the Equipment Services Division of the General Services Department be awarded to Worthen Kenworth & Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$27,315 per trailer for a total bid award of \$54,630.

**01-19 AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION BID –MAIN ENTRANCE
VESTIBULE AT COUNTY JAIL – PUBLIC WORKS**

This was the time to consider award of construction bid, Notice to Contractors for receipt of sealed proposals having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on December 7, 13, 14, and 15, 2000 for construction of the Sheriff's Main Entrance Vestibule at the Jail. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

The following bids were received:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Advance Installations	\$35,000
Dennis Banks Construction	\$49,708
Reno Construction	\$38,060

Upon recommendation of Don Jeppson, Associate Architect, through Rodney Savini, Capital Projects Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the bid for construction of the Sheriff's Main Entrance Vestibule at the Jail be awarded to Advance Installations, the low responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$35,000, and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the contract documents upon presentation.

01-20 RECEIPT OF MONTHLY STATUS REPORT – WOLF RUN GOLF COURSE (GOLF VISION) – WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, through John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that receipt of the Monthly Status Report regarding Wolf Run Golf Course (Golf Vision) reclaimed water service payment and usage be acknowledged.

01-21 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROCEDURE - HAWCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Letter of Understanding between Hawco Development Corporation and the Department of Water Resources concerning the procedure to provide for utility infrastructure to serve proposed development be approved and the Water Resources Director be authorized to execute same.

01-22 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROCEDURE – MONTREUX JOINT VENTURE – WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Letter of Understanding between Montreux Joint Venture and the Department of Water Resources concerning the procedure to provide utility infrastructure to serve proposed development be ratified.

**01-23 WAIVER OF CONSENT AS APPORTIONMENT REPORTS –
SAD 23 ASSESSMENTS – ARROWCREEK**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, Department of Water Resources, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Affidavits 20 and 21 of Waiver and Consent as Apportionment Reports to redistribute Special Assessment District (SAD) 23 assessments for ArrowCreek be accepted, and the Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record the Affidavit with the County Recorder.

**01-24 RECTROACTIVE APPLICATION – WERCCS PROJECT –
RETIREES FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

Upon recommendation of Joanne Ray, Director of Human Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that a window period for December 2000, which provides for retroactive application of the WERCCS Project to retirees for Confidential Employees, Unclassified Management Employees, Juvenile Services Employees, and Law Library Employees (excluding District Court and Justice Court Employees) be approved.

**01-25 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – SUPERVISORY AND
NON-SUPERVISORY UNITS – WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION (WCEA) – WERCCS PROJECT TO RETIREES**

Upon recommendation of Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Memorandum of Agreement with the Washoe County Employees Association (WCEA) providing a window period for December 2000 for retroactive application of the WERCCS Project for retirees for the Supervisory and Non-Supervisory bargaining units be ratified.

**01-26 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – SUPERVISORY
DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION**

Upon recommendation of Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Supervisory Deputy Sheriff's Association bargaining unit be ratified:

Term of Agreement

The term of the Agreement is for three years, January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003.

Salaries

January 1, 2001	-	4% general salary increase.
January 1, 2002	-	4% general salary increase.
January 1, 2003	-	3.5% general salary increase.

Vacation Leave

Increase vacation leave for employees with over one year's service by one day annually to match the Deputy Sheriff's bargaining unit accruals.

Sick Leave

Employees are currently paid for unused sick leave upon retirement at a rate of one hour of pay for three hours of accrued sick leave with a maximum payout for 600 hours. Effective January 1, 2003, the maximum payment will be increased to 800 hours.

Overtime, Call-In and Standby Pay

Reinforce the language that recognizes the Sheriff's right to require employees to work any overtime deemed necessary by management, and that the maximum payment for such overtime is time and one-half.

Longevity Pay

Increase longevity pay for employees employed five years from one-quarter percent (1/4%) per year of service up to a maximum of six and one-quarter percent (6-1/4%) to one-third percent (1/3%) per year of service up to a maximum of seven and one-half percent (7-1/2%).

Discipline

Eliminate the language in the agreement that purged disciplinary actions from consideration after eighteen (18) months of discipline-free employment.

Incline Differential

Increase the Incline differential from two hundred and thirty-one dollars (\$231) per pay period to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

01-27 AMENDED AGREEMENT – JOINT PLANNING OF SPARKS COURT FACILITIES – FINANCE

Upon recommendation of Kim Carlson, Administrative Analyst, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Amended Cooperative Agreement between Washoe

County, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sparks, and the City of Sparks, concerning joint planning of court facilities be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-28 **AMENDED AGREEMENT – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
AND AGREEMENT TO LEASE WITH RIGHT TO PURCHASE –
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER - PST FACILITY, INC.**

Upon recommendation of David Roundtree, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the amendment to the Development Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Right to Purchase be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-29 **AMENDMENT NO. 1 – AGREEMENT FOR FINAL DESIGN OF
EXPANSION OF SOUTH TRUCKEE MEADOWS WATER
RECLAMATION FACILITY – CAROLLO ENGINEERS**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, Department of Water Resources, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Letter Agreement for Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement between Washoe County and Carollo Engineers, P.C. for final design of the expansion of the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility in the amount of \$58,535 be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute.

01-30 **GRANT OF EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT –
JOSEPH P. OR DEBRA C. BARRUS, TRUSTEES – WATER
RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, Department of Water Resources, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Grant of Easement and Maintenance Agreement from Joseph P. Barrus or Debra C. Barrus, Trustees, or successor Trustee(s) of the 1997 Joseph P. Barrus and Debra S. Barrus Revocable Trust, as Grantors, and Washoe County, as Grantee, for construction, maintenance and repair of a water line and access road to be located as described in Exhibit "A" be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute. It was further ordered that the Utility Services Division Manager be directed to record same with the County Recorder's office.

01-31

**EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS – REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT FUND – TRUCKEE RIVER WATER RIGHT
AVAILABILITY – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT -
WATER RESOURCES**

Upon recommendation of Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on behalf of the Regional Water Planning Commission, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the expenditure of \$53,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund to provide an analysis of Truckee River water right availability be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute the Professional Service Contract to proceed with the analysis.

01-32

**RESOLUTION – DECLARING JANUARY 9, 2001 AS MARY
ELIZABETH BEEDLE DAY**

Chairman Shaw approached the podium. He advised that Mary Elizabeth Beedle passed away last month. She was an educator and his and Commissioner Bond's friend. Ms. Beedle also served on the Washoe County Parks Commission. Chairman Shaw read the Resolution and presented the document to Karen Mullen, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, who accepted it on behalf of the Beedle family. Ms. Mullen said Ms. Beedle was a very special person who brought great joy to the Parks Department and served the community well. She advised the Parks Department would plant a grove of aspen trees in her honor at Bartley Ranch. Commissioner Bond said Mary Elizabeth did a great deal for the community and will be missed.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the following Resolution be adopted and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Beedle touched many lives throughout her 40-year teaching career in Washoe County serving at Reno, Wooster and McQueen high schools; and

WHEREAS, Mary's passion for golf directed her to serve her community as a liaison to the County's Golf Council, and she also served as a member of the Washoe County Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mary was very instrumental in developing a five-year financial analysis and reorganization of both the Washoe County and Sierra Sage Golf Courses, culminating in a \$3 million renovation of the two courses in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Mary was also an integral part of the County's joint use agreements with the Washoe County School District, working tirelessly to see that limited funding for building ball fields was utilized in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, As a result of her efforts, a new joint use policy was adopted by both the school district and the respective local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Mary was a great advocate of youth and adamant that all children have access to programs like the County's Before and After School Activity Program; and

WHEREAS, Mary's family's home was located in south Reno near the Bartley Ranch Regional Park, and she was involved in the development of the park and committed to its western heritage theme; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Beedle passed away on December 18, 2000; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Washoe County Board of Commissioners that Tuesday, January 9, 2001 be declared Mary Elizabeth Beedle Day in honor of the many contributions Mary made to Washoe County and its citizens.

01-33A DISCUSSION – AIRPORT AUTHORITY TRUSTEE
APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Sferrazza advised there has been some history of the Board only appointing persons who live in the unincorporated area to the Airport Authority Board, but, in checking the statute, he did not see that requirement. He believes all County citizens should have an equal opportunity to apply for the positions and would support changing the practice.

Chairman Shaw stated the Manager's office advised that 12 applications were received for the Airport Board position and 8 of the applicants live in the unincorporated area as was specified in the newspaper advertisement. He believes specified guidelines, deadlines, and qualifications should be adhered to. While he does not have a problem changing procedures, he does not think it should be done after something is advertised.

Commissioner Short commented the Board has traditionally followed the policy of requiring an applicant to live in the unincorporated area, and the position was advertised with that requirement. He noted that Washoe County has two appointees on the Airport Authority Board, and the City of Reno has four. An expense as high as \$1,000 would be involved with running the advertisement again. The issue should be looked at in the future but for now the Board should stay with the established procedure.

Commissioner Galloway noted the City of Reno has appointed persons from the unincorporated area in the past. A partial solution would be to have at least one member on the Airport Board from the unincorporated County. He does not see why the County could not reopen the ad, noting the cost would not be excessive.

Commissioner Bond said airport issues are regional and she would be willing to reopen the application process.

Sam Dehne, Reno citizen, spoke in support of opening the process to all Washoe County citizens. He said restricting the applications to unincorporated citizens only is a violation of law. He then discussed the reasons why he should be appointed to the Airport Authority Board.

All Hesson, County resident, read comments from the Sparks Tribune concerning quality of life issues that should be reviewed by the Airport Authority Board. The article also said the focus of the Airport Authority should be to make informed decisions for the entire community and create an environment that is airport passenger and airline friendly instead of replacing people with cargo.

Guy Felton, County citizen, harshly challenged members of the Board who indicated they did not want to reopen the application process at this time, even though the ads were wrong, stupid and unconstitutional. He said the application process should be reopened in order to solicit the best-qualified Washoe County citizens to serve on the Airport Authority Board.

Commissioner Galloway commented that gratuitous insults made to the Board do not help, and the Board's job is to do the right thing. He moved that staff be directed to reopen the advertisement and accept applications Countywide for the Airport Authority Board. Commissioner Sferrazza seconded the motion, adding that he does not approve of some of the remarks made and thinks everyone has acted in good faith.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Short, Legal Counsel Shipman advised there is nothing unlawful or unconstitutional about establishing criteria for screening candidates.

On call for the question, Commissioners Galloway, Sferrazza and Bond voted "aye" and Commissioners Shaw and Short voted "no." The motion passed 3-2.

Chairman Shaw said his intent would be that two Commissioners would serve as a review committee to screen applications and have three to five candidates to be interviewed by the Board.

01-33B

**APPEARANCE – MARK FARMAN – DIVISION OF STATE
LANDS – PUBLIC LANDS POLICY UPDATE PROJECTS**

Mark Farman, Public Lands Planner, Division of State Lands, reviewed the report on Nevada's Public Lands Policy Update. A brochure and briefing packet outlining the process and policies was provided. He advised that the project is an update of the 1985 Nevada Statewide Policy Plan for Public Land, called the SB40 report. It is important to update the policies and develop an action-oriented plan. A strong unified voice for public lands is especially important so counties can interface with Federal agencies. He requested that people attend the workshops held in each county and provide input on specific topics outlined in the report. The Washoe County public workshop will be held January 31st from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Old Huffaker School at Bartley Ranch Park.

Commissioner Galloway noted that State Lands own several properties at Lake Tahoe purchased under the Tahoe Bond Act and Burton/Santini funds, which were retired because of a concern that certain sensitive areas were being damaged. However, unlike California, State Lands never banked the coverage. Coverage is a building space allotment that is transferable. State Lands is 20 years behind California in this procedure and should get this land bank going. He would like State Lands to look at the necessity of continuing to pay rent each time the County put snow on vacant lots owned by the State. He does not think snow is harmful to vacant lots unless it is demonstrated that cleanup is needed due to debris in the snow, etc. He noted the City is charged an annual fee for every bridge that crosses the Truckee River. These fees represent taxpayer money and, in his opinion, these small payments are inefficient and create needless bookkeeping. The State should pay enough money to run the State Lands Department in one check instead of hundreds of little checks. He commented his remarks are not a criticism of the organization but of some of the bureaucratic entanglements he believes need to be straightened out. Mr. Farman said he would take the comments back to his organization. He then responded to questions of the Board.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Sferrazza, John Singlaub, Bureau of Land Management, provided information concerning grazing allotments, etc.

01-34

**PURCHASE – COUNTYWIDE COMPUTER HARDWARE AND
SOFTWARE LICENSE – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/
PURCHASING**

Following discussion, upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following hardware and software license purchases for the County's Refresh Program be approved:

Company	Department	2000/2001
Dell Marketing	IT Department – January 2001	\$170,496
Dell Marketing	IT Department – March 2001	\$139,860
Microage of California	Microsoft Upgrade Advantage	\$ 32,200
	Total	\$342,556

It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to purchase additional computer hardware and software licensing through the duration of the current State of Nevada contracts which the County has been utilizing for the acquisition of the hardware and software pursuant to the joinder provisions of NRS 332.195.

It was noted that under NRS 332.195 (2.) and NRS 333.470 (1.) the County is authorized to use State of Nevada contracts with the permission of the contractor. This has been found advantageous for the purchase of computer hardware through the Dell and Gateway Corporations and Microsoft software licensing through Microage of Sacramento.

01-35 AWARD OF BID – 26,000# GVWR LUBE TRUCK - BID NO. ITB2268-01 – EQUIPMENT SERVICES

This was the time to consider award of bid, Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids having been published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on December 6, 2000, for a new 26,000# GVWR LUBE TRUCK, on behalf of the Equipment Services Division of the General Services Department. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk, were received from the following vendors:

- Sierra Freightliner
- Sierra Truck Body & Equipment
- Silver State International

Upon recommendation of John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Bid No. ITB-2268-01 for a new 26,000# GVWR LUBE TRUCK, on behalf of the Equipment Services Division of the General Services Department be awarded to Sierra Freightliner, in the net amount of \$105,083. It was noted the award amount includes the base bid of \$105,322 less \$2,839 for acceptance of Allison MD3060P transmission option which has been determined to be satisfactory for the engine offered, and a \$2,600 add for the optional roll-up rear door.

**01-36 RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT – NORTH VALLEYS
CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Upon recommendation of Leslie Roylance, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the resignation of Thomas W. Harrison, Sr. as an at-large representative on the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) be accepted. It was further ordered that Randall Robison fill the vacant position with a term to expire June 30, 2001.

**01-37 NAME A REPRESENTATIVE – NOXIOUS WEED ISSUES –
STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, advised that, following her discussion with Dick Post, Western Area Director, Cooperative Extension, staff recommends Dr. Susan Donaldson as the person the Nevada Weed Action Committee, an interagency working group formed by the Nevada Department of Agriculture, would contact concerning noxious weed issues.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Dr. Susan Donaldson be named as the individual from Washoe County staff that would assume the responsibility for being the County contact person on noxious weed issues to assist in the implementation of Nevada's Coordinated Invasive Weed Strategy.

**01-38 UPGRADE STREET NAMING COORDINATOR POSITION TO
PERMANENT FULL-TIME – BUDGET**

Following discussion, upon recommendation of Ron Steele, Administrative Analyst, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that an upgrade of the budgeted, but vacant, Street Naming Coordinator position from a permanent half-time to a permanent full-time position be approved.

Commissioner Galloway noted this position would now have duties other than just naming streets and it was suggested at yesterday's caucus meeting that the position title should probably be changed.

**01-39 SALARY AND BENEFITS – CONFIDENTIAL CHIEF DEPUTY
SHERIFF POSITIONS**

Upon recommendation of Joanne Ray, Director of Human Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the following salary and benefits for Chief Deputy Sheriff (Assistant Sheriff and Undersheriff) positions designated as confidential employees be approved:

1. Grant a 4% general salary increase effective January 1, 2001.
2. Grant a 4% general salary increase effective January 1, 2002.
3. Grant a 3.5% general salary increase effective January 1, 2003.
4. Increase vacation leave for employees with over one year's service by one day annually to match the Deputy Sheriff's bargaining unit accruals.
5. Increase maximum payout of sick leave upon retirement from 600 hours to 800 hours, effective January 1, 2003. Employees are currently paid for unused sick leave upon retirement at a rate of one hour of pay for three hours of accrued sick leave with a maximum payout for 600 hours.
6. Increase longevity pay for employees employed five years from one-quarter percent (1/4%) per year of service up to a maximum of six and one-quarter percent (6 1/4%) to one-third percent (1/3%) per year of service up to a maximum of seven and one-half percent (7 1/2%).

**01-40 AGREEMENT – ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – FACILITY
PLANNING AND DESIGN - LAWTON/VERDI INTERCEPTOR –
WATER RESOURCES**

Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, distributed a letter received this morning from Verdi Meadows Utility Company dated January 8, 2001, which the Board reviewed. The letter requested the Utility Division's request to execute the Project Cooperation Agreement between Washoe County and the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers for Facility Planning Design of the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor be withdrawn until such time as a proper alternative analysis of all options is completed and released to the public.

Mr. Schmidt responded to questions of the Board and advised citizen input would be a part of the process. He said the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has requirements that need to be met, including a screening of alternatives, prior to approving any loan, and the State's blessing would be necessary in order to make the project happen. Discussion was held concerning the matters set forth in the Verdi Meadows Utility Company letter and Mr. Schmidt responded to questions.

Steve Walker, Walker and Associates, advised the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor is recognized in the Regional Water Management Plan as a facility to be constructed. Once it is time to begin construction, the project would have to be presented to the Regional Water Planning Commission for conformance review. To his knowledge there was not a lot of discussion by the Regional Water Planning Commission concerning alternatives to wastewater treatment in the Verdi area because the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor made so much sense from a water/wastewater linkage and watershed management

standpoint. Mr. Walker responded to further questions of the Board concerning comments contained in the letter from the Verdi Meadows Utility Company.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Short, Mr. Schmidt advised the intent is to establish a Special Assessment District to recover the County's 25% match of Federal funds to be expended for the project. Mr. Schmidt responded to questions concerning financial issues related to the project.

Chairman Shaw asked if there was anyone present from the Verdi Meadows Utility Company and there was no response.

Upon inquiry of Commissioner Galloway, John Nelson, Utility Division, discussed the responsibilities the Army Corps would address as part of the partnering program.

Upon recommendation of John Collins, Manager, Utility Services Division, Department of Water Resources, through Ed Schmidt, Director, Department of Water Resources, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Project Cooperation Agreement between Washoe County and the Department of the Army (Army Corps of Engineers) for Facility Planning and Design of the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor in the amount of \$2,000,000 be approved and Chairman Shaw be authorized to execute upon receipt. It was further ordered that the Water Resources Department Director be authorized to proceed with solicitation of requests for proposals to complete the facilities planning and design of the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor, and request reimbursement for up to 75% of the expenditures to date of costs associated with facilities planning and design of the Lawton/Verdi Interceptor. It was further ordered that this issue be revisited should the Special Assessment District not be successfully established.

**01-41 FINAL DRAFT – BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S
SOUTHERN WASHOE COUNTY URBAN INTERFACE PLAN
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner Sferrazza noted the Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment was discussed at yesterday's caucus meeting.

Upon recommendation of Bill Whitney, Open Space Planner, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Bond, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Galloway "abstaining," Chairman Shaw ordered that the BLM's Southern Washoe County Urban Interface Plan Amendment be endorsed.

Commissioner Galloway advised he abstained because of concerns he expressed earlier in the process. He said many good things are contained in the Plan but more creativity could have been utilized. Private ownership of land does not necessarily mean housing developments, as it can mean low intensity developments insured by deed restrictions that are sustainable but do not cut off public access. He noted 16,000 acres of

land for disposal was reduced to 2,140 acres and he believes more creativity could have been utilized to put additional land back on the disposal list. He is abstaining since he could not be present at all discussions.

Chairman Shaw advised that letters [placed on file with the Clerk] were received from Susan Lynn and Sha-Neva, Inc. expressing their support of the amendment.

Lissa Davis, East Washoe Valley resident, expressed support for the amendment. She said Washoe Valley residents are happy to see any disposable property taken off the list and made into open space. She suggested the State might be able to assist with issues concerning public roads that are being locked off.

Mr. Whitney, Open Space Planner, acknowledged Terri Knutson with the Bureau of Land Management, who spent numerous hours at CABs and committee and board meetings, and has been of great assistance in doing this plan.

00-42 COMMISSION MEMBER BOARD AND COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Following discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, the following Commission member board and committee assignments and appointments were made:

Joanne Bond

Regional Governing Board
Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (effective 2/1/2001)
Parks Commission - Liaison
Senior Citizens Board
Investment Committee
Nevada Association of Counties - 2nd Vice President

*Indigent Board – NACO
*NACO Family and Youth Services
*NACO Taxation and Finance Committee
*One Region, One Vision
*State Workforce Development Board

Jim Galloway

Regional Planning Governing Board
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Nevada TRPA
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
Debt Management Commission

*Joint Coordinating Committee for Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation

- Facility – Alternate
- *Rate Study Task Force (Utility) – Liaison
- *Tri-County Railroad Commission – Alternate

Pete Sferrazza

- Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
- Criminal Justice Advisory Committee - Alternate
- Nevada Association of Counties Board of Directors
- Regional Planning Governing Board - Alternate

Jim Shaw

- Regional Transportation Commission (effective 2/1/2001)
- District Board of Health
- Investment Committee (effective 2/1/2001)
- Commission Liaison to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee
- Employee Recognition Committee

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- *Truckee Meadows Tomorrow
 - *Washoe County Human Service Consortium (member of triumvirate)

Ted Short

- Regional Planning Governing Board
- Regional Transportation Commission

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- *Tri-County Railroad Commission

*These appointments are not a part of the regular Commission appointments

01-43 RULES AND PROCEDURES

Discussion was held concerning (1) board appointment time limitations on the same committee, (2) providing each board member with the opportunity to serve on at least one of the major boards such as the RSCVA, RTC, Senior Services, District Board of Health and Regional Planning Governing Board if they so desire, and (3) caucus meetings agenda language.

Legal Counsel Shipman advised the agenda notice language concerning caucus meetings was changed a few months ago to include brief staff presentations and discussion of items on the agenda. Following discussion, it was determined the Rules and Procedures language should be consistent with the agenda caucus language.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Rules and Procedures be adopted for 2001 with an amendment to revise language concerning caucus meetings contained in Paragraph No. 5 to be consistent with agenda language concerning same.

**LEGAL ACTION – REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING
BOARD DECISION EXTENDING RENO SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE – BUSHEY PROPERTY**

Legal Counsel Shipman reviewed the Draft Petition for Writ of Mandamus/Declaratory Judgment. She said the document was prepared for the Board to review what would be involved if they choose to move forward with legal action concerning the Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) decision of December 14, 2000 to extend the Reno Sphere of Influence to encompass the Bushey Property. The document is written to be as nonconfrontational as possible and still raise the issue certain members of the Board have indicated needs to be addressed by the Court concerning how amendments can be made to master plans that are within joint planning areas.

Chairman Shaw called on those wishing to speak on this item.

The following people spoke in support of the proposed legal action: Steve Rogers, Reno resident; Neal Cobb, Golden Valley Homeowners Association; and Mike Tracy, Reno resident.

Legal Counsel Shipman said, should the Board decide to move forward with legal action, she would like the flexibility to change the draft document slightly prior to filing.

Commissioner Galloway commented he put this item on the agenda based on Legal Counsel's prior statement that, in her opinion, the Reno/Stead Joint Corridor Plan constituted an interlocal agreement between the County and the City of Reno that would still stand. If the County were to allow the City to proceed with this proposed amendment, a major challenge would be created for the future. This action is necessary to keep the Regional Planning Governing Board out of trouble, as they were not elected to be the regional government. This issue needs to be straightened out or the Joint Plan is meaningless.

Commissioner Short said he thinks this matter will need to be determined by the Court. If the RPGB becomes a function to move jurisdictional lines without paying attention to the rule of law, people are going to become very discouraged.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he supports the proposed legal action. If the County is not successful in the lawsuit, joint planning areas are a waste of time. The District Attorney should be authorized to add to the Complaint any future properties in the joint plan approved for inclusion into the sphere of influence by the RPGB.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that Legal Counsel be authorized to proceed with the Petition For Writ Of Mandamus/Declaratory Judgment concerning Washoe County versus the Regional Governing Board. It was further ordered that the District Attorney be authorized to amend the Complaint as necessary.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT – RETRAC PROJECT

Commissioner Galloway stated that, after careful discussion, the Board made comments prior to the release of the Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and neither the comments nor a response to them was included in the document. He advised he outlined some possible position statements for the Board's consideration in his memorandum dated January 8, 2001 [placed on file with the Clerk].

Linda Galli, Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCO), responded to questions of the Board concerning responses in the EIS to SPPCO's comments. She advised most of their comments were addressed but there could have been more detail in the response. Issues relating to the Glendale Water Treatment Plant were not adequately addressed, and there were some serious omissions they hope to cover in the final draft of the EIS.

Lori Williams, Director of Water Production and Policy, SPPCO, discussed their serious concerns relative to the EIS response to the Glendale Water Treatment Plant. She then discussed matters Sierra Pacific believe were not adequately addressed in the EIS response including an incomplete analysis of pollutants, groundwater issues, etc. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with several agencies, after which Sierra Pacific will determine if additional issues need to be included in their comments to the final EIS.

Walter Wehrkamp, Project Manager, SPPCO, discussed cost issues and advised not all of their costs are reflected in the EIS but the numbers are not off by orders of magnitude. Following further discussion concerning cost matters, Commissioner Galloway noted the EIS shows approximately \$4-million less for relocation of the utilities than the figure submitted by SPPCO. Upon inquiry of Chairman Shaw, Mr. Wehrkamp advised they see no reason to resubmit their cost figures as they represent a small component of the \$240-million project.

Mike Tracy, Reno resident, said there is no real need for the ReTRAC project. The trench project makes no sense and he hopes alignments along other corridors will be revisited. He noted diesel emissions from a locomotive in a trench would rise to the street level and create a hazard for people in the area.

Lois Avery, County resident, said the EIS is incomplete. It does not answer questions and simply feeds back the information they received, and no study was conducted on the trench for heat, noise, or fumes. She was told that study would be covered by OSHA and Federal Railway Administration rules. Costs will be increased if mitigations are necessary to address those situations, and any known increased costs should be reflected in the totals. If everything in the EIS is off by 25% as with the SPPCO figures, the project will be way over budget, which issue the EIS ignores.

Doug Coulter, Senior Engineer, District Health Department, said the District Board of Health would be making comments to the final EIS concerning air quality issues. They share SPPCO's concern relative to discharges close to the Glendale Treatment Plant. They will attend tomorrow's meeting with the various local agencies and other issues may come forth to include in their comments.

Chairman Shaw asked if representatives from The Nolte Team or the City of Reno were present to respond to questions concerning the EIS, and there was no response.

Commissioner Galloway referred to his memorandum outlining comment options for the Board's consideration. He noted that issues relative to understated costs and missing items in the cost estimate were specifically requested to be addressed and were not, and the 30-page report prepared by Gary Horton, which alleged a number of omissions and areas where cost data was wrong, was not addressed.

Commissioner Short said Commissioner Galloway's suggestion to request an extension of time for review and comment by the parties is appropriate. He noted the Regional Water Planning Commission does not meet before the comments are due, which does not afford them the opportunity to discuss possible comments. The statements made today are very alarming and he thinks these issues need to be addressed.

Commissioner Bond said she does not have a problem including the comments suggested by Commissioner Galloway to the draft EIS. She requested that Mr. Coulter convey the results of tomorrow's meeting to Commissioner Galloway. Commissioner Galloway said he would direct a memorandum concerning same to the other Board members.

On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that staff draft a letter to be executed by Chairman Shaw outlining the comments contained in Commissioner Galloway's memorandum dated January 8, 2001 and relevant issues discussed today. The letter is to be submitted to the Nevada Department of Transportation by the comment period deadline of January 15, 2001.

Commissioner Sferrazza suggested a language change to Paragraph 2 of Commissioner Galloway's comments to cite the section of NEPA's policy requiring all reasonable alternatives be analyzed in detail in the final EIS. Commissioner Galloway agreed to this suggestion.

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5:05 p.m. On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Short, which motion duly carried, the Board convened in a closed personnel session in the Commission Caucus Room for the purpose of discussing negotiations with employee organizations.

5:30 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session with all members present.

01-46 **ORDINANCE NO. 1111 – BILL NO. 1287 – AMENDING WCC
CHAPTER 25 – PROVIDING ROOM TAX EXEMPTION**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on December 29, 2000 to consider second reading and adoption of Bill No. 1287. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

The Chairman opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance.

Penny Mayer, President-elect of the Reno-Sparks Association of Realtors, stated their organization views the proposed amendment as a short-term solution to address a specific audit situation and they are looking forward to working with the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitor's Authority (RSCVA) at the 2001 Legislature to resolve the room tax issue with the goal of having a clear definition of who needs a license and who has to pay room taxes.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Galloway moved to adopt the ordinance noting that this is a temporary solution intended to clarify room tax collection and not an attempt to expand the tax base. Commissioner Sferrazza seconded the motion with the understanding that this could be presented to the RSCVA Board or Finance Committee so they can reconsider their previous action.

Chairman Shaw called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously; and it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1111, Bill No. 1287, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE BY REVISING THE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE EXEMPTIONS; EXEMPTING FROM COLLECTION ROOM TAX ON PRORATED RENTS FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF A LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL," be approved, adopted and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Business Impact Statement for Ordinance No. 1111 be approved.

01-47 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM –
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE – SHERIFF**

5:30 p.m. This was the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing published in the Reno Gazette-Journal on December 29, 2000 to consider proposed uses of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants awarded to Washoe County by the United States Bureau of Justice. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

The Chairman opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Upon recommendation of Sheriff Dennis Balaam, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, Chairman Shaw ordered that the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant totaling \$58,213.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, to be used to purchase mobile computer terminals (MCT's) for patrol vehicles, be accepted. It was further ordered that the following budget adjustments and the capital outlay purchase of mobile computer terminals be authorized:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>	152421G/4301	\$58,213.00
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>	152421G/7849	\$64,681.00
<u>TRANSFER</u> from 15141D to 152421G		\$ 6,468.00

It was noted that there is a \$6,468.00 cash match required for this grant, which will come from federal forfeiture funds (Account 15141D). The Sheriff's Office is also requesting that these mobile computer terminals be added to the IT refresh program.

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

JAMES M. SHAW, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: **AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk

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