## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY <u>1:00 P.M.</u> DECEMBER 18, 2007

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
David Humke, Commissioner
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Jim Galloway, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk

John Berkich, Assistant/Acting County Manager

Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

The Board met 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, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

# 07-1419 <u>AGENDA ITEM 4 – PROCLAMATION</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Proclamation--recognizing Reno Realtor George Peek for receiving the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Realtors. (Requested by Commissioner Larkin.)"

Chairman Larkin read and presented the proclamation to George Peek. All of the Board members congratulated Mr. Peek and posed for group photographs with he and his family.

Mr. Peek commented that the National Association of REALTORS® was now over 100 years old. He expressed his appreciation for the cordial, respectful and honest relationship he had enjoyed with the County Commission over the last 35 years.

Commissioners Galloway and Weber thanked Mr. Peek for his community involvement over the years. Greg Peek, Mr. Peek's son, introduced and acknowledged several family members. Sam Dehne responded to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 4 be recognized and adopted. The Proclamation for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

## 07-1420 <u>AGENDA ITEM 3 – PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses."

**1:26 p.m.** Commissioner Weber temporarily left the meeting.

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, recognized the following employees for successful completion of the Excellence in Public Service Certificate Programs administered by the Human Resources Department:

## Essentials of Management Development

Frank Cervantes, Probation Officer/Program Manager, Juvenile Services Valerie Gilmore, Fiscal Compliance Officer, Sheriff's Office Colleen Wallace Barnum, District Manager, Regional Parks & Open Space

## **Essentials of Personal Effectiveness**

Colleen Wallace Barnum, District Manager, Regional Parks & Open Space

## **Essentials of Support Staff**

Roxana Miller, Office Assistant II, Clerk's Office-Marriage Bureau

## 07-1421 AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to two minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during the individual action items, with comment limited to two minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole."

#### **1:28 p.m.** Commissioner Humke temporarily left the meeting.

Assistant County Manager John Berkich stated: "The Chairman and Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency and mutual respect between citizens and their government. The Board respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threats of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess if needed to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting, and notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings."

Sam Dehne talked about the use of the time clock during public comment.

## 07-1422 <u>AGENDA ITEM 6 – ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Agenda Subject: "Commissioners'/Manager's Announcements, Requests for Information, Topics for Future Agendas and Statements Relating to Items Not on the Agenda. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)"

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, pointed out the posted addendum to the consent agenda for item 7J.

## **1:33 p.m.** Commissioner Humke returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Galloway announced upcoming meetings of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District.

Commissioner Humke reported a recent visit to the Regional Animal Control Center, which was located in his District and operated by the Nevada Humane Society. He complimented Executive Director Bonnie Brown, her staff and the many volunteer workers for doing a great job. He talked about the Center's work with child development organizations to provide enrichment experiences for children and to teach empathy for animals.

## **1:36 p.m.** Commissioner Weber returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Weber discussed her attendance at a Clark County Commission meeting, as well as meetings of the Nevada Association of Counties and National Association of Counties. She distributed a copy of the Clark County Commission agenda and expressed interest in having the Board consider adoption of some of their guidelines.

Chairman Larkin announced a Board Retreat at the South Valleys Library on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. He invited Board members to give their input to the Manager's Office regarding items for the agenda.

### **DISCUSSION – CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 7A-7J)**

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, stated there were no changes to the consent agenda other than the previously posted addendum for Item 7J.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne commended the Commission on the reasonable size of the consent agenda.

#### 07-1423 AGENDA ITEM 7A – MINUTES

**Agenda Subject:** "Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' meeting of November 13, 2007."

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7A be approved.

# 07-1424 AGENDA ITEM 7B – DISTRICT COURT/FAMILY COURT

Agenda Subject: Accept Access and Visitation Grant [\$31,000 - no match required] from Division of Welfare and Supportive Services; and if accepted, direct Finance Department to make necessary budget adjustments and authorize District Court Administrator to execute Agreement for Professional Services between the County of Washoe and Nancy Cleaves, dba NTC, LLC, [not to exceed \$28,500 for the period retroactive to October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008] to provide mediation services directly to clients pursuant to the Agreement (All Commission Districts.)"

Chairman Larkin asked how well the program was working and what metric was used to measure its success. Howard Convers, District Court Administrator, introduced Phil Bushard, Family Mediation Program Manager, who cited statistics from fiscal year 2006-07. He stated mediation services were provided in 48 out of 52 cases referred by the Court, with a complete custody and visitation plan agreement reached in 34 cases, a partial plan in three cases, and a complete impasse in seven cases. The grant expended \$25,040 in direct services to the contract provider, \$1,400 in training money, and \$500 for educational materials. Mr. Bushard identified the number of custody/visitation agreements reached as the appropriate metric for success. Chairman Larkin inquired about the outcome in cases where no agreement was reached. Mr. Bushard explained the mediator reported to the Court and the Court could then attend to custody and visitation issues. He stated the cost of approximately \$500 per case was comparable to costs in neighboring district courts that utilized contract mediators. In response to Chairman Larkin's questions about cost effectiveness and alternatives to the program, Mr. Bushard indicated he did not have cost figures before him. He said that, without the grant, mediation staff would serve the cases, resulting in increased caseloads and possible service delays.

Chairman Larkin requested the inclusion of performance data in future staff reports and asked that success metrics be incorporated into performance objectives for court planning. Mr. Conyers agreed to do so. He pointed out that people were more likely to adhere to the agreements when they participated in making them, which resulted in child support cases that did not have to come back to the court for enforcement orders, in addition to the positive benefit to families that was not quantifiable. Chairman Larkin stated qualitative data could still be included in the staff report.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7B be accepted, directed, authorized and executed.

## 07-1425 AGENDA ITEM 7C – HUMAN RESOURCES

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Approve Washoe County Alternative Work Schedule and Telecommuting Policies."

Commissioner Jung gave her full endorsement to the alternative work schedule and telecommuting policy. She talked about the numerous efficiencies of such a policy and applauded staff for moving forward in a way that would help attract new employees. She stated her belief that it would help to increase employee retention and to reduce absenteeism.

Commissioner Galloway agreed with the endorsement. He requested a review before the County Commission in approximately six months to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy and the public's response to it.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7C be approved.

# 07-1426 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7D – PUBLIC WORKS/ANIMAL SERVICES</u>

Agenda Subject: "Reappoint Ms. Karen Wilson, member representative from County Commission District 1 (Commissioner Jim Galloway) and Dr. Paul Davis, member representative from County Commission District 4 (Commissioner Robert Larkin) to the Washoe County Animal Control Board to each serve a four-year term (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011)."

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7D be approved.

# 07-1427 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7E – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT</u>

Agenda Subject: "Reject all bids received for Washoe County Bid No. 2620-08 (PWP-WA-2007-392) for Condensing Unit Replacements in Washoe County Jail Housing Units 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, due to bids exceeding the budget for this project; and, authorize Facility Management Division to explore alternative solutions. (Commission District 3.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7E be rejected and authorized.

# 07-1428 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7F – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Accept Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for November 2007. (All Commission Districts.)"

Sam Dehne responded to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7F be accepted.

# 07-1429 AGENDA ITEM 7G(1) – ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Approve roll change request, pursuant to NRS 361.765, for error discovered for the 2007/2008 secured tax roll as outlined in Exhibit A; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Orders and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s) [cumulative amount of reduction \$77,613.49]. (Commissioner District 3.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(1) be approved, authorized, executed and directed.

## 07-1430 AGENDA ITEM 7G(2) – ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.768 and NRS 361.765, for errors discovered for the 2007/2008, 2006/2007, 2005/2006 and 2004/2005 secured and unsecured tax rolls as outlined in Exhibits A and B; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Orders and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the errors [cumulative amount of reduction \$32,812.58]. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7G(2) be approved, authorized, executed and directed.

## 07-1431 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7H(1) – MANAGEMENT SERVICES</u>

Agenda Subject: "Reappoint Luther Mack, Erica Olsen and Nancy Fennell as atlarge representatives, Gene Brockman as a representative of District 1 and Sam Males as a representative of District 2 to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee, with terms to begin January 1, 2008 and expire December 31, 2010."

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7H(1) be approved.

# 07-1432 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7H(2) – MANAGEMENT SERVICES</u> /COMMUNITY SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR

Agenda Subject: "Approve and authorize Chairman to sign an Amendment of Washoe County, Nevada Grant Program Contract Fiscal Year 2007-2008 between the County of Washoe and Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission for services at the Men's Emergency Shelter, to reduce the amount of the Contract by \$39,436 [for a total amount of \$171,810] and authorize Finance and Purchasing to make the necessary adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7H(2) be approved, authorized and executed.

# 07-1433 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7I(1) – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE</u> DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Authorize Regional Parks and Open Space Department to bid the Michael D. Thompson Hunter Creek Trailhead construction project. (Commission District 1.)"

Commissioner Galloway confirmed with Doug Doolittle, Regional Parks and Open Space Director, and Melanie Foster, Assistant District Attorney, that the easements required for the project were already recorded and in place. He thanked Mr. David Thompson for his cooperation with Washoe County in making the project possible in commemoration of his son.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7I(1) be authorized

# 07-1434 <u>AGENDA ITEM 7I(2) – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE</u> <u>DEPARTMENT</u>

Agenda Subject: "Approve Agreement between the County of Washoe and Bighorn BMX, Inc., for the operation of the BMX track located within Sun Valley Community Park [annual utility costs for electricity and water service approximately \$575 paid via Public Works Facility Management Utility Payments and anticipated general fund revenue estimated at \$700 annually] for the period January 2 through December 31, 2008, with Washoe County retaining an option to renew for a term of one additional year under the existing negotiated rates; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Agreement upon receipt. (Commission District 5.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7I(2) be approved, authorized and executed.

# 07-1435 AGENDA ITEM 7J – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Appoint William Brett Whitford as an At-Large member to fill an unexpired term to June 30, 2009 on the Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board (Commissioner Larkin, Commission District 4)."

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 7J be approved.

#### 07-1436 AGENDA ITEM 8 – APPEARANCE

Agenda Subject: "Appearance: Beth Macmillan, Artown Executive Director. Update on activities that took place during July 2007 Artown summer festival. (All Commission Districts.)"

Annelise McKenzie, Artown's Development/Finance Director, provided the Artown 2007 Final Report to the Board, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Beth Macmillan, Artown's Executive Director, mentioned several of the County facilities utilized for 2007 events. She stated 68 percent of the more than 350 events were free to the public due to donations and sponsorships. Ms. Macmillan stated

there was a direct impact of over \$16 million on the community and it was the mission of Artown to change the way people in the rest of the country saw the local community.

Chairman Larkin stated he was very pleased with the high quality of acts booked during 2007.

Commissioner Jung related the story of her college roommate, who traveled all the way from Wyoming to see one of the Artown events, as evidence of the effectiveness of Artown's marketing efforts.

Commissioner Weber remarked Artown offered something for everyone every day during the month of July. She indicated she was excited that the National Association of Counties Convention would be held in Reno during July of 2010.

Chairman Larkin commented on the survey results showing a large percentage of local attendees. He expressed a desire to see more out-of-town visitors.

Ms. Macmillan indicated she would be back before the Board in May 2008 for a preview of 2008 events.

No action was taken on this item.

# DISCUSSION - BLOCK VOTE (ITEMS 10, 11, 13, 14 AND 15)

The Board consolidated Agenda Items 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 into a single block vote.

## 07-1437 AGENDA ITEM 10 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve Washoe County joining on a State of Nevada contract with AT&T ILEC (formerly SBC Nevada) for continued provision of Digital Centrex Service (DCS); and if approved, authorize Washoe County's Purchasing and Contracts Administrator to execute a one-year contract for same [\$13 per line per month for estimated annual total of \$124,176] (Washoe County currently has approximately 796 DCS lines provided by AT&T). (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved, authorized and executed.

# 07-1438 <u>AGENDA ITEM 11 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE</u> DEPARTMENT

Agenda Subject: "Request for approval to extend a \$415,924 Enhancement Grant in Federal TEA-21 funding from Nevada Department of Transportation; and if approved, authorize Chairman to sign a revised Stewardship Agreement upon presentation between Washoe County and the Nevada Department of Transportation to design and construct the Pyramid Highway Pedestrian Path. (Commission District 4.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved and authorized

## 07-1439 AGENDA ITEM 13 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to approve Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Homeland Security Citizen Corps Program Grant - Nevada Division of Emergency Management Project No. 97067CL7 [\$56,087] and Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program Grant - Nevada Division of Emergency Management Project No. 97067HL7 [\$35,500 - no cash match required]; and if approved, direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)"

In response to the call for public comment, Kaydie Paschall thanked the Board for their support of the volunteer program. She said she started out as a volunteer in 2002 when no one was certain how to utilize her and there were just two programs with about 40 volunteers. She observed that the volunteer program had now grown to encompass six programs with 600 volunteers.

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, thanked Ms. Paschall for contributing her time and energy.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved and directed.

# 07-1440 <u>AGENDA ITEM 14 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to accept direct grant award from Nevada Division of Emergency Management Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Homeland Security Grants Nevada Division of Emergency Management Project No. 97067HL7 and Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program Grant - Nevada Division of Emergency Management Project No. 97067LL7 [total \$1,568,600 - no

cash match required] supporting the Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (previously termed the Northern Nevada Information Center) and Silver Shield (previously termed StateWatch) Program; and if approved, authorize Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 14 be accepted, approved and authorized.

# 07-1441 <u>AGENDA ITEM 15 – SHERIFF'S OFFICE</u>

Agenda Subject: "Recommendation to accept 2007 Justice Assistance Grant funds [\$104,950.80 - no County match required] for purchase of an evidence storage system, scanner, simunition training system and a modular universal news setting; and if approved, authorize Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)"

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, approved and authorized.

# 07-1442 AGENDA ITEM 12 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible approval of recommendation by the Washoe County Community Events Sponsorship Grant Advisory Committee; and if recommendation approved, grant the following awards for Washoe County Community Event Sponsorship: Friends of Washoe County Library - \$2,500, Washoe County School District Family Resource Center - \$3,500, Note-ables - \$2,300, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful - \$3,000, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada - \$2,500, Family Promise of Reno/Sparks - \$2,000, Nevada Area Council, Boy Scouts of America - \$2,000, Nevada Econet - \$2,000, Advancing Community Cultivation and Enhancing Progressive Transformations - \$1,950, Reno/Sparks NAACP Back to School Stay in School Program - \$1,500, Nevada Hispanic Services - \$1,000, Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows - \$750, for Fiscal Year 2007/08 and authorize Chairman to execute Resolutions necessary for same."

Commissioner Weber wondered about the notice and timeframe for submitting grant applications. Julie Skow, Project Coordinator, replied that notices were sent to various organizations and an advertisement was placed in the newspaper. She said the Commissioners could add organizations to the mailing list for next year. Commissioner Weber requested announcements on Channel 17, Washoe County TV. Ms.

Skow agreed to check with Community Relations and commented there were an increased number of grant applications this year.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved, authorized and executed. The resolutions for same are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

## 07-1443 <u>AGENDA ITEM 9 - APPEARANCE</u>

<u>Agenda Subject</u>: "Appearance: Brock Richter and Mike Reynolds. Secret Witness Presentation of "Crystal Meth" anti-drug community campaign impact and future plans."

Brock Richter of Secret Witness talked about the airing of the program *Crystal Darkness* in Reno on January 19, 2007, which was believed to be one of the most watched programs in Nevada's history. He stated the program had since been shown in other cities such as Las Vegas, Portland and San Diego. Mr. Richter conducted a video presentation that summarized Phase I of the anti-drug campaign, including the simultaneous airing of *Crystal Darkness* on all local television stations, its reception by the community, and the resulting response to counselors on call center phone lines during and after the broadcast. The video was placed on file with the Clerk.

Mike Reynolds, owner of Global Studios and a member of the Secret Witness Board of Directors, observed that a Spanish language version of the documentary aired in Reno in May 2007. He pointed out that Nevada was known as number one in the nation for its methamphetamine problem and it was exciting to see Washoe County set an example to the rest of the country in showing how to fight back. Mr. Reynolds talked about the three components of Phase II of the campaign that would be launched in 2008. He stated the television stations indicated they wanted to offer their support for the next phase. Mr. Reynolds discussed a train the trainer program used in Las Vegas, which would include their handbook entitled, Top Ten Reasons Not to Use Meth and a process for training teachers, youth coaches and law enforcement personnel to conduct 40-minute courses in school assemblies and other arenas. He remarked the community of Las Vegas started with an initial group of 12 people and now had approximately 660 trainers who had reached over 21,000 people over a short period of time. Mr. Reynolds indicated there would also be a campaign of 30-second public service announcements and a parents' toolkit containing a 30-minute video. The video would be aimed at teaching parents the positive things they could do to keep their kids from methamphetamine use, as well as alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

In response to Chairman Larkin's questions, Mr. Reynolds indicated about 40,000 toolkits would be produced. He stated they were still looking for funding sources

and going through a fundraising process, with applications submitted to the private foundations that helped last year.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was an age group where kids responded better to a peer than to an adult. Mr. Reynolds responded that studies still showed parents as the number one influence in a child's life, although peer-to-peer could also play an important part. He stated parents needed to be able to recognize signs and symptoms of abuse, as well as to be proactive about who their kids were befriending. He added there were studies showing that opening the door to alcohol or tobacco use had a big influence on the next steps taken.

## 07-1444 AGENDA ITEM 17 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible direction to staff and possible action on the submittal of an acceptable landscape plan as conditioned under Administrative Permit Case No. AP6-4-97 and Appeal Case No. AX06-008 (Rockin' LJ Arena – aka Washoe Valley Ranches), and discussion and possible direction in regard to an event held on June 16, 2007 and related matters. The facility is located on two parcels at 3185 and 3365 Lakeshore Drive, almost one-half mile north of the entrance to the Nevada State Park boat launch ramp at the end of Lakeshore Drive. The total property size is 14.55 acres, is designated Low Density Rural (LDR) in the South Valleys Area Plan, and is within Section 31, T17N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is within the East Washoe Valley Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 2 (APN: 050-320-13 and 15)."

Sandra Monsalve, Planner, displayed a map of the Rockin' LJ Arena properties, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She explained that staff was directed by the Board at their meeting on November 13, 2007 to go before the Design Review Committee with revised landscape plans submitted by the applicant. Under the revised plan, she said the applicant's landscape architect proposed planting approximately 30 evergreen trees adjacent to the north side of the arena (line [1] on Clerk's copy of map display). The proposed trees were to be spaced approximately 15 feet apart in width, approximately 10-12 feet in height, and were to be on the applicant's property and not on the adjacent neighbor's property. Ms. Monsalve related the Committee had no objection to the revised plan, but was concerned that it did not provide screening from adjacent property owners to the east and suggested more screening might be necessary along the northern boundary of the property (line [2] on Clerk's copy of map display). She stated, since the Committee could not really address an issue that was not directed to them by the Board for review, they denied the revised landscape plans in order to allow the Commission to take up the issue of additional screening or possibly approve the original landscaping plan brought forward by the applicant's representative. Ms. Monsalve referred to a letter sent to the Commissioners by Lorne Johnson, the applicant, as well as a summary of the Design Review Committee meeting provided by her to the Commissioners, both dated December 13, 2007. These documents were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Galloway commented that less screening would be required if the trees were clustered closely around the specific object to be screened, in this case the arena (also known as "the barn"), rather than placed in a continuous line running a good distance away from the arena. Ms. Monsalve pointed out the County's Development Code required 20 percent coverage for vegetation in standard neighborhood commercial zones, with buffers along the side and rear property lines; in this case a 50-foot wide buffer zone to match the setbacks and one tree every 20 feet. She stated there were some concerned residents along Lakeshore Drive to the east. Commissioner Galloway confirmed that it was the arena itself the neighbors did not want to look at and suggested the trees be placed in an L-shape around the north and east sides of the arena (line [3] on Clerk's copy of map display), with appropriate placement on the east to allow enough space for operation of the arena.

In response to Commissioner Galloway's comments, Mr. Johnson stated the first landscaping plan submitted on his behalf provided better screening and buffering but was revised in response to the Commission's concerns about watering and drainage. He had no objection to placing trees in an L-shape. Commissioner Galloway thanked Mr. Johnson for his letter and stated he did not view Mr. Johnson's property as a full commercial use because it was under a special use permit with a limited number of events.

Commissioner Galloway inquired if the property fell under commercial use guidelines that would require a variance. Ms. Monsalve clarified that Development Code classified commercial property under use types that required an administrative permit. She did not believe a variance was required in this case because Code allowed existing vegetation on a site to count toward the 20 percent coverage requirement.

Commissioner Humke disclosed a chance meeting in the hallway with Ms. Monsalve, during which they discussed the Design Review Committee's decision. He observed there was some dissonance in her report describing the action taken by the Committee. Ms. Monsalve clarified that during the Committee's discussion they were satisfied with the landscape plan presented, but did not feel that landscaping alone would satisfy concerns in light of other events that had taken place on the property. She stated the Committee wanted the Commission to look at the project from a larger perspective other than just the trees clumped by the arena. Since it was not within the Committee's purview to look at any issues other than the proposed landscaping plan, they denied the plan.

Chairman Larkin referred to the summary of the Design Review Committee meeting submitted by Ms. Monsalves, and asked if the Commissioners were being asked to review the Development Code in its entirety for all applications or just for this application. Ms. Monsalve indicated the request applied just to the specific application currently before the Board.

Commissioner Weber referenced a letter dated November 26, 2007 from the neighbors of the Rockin' LJ Arena (page 27 of the Clerk's copy of the staff report). She expressed her tendency to agree with comments made in the letter and felt the Commission needed to look at the issue from the standpoint of the impact on the neighbors rather than what would benefit the applicant. She suggested the Board act immediately to do exactly what was required, i.e., trees at a specific height and spacing on the applicant's property.

Commissioner Galloway asked if there was a problem getting specimen trees larger than 12 feet in height. Ms. Monsalve stated the Code typically required heights of 5 to 7 feet for other applicants. Commissioner Galloway indicated he wanted to address the neighbor's concerns by placing the trees closer to the arena and requiring them to be larger.

Ms. Monsalve observed the weather might make it impossible to plant trees immediately, as requested by Commissioner Weber. She described the typical process was to collect financial assurance for landscaping to be completed in the spring and suggested it could also be tied to renewal of the business license if necessary.

In response to Commissioner Weber's additional questions, Ms. Monsalve explained that all landscaping was to take place on the applicant's property. She stated there were no negative impacts requiring mitigation to the west and south, and clarified that the east end of the arena was open with no doors.

Commissioner Galloway asked the applicant if he would agree to ten additional trees for screening the east end of the arena. Mr. Johnson agreed and clarified that, according to his landscape architect, specimen trees taller than 12 feet had a poor survival rate.

In response to the call for public comment, Barry Cernoch stated he attended the meeting of the Design Review Committee. He played a video containing footage from a June 17, 2007 event at the Rockin' LJ Arena, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He indicated the event upset he and several other neighbors because of the excessively large numbers of people, horses, and trucks with trailers.

Gary Schmidt described the issue as an illustration of poor planning within Washoe County.

Dave Hoover stated the landscaping plan did not address the whole problem from the standpoint of the neighbors. For example, he observed that noise generated from the parking area was not mitigated by the plan. Mr. Hoover emphasized the neighbors were asking the Commission to go with the specific section of County Development Code that called for screening along the entire 1290-foot length of the property's border and 30 trees would not be sufficient to accomplish that. Mr. Hoover confirmed there were no neighbors to the west and it was the neighbors to the east and north who were complaining.

Commissioner Weber asked Mr. Cernoch to elaborate about his video. Mr. Cernoch stated he counted 170 to 180 trailers during the June 17th event and taped it because it was occurring right across his property line. He acknowledged he had not seen anything like that event since that date. Commissioner Weber referred to Mr. Johnson's letter, in which he apologized for the event that was put together by another individual and promised it would not happen again.

Commissioner Galloway read from Mr. Johnson's letter: "This would not have happened if I had been on top of things like I normally am. But due to the seriousness of my wife's illness, and her death the day after this event, I had many other things to tend to at that time... I am asking for your support on this matter, and hope we can get this issue behind us as best as possible." Commissioner Galloway agreed that the event shown in Mr. Cernoch's video was awful for the neighbors and was a violation of Mr. Johnson's permit. In view of the letter from Mr. Johnson, he stated he was not inclined to recommend suspension of the permit. He commented that the 20 percent landscaping requirement was a one-size-fits-all requirement intended for permanent commercial activities that took place every day. He thought it was reasonable for staff to make an allowance if the 20 percent could be satisfied by other ground cover on the property and was adequate for that purpose.

Commissioner Galloway recommended approval of the amended landscaping plan submitted to the Design Review Committee, which proposed 30 trees along the north side of the arena structure, with the addition of ten trees of the same mix and height on the east side of the arena, as agreed to by Mr. Johnson. Commissioner Galloway further suggested leaving it up to staff to determine whether the remaining vegetation was adequate to meet the 20 percent requirement. He did not believe a full line of trees along the property's border was necessary for the arena's part-time operation. Ms. Monsalve displayed a diagram of the landscaping plan submitted to the Committee, entitled "Landscaping for Visual Mitigation," with was placed on file with the Clerk. She clarified the approximate placement of the ten additional trees with Commissioner Galloway (line marked on Clerk's copy of the diagram). Commissioner Galloway commented that staff would have to monitor the landscaping and come back to the Board if the trees failed to screen the arena. Ms. Monsalve suggested monitoring growth of the trees over the course of the next three years. Commissioner Galloway observed that Mr. Johnson would still be subject to having his permit suspended if he violated other conditions.

Commissioner Galloway formalized his recommendation into a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Humke.

Commissioner Weber stated she would not support the motion. She believed the property was a commercial use and trees should be required all the way down the property line on all sides where the neighbors were impacted. She indicated there were many supporters of the arena in the community who might be willing to help Mr. Johnson make that happen.

Commissioner Jung pointed out the Board was supposed to be mitigating noise in addition to the visual screening. She said the discussion had been going on for 18 months and agreed with Commissioner Weber it was important to expedite a solution that respected the neighbors' rights to enjoy their property. Commissioner Jung also urged the neighbors to have some compassion for Mr. Johnson.

Commissioner Galloway recalled the initial issuance of the permit and clarified that the neighborhood was zoned as rural rather than residential, which allowed many types of uses. He noted Mr. Johnson was allowed a limited number and duration of events. Commissioner Galloway did not believe the noise had to be totally suppressed, although he recalled the Board previously asked to contain noise from inside the arena. He asked if that was being done. Ms. Monsalve explained the previous agreement from a meeting of the Design Review Committee was that speakers facing into the arena in two locations were to be lowered to approximately 4.5 feet in height and the applicant was to use smaller speakers. She said he was limited to five sound amplified events per month under the administrative permit. Commissioner Galloway asked about the use of canvas around the arena. Ms. Monsalve referred to photographs in the staff report that showed the canvas. Mr. Johnson indicated he had been working since the beginning of last year to find the right kind of material to withstand the wind and also minimize the noise from the arena. Ms. Monsalve confirmed the canvas was in place during the June 17, 2007 event. Commissioner Galloway stated it was not uncommon for residents next door to a property zoned for a non-residential use to want to curtail that use. He said he wanted to strike a balance between the rural zoning and the fact that Mr. Johnson should reasonably try not to impact neighbors who were using their rural property for residential use.

Commissioner Weber read comments from the November 26, 2007 letter submitted to the Board by neighboring property owners: "The Rockin LJ facility is located in a Low Density Rural (LDR) land use designation." Ms. Monsalve confirmed the LDR designation was correct. Commissioner Weber continued: "The intent of this designation according to Washoe County's Development Code is to preserve areas where agriculture, grazing and/or open space predominate. Single family residences are on large lots and generally have limited public services and facilities available. Development guidelines call for adjacent land uses to be compatible. (Land Use and Transportation Element of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan.) Although the facility is located on LDR, an Administrative Permit has been issued that designates the use as a commercial boarding stable and spells out in the conditions that commercial, competitive events must be limited. In other words, the fact that an administrative permit is required acknowledges that the use is commercial and not residential, and places conditions on the use in an attempt to make the use more compatible with the adjacent residential land use."

Commissioner Weber asked if landscaping should have been required initially as part of the conditions of the administrative permit. Ms. Monsalve said the Board of Adjustment (BOA) could have required more landscaping at the time of their permit review but did not do so at the time. She stated they accepted that existing

vegetation counted toward the 20 percent requirement so the Development Code was met. Chairman Larkin questioned whether or not additional vegetation was required on the initial application. Ms. Monsalve replied the only landscaping condition coming forward under the administrative permit was that the application must go before the Design Review Committee to review light and noise mitigation with landscaping and other methods.

Commissioner Weber asked that the Commissioners vote against the motion so another one could be made to require landscaping all the way down the property line.

Commissioner Galloway wondered, with no permit and no landscaping, if LDR-zoned property owners could use their land for agriculture and run a tractor all day long. Ms. Monsalve agreed they could. Commissioner Galloway said it was a question of what the neighbors could have reasonably expected when they bought their properties. He observed that vegetation was more effective for screening views than mitigating noise and it was the limitation on size and number of events that helped to mitigate the noise.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion passed on a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Weber and Jung voting "no," it was ordered that the amended landscape plan submitted to the Design Review Committee at their meeting on December 13, 2007 be approved, with the addition of ten (10) trees of the same mix and height to be placed on the east side of the arena. Staff was directed to monitor the growth of the landscaping and come back to the Board if the trees failed to screen the arena. It was further ordered that staff determine whether the new landscaping combined with existing vegetation on the property was adequate to meet a 20 percent coverage requirement.

**3:27 p.m.** Chairman Larkin declared a brief recess.

<u>3:48 p.m.</u> The Board convened as the Board of Directors for the Sierra Fire Protection District with Director Weber temporarily absent.

**3:49 p.m.** Director Weber returned to the meeting.

<u>4:34 p.m.</u> The Board convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with all members present.

<u>4:47 p.m.</u> The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners with all members present.

#### 07-1445 AGENDA ITEM 16 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Subject: "Review, discussion and possible forwarding of an advisory recommendation to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission on an application by Thomas Silvas to amend the boundaries of the Washoe County

Truckee Meadows Service Area to include one parcel in the Spanish Springs Valley, located at 370 Alamosa Drive, east of Pyramid Highway and north of Alamosa Drive (APN: 076-290-13). (Commission District 4.)"

Lisa Brosnan, Assistant Planner, displayed a map showing the boundaries of the subject parcel and the Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA), which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Chairman Larkin asked where the applicant's 40 acres would fit with respect to the "buckets" of available acreage within the County's TMSA. He stated there were three possibilities: the amount of service area in effect prior to the 2002 Regional Plan Settlement Agreement, the 1,985 acres remaining when the Settlement Agreement was in effect, or the 640 acres allotted after the expiration of the Settlement Agreement on June 30, 2007. Mike Harper, Planning Manager, said Community Development had been advised by Regional Planning staff that the 640-acre allotment would not be affected because the amendment application was submitted prior to the expiration of the Settlement Agreement. Chairman Larkin requested a definitive answer as to how the acreage was impacted and inquired whether Mr. Silva was aware of the finer points involved in adding TMSA to Washoe County. Mr. Harper replied that Angela Fuss, the applicant's representative, was apprised of the situation.

Chairman Larkin wondered how the property would fit with respect to the West Pyramid Planning Area for the City of Sparks. Mr. Harper indicated the property abutted the planning area but was not located within it. He stated the County was approached by the City of Sparks to work with them on planning. Understanding the County did not know what the applicant would propose, Mr. Harper said staff indicated to the applicant's consultant that the County would expect to coordinate on other planning work with the City of Sparks before any development opportunity or application was made to use the TMSA. He pointed out the City of Sparks anticipated about a nine-month citizen-based planning process before coming forward with any particular proposals and staff usually had good success working between the jurisdictions. He noted the intent was to coordinate with the abutting properties in Washoe County to achieve a seamless development pattern within the area and avoid any discordant development processes between the two jurisdictions.

Commissioner Galloway commented it would be prudent to clarify the applicable TMSA "bucket" in writing, although it seemed clear to him at the November 2007 meeting of the Regional Planning Governing Board that all previous tiers of applications would be resolved before putting the 640 acres into effect. Adrian Freund, Director of Community Development, confirmed that the TMSA application was received prior to June 30, 2007 and acreage would be drawn from the 1,985-acre allotment. He stated that Commissioner Galloway was correct in that all "buckets" were pending and the new 640-acre allotment would come into play after all previous applications were resolved.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the advisory recommendation in Agenda Item 16 be forwarded recommending approval of the application to amend the Truckee Meadows Service Area boundary as described in the staff report.

<u>4:57 p.m.</u> The Board convened as the Board of Trustees for the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District with all members present.

<u>4:59 p.m.</u> The Board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners with all members present.

## 07-1446 AGENDA ITEM 19 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**Agenda Subject:** "Update on Baldrige Project, including overview of results of Baldrige assessment."

John Slaughter, Management Services Director, introduced Nathan Branscomb, who was recently assigned as the Baldrige Program Coordinator. Mr. Branscomb conducted a PowerPoint presentation that was placed on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Branscomb showed a chart illustrating the seven criteria that provided a framework for performance excellence under the Baldrige Program. He indicated the assessment report was based on the results of an employee survey, an organizational profile provided by the consultant, and input from the Baldrige Steering Committee and the Baldrige Department Champions. He discussed several organizational strengths and opportunities for improvement identified within the framework of the performance excellence criteria, and outlined the next steps to be taken in the Program.

Commissioner Galloway commented on the difficulty reconciling the need for improved communication with the need to get work done in between meetings. Mr. Branscomb replied there was a monthly meeting schedule for the Steering Committee and Department Champions but the number of meetings should decrease as the project moved forward. He anticipated the work would become more focused within the departments and less focused on management. Commissioner Galloway suggested a standardized agenda or list of "what's new" items to facilitate top-down communication within each department at fewer meetings.

Commissioner Galloway asked about the new employee evaluation process. John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, explained the new process had been under development by Human Resources for some time and was just being rolled out for the entire organization. He stated it was intended to align the organization with one comprehensive process based on core competencies and goals for each individual's improvement plan.

Commissioner Galloway inquired about possible contradictions between providing incentives for retirement and retaining institutional memory. Mr. Branscomb observed it was a very complex question and the Baldrige Program suggestion would be to develop a more systematic method of collecting and transferring information. Mr. Berkich acknowledged a number of retirements were anticipated and stated that planning was underway by Human Resources. Mr. Branscomb added that the Steering Committee was also discussing several ideas.

No action was taken on this item.

## 07-1447 AGENDA ITEM 18 – MANAGER'S OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Request for approval to amend the Contract between the County of Washoe and Robert Bell, Esq., for professional legal services in conflict criminal/family court/juvenile cases [not to exceed \$100,000 - for a total of \$250,000], approve additional appropriation of \$50,000 for investigation costs and witness and interpreter fees; and if approved, authorize Finance to transfer \$150,000 from the General Fund Contingency and authorize County Manager to execute the amended Contract."

John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, explained the professional services contract first went into effect after Board approval in June 2007. He stated there was initially no data about the number of third-level conflict cases because the Alternate Public Defender's office had not yet opened.

#### **5:28 p.m.** Commissioner Jung temporarily left the meeting.

Mr. Berkich indicated Mr. Bell's actual caseload exceeded projections by 104 cases in the first six months of the contract and overall caseload in the public defense system was up by 6.5 percent. He requested approval for the addition of \$100,000 for 200 additional cases and \$50,000 for defense costs to be transferred from the General Fund contingency account. He stated the new estimates were believed to be accurate enough to get through the remainder of the current fiscal year. Mr. Berkich pointed out that Mr. Bell and his group of attorneys were performing extremely well under the contract with no complaints received.

Chairman Larkin sought assurance that the contract with Mr. Bell was not being used to supplement the Alternate Public Defender's office by deferring caseload. Jeremy Bosler, Public Defender, responded there were some very robust mechanisms in place for determining conflict. He observed that things seemed to be functioning as they were before the Alternate Public Defender's office was created and expressed confidence in the ability of Jennifer Lunt, the Alternate Public Defender, to screen for tertiary conflicts.

#### **5:34 p.m** Commissioner Jung returned to the meeting.

Melanie Foster, Assistant District Attorney, stated she worked closely with Ms. Lunt in laying out the terms and conditions under which cases would transition from the previous contractors, the Jack Alian and Dave Spitzer groups. She said there were a number of cases taken on by the Alternate Public Defender that could have been completed by the Alian and Spitzer groups. Ms. Foster pointed out there was a bump in the caseload numbers because of the termination of the previous contract, as well as an overall increase in the number of cases. She assured Chairman Larkin that Ms. Lunt had accepted every case into her office that she was ethically allowed to take on.

In response to Chairman Larkin's question, Mr. Berkich indicated \$15,000 had been spent so far on defense costs for clients represented by the Alian and Spitzer groups. He stated there would be some additional costs for those still actively represented by the Alian group, as well as those represented by Mr. Bell, but he was confident the additional funds would be sufficient for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Galloway requested a cost per case comparison after the completion of the transition period to measure the cost effectiveness of the Alternate Public Defender's office compared to the previous use of a contractor for all conflict cases. Mr. Bosler said he thought the County was benefiting and the combination of a Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, and group of tertiary contractors was a cost effective way to provide the constitutionally mandated services. Mr. Berkich noted the County received several compliments from national organizations for the current structure because of the quality of representation under various scenarios.

Commissioner Humke noted, in light of efforts targeted at other counties within the State, there was a concern that the Nevada Supreme Court would make one rule encompassing everybody. He suggested the Supreme Court might take a dim view of any cost-benefit analysis at this time, and it might be better to direct comments toward Washoe County's commitment to providing quality representation while maintaining constitutional mandates.

Commissioner Galloway commended Mr. Bell for the complaint-free services he was providing.

Mr. Bell agreed with Commissioner Humke and stated he was happy to hear the Board's comments. He indicated he was working with the judges, his team of attorneys and the defendants themselves to ensure there were no complaints. He said his reputation was important to him and he wanted to hear about any problems in order to address them immediately. Mr. Bell pointed out he worked with a group of independent attorneys and had the ability to assign cases even when four or five defendants were involved. He assured Chairman Larkin that cases were not being "dumped" on his group and, when compared to the past, there was a much broader analysis being done to determine what constituted a conflict.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved, authorized and executed.

## 07-1448 <u>AGENDA ITEM 23 - REPORTS/UPDATES</u>

Agenda Subject: "Reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to (these may include, but not be limited to, Regional Transportation Commission, Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, Debt Management Commission, District Board of Health, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Organizational Effectiveness Committee, Investment Management Committee, Citizen Advisory Boards)."

There were no updates from the Board.

## 07-1449 AGENDA ITEM 24 – WORK CARD PERMIT APPEAL

Agenda Subject: "The Washoe County Commission will adjourn from the Commission Chambers and reconvene in the County Commission Caucus Room (1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Reno) to consider the work card permit appeal for Charles David Kelly. The HEARING will be a CLOSED SESSION to discuss the applicant's character or other matters under NRS 241.030(1). Following the Closed Session, the Commission will return to open session in the Caucus Room to take action on the appeal and finish the remainder of the December 18, 2007 Board Agenda."

<u>5:47 p.m.</u> On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the Board adjourned from the Commission Chambers and convened in closed session in the Caucus Room to consider Agenda Item 24 per NRS 241.030(1).

<u>**6:19 p.m.**</u> The Board reconvened in open session in the Caucus Room with all members present to take action on the work card permit appeal.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the work card permit in Agenda Item 24 be granted.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and placed on file with the Clerk:

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- **07-1450** Letter from Community Development dated October 3, 2007, concerning the resignation of Nyleen Smith from the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board.
- Fully executed Resolution Adopting the Amended Land Use and Transportation Element (CP04-015), a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan; adopted at the May 22, 2007 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and found to be in conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan at the August 22, 2007 meeting of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Commission.
- **07-1452** Fully executed Evans Creek Settlement Agreement between Washoe County, Evans Creek, LLC, Angela S. Persigehl, Julius A. Ballardini and Joanne Ballardini, as well as related exhibits and attachments.
- **07-1453** Application by Southwest Gas Corporation before the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada for an Amendment to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN).

#### **REPORTS**:

- **07-1454** Quarterly Economic Report for the Gerlach General Improvement District, ending September 30, 2007.
- **07-1455** Quarterly Financial Report for the Washoe County School District, ending September 30, 2007.
- **07-1456** Annual Local Government Indebtedness Report from the State of Nevada, Department of Taxation, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- O7-1457 Annual independent Auditor's Report and financial statements from Kohn Colodny LLP for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- **07-1458** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Washoe County School District, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.
- O7-1459 Annual Independent Auditor's Report and financial statements from Kafoury, Armstrong & Company for the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District, fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

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<u>6:23 p.m.</u> There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

**ROBERT M. LARKIN**, Chairman Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:** 

**AMY HARVEY**, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Prepared by Lisa McNeill, Deputy County Clerk