

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkbigler, Chair  
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair  
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner  
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Jan Galassini, Chief Deputy Clerk  
John Slaughter, County Manager  
David Watts-Vial, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:02 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Chief Deputy Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

**15-0990** AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Medical Marijuana Establishments (MMEs) and the proposed location in Incline Village: William Nadeau, John Maldof, Julie Fontecchio, Kathy Redfern, John Redfern, Joy H. Strotz, Ken Reese, Illona Mager, Gerard Mager, Pete Todoroff, Victor Anderson, Brian D. Hoff, Brian Martinez, Joan Shubinski, Debbie Larson, Robert Green, Doug Graham, Mary M. Mager, John Eppolito, Jamie Golden, Ellen Daleke, Kristi Fisher, Dick Daleke, Michael Archer, Gayle Archer, Mark A. Benka, Bari Caine, Mary Alber, Tim Kelly, Holly Racich, and Lexi Cerretti. Kathy Redfern, Doug Graham and John Eppolito provided handouts, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

The above individuals' concerns included: proximity to businesses, the counseling center for children right above a proposed location, the proximity to businesses who catered to younger crowds, the danger to the community's reputation, a school bus stop was in front of a proposed location, there were already too many MMEs in Incline Village, the dangers associated with a cash business, the significant impact to property values, medical marijuana should be sold in pharmacies or by mail order, it was too easy to obtain a medical marijuana card and there was already a drug problem in Incline Village. The majority of the individuals were opposed to any MMEs.

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Billy Howard spoke regarding puppy mills in Reno. He thought Reno should be an “adopt only” area and the sale of puppies in stores should be prohibited. Mr. Howard provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

**15-0991      AGENDA ITEM 4 Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.**

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Misty Best, Public Defender  
Sean Gallagher, Public Defender  
Diana Guerrero, District Attorney/Appellate  
Tina Hayes, Social Services  
Andrew Notar, Public Defender  
Scott Oxarart, Manager’s Office/ Communications and Engagement  
David Ramirez-Gomez, Sheriff’s Office/Civilian  
Brandon Rhoades, Recorder’s Office  
Jeremy Rutherford, Public Defender  
Jessi Salim, Health/Environmental Health Services (EHS)

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

**15-0992      AGENDA ITEM 5 Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.**

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

**Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program**

Lauren Pedersen, Sheriff’s Office  
Kristen Stathes, Library

**Essentials of High Performing Teams**

Matt Lawton, Technology Services  
Cassie Donnan, Sheriff’s Office

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**15-0993      6A Proclamation -- November 2015 as National Caregivers Month.**

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Mary Liveratti, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) State President; Leslie

Williams, Washoe County Senior Services; and Connie McMullen, Personal Care Association of Nevada. Ms. Liveratti thanked the Board for honoring caregivers. She noted it was a difficult job to be a caregiver and in most cases caregivers were not paid for their services. Ms. Williams acknowledged the work of AARP, and thanked the Board for their support. Ms. McMullen stated this was one of 17 proclamations related to caregivers being read in various Nevada counties. She mentioned the 10th annual caregiver luncheon would be held on November 18, 2015.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6A be adopted.

**15-0994**      **AGENDA ITEM 7** Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting of October 20, 2015.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be approved.

#### **DONATIONS**

**15-0995**      **8A** Accept monetary donations [totaling \$5,711] to Washoe County Regional Animal Services for the period of July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015 to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray or abandoned animals received; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

**15-0996**      **8B** Accept a cash donation [\$10,000] from the American Automobile Association (AAA) to be used for improvements at the Nevada Farms and Families area located in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, and acknowledge additional in-kind material donations from AAA; and direct Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

**15-0997**      **8C** Accept cash donations [in the amount of \$5,546.90] for the period of July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Senior Services. (All Commission Districts.)

**15-0998**      **8D** Accept a donation [\$600] from Ryan L Souza to County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment for the K-9 Unit and authorize Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

**15-0999**      **8E** Accept a donation [\$5,000] from the Target Corporation to the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to purchase child safety outreach materials and authorize Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Ryan Souza, Sheriff's Office, stated this was his ninth year donating to the K-9 Unit. He mentioned that ten years ago his supervisor, Patti Kelly, got him interested in the K-9 Unit.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A to 8E be accepted.

**15-1000**      **AGENDA ITEM 9** Announcements/Reports.

John Slaughter stated the meetings scheduled for November 24th and December 22nd had been cancelled. He indicated there would be students from Glen Duncan Elementary School present to provide some holiday cheer at the December 8th meeting.

Commissioner Jung asked staff to research how much money Ryan Souza, Sheriff's Office, had donated over the years to the K-9 Unit. She wanted to recognize the efforts of Patti Kelly, Sheriff's Office, and educate the community about the Sheriff's K-9 Unit.

Chair Berkbigler requested an item regarding a recreational marijuana ordinance be added to the agenda for a December meeting.

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

**15-1001**      **AGENDA ITEM 10** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

There was no closed session needed.

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

**15-1002**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Public Comment.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

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**12:00 p.m.**    There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Herman absent, the meeting was adjourned.

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**MARSHA BERKBIGLER**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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**NANCY PARENT**, County Clerk and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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