

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 17, 2017

PRESENT:

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

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

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:01 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

17-0057 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Ray Lake stated he was the Chair of the North Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB). He said it was difficult to find the dates for the CAB meetings on the CAB's website. He noted the first three scheduled meetings for the year had been cancelled. He requested the CAB meetings be held monthly in order to establish consistent attendance. He also requested for Dave Solaro, Community Services Department Director, and Dwayne Smith, Engineering and Capital Projects Division Director, to be in attendance at the upcoming meeting.

17-0058 AGENDA ITEM 4 Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

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

Craig Martin, Sheriff's Office
Christina Gallegos, Library
Katelyn Cantu, Public Defender
Kerry Chalkley, Health District
Christine Vuletich, Manager's Office
Quinn Korbolic, Technology Services

Chair Lucey stated he hoped the new employees would have long and great careers at the County.

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

- 17-0059** **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:

Essentials of Personal Effectiveness

Ada Coleman, Reno Justice Court

Heidi Howden, Reno Justice Court

Essentials of High Performing Teams

Erica Bower, Assessors

Katherine Hyde, Assessors

Promote Yourself! Mini Certificate Program

Patricia Morrow, District Attorney

Crystal Theumer, District Attorney

Lora Zimmer, Assessors

Chair Lucey thanked the staff for the time they placed into continuing their education. He also thanked the department heads for supporting their staff.

PROCLAMATION

- 17-0060** **AGENDA ITEM 6** Proclamation honoring retiring Election Accuracy Certification Board Member Bob LeGoy. Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Proclamation to Bob LeGoy. She stated Mr. LeGoy had a lot of support and was admired. She noted former County Commissioner Jean Stoess spearheaded the proclamation for Mr. LeGoy.

Bob LeGoy thanked the Commissioners, the Election Accuracy Certification Board, Registrar of Voters Luanne Cutler, and all of Ms. Cutler's staff. He said he enjoyed working with them.

Ms. Cutler thanked Mr. LeGoy for all of his dedication. She stated he would be sorely missed.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6 be adopted.

DONATIONS

17-0061 **7A** Accept a donation [\$500.00] from the Sun Valley General Improvement District to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau Graffiti Abatement efforts in the Sun Valley area and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget adjustments. Sheriff. (Commission Districts 3 & 5.)

17-0062 **7B** Accept a community donation of [\$2,751.29] toward purchase of a self-loading gurney for the Gerlach Combination Fire Department and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Manager. (Commission District 5.)

On the call for public comment, Garth Elliott addressed Agenda Item 7A. He said the donation came out of Sun Valley General Improvement District's franchise fee. He remarked the community of Sun Valley cherished their surroundings and the blight caused by graffiti hurt everyone within the community.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A to 7B be accepted.

17-0063 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to ratify the Declaration of a State of Emergency declared by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners on Friday, January 6, 2017. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkbigler, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be ratified.

17-0064 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Public Comment.

Garth Elliott expressed his concern with the sign ordinance. He asserted a huge part of the community was ignored when the County sought feedback. He noted under the new sign ordinance, the community was not allowed to have electronic signs or signs that were eye-level. He said in a few weeks, the community of Sun Valley would come before the Board to ask the County to fix their existing electronic sign. He remarked the best way to alert citizens of an emergency was through an updated electronic sign.

Ray Lake stated he was a member of the Golden Valley Property Owners Association. He spoke about flooding issues in Golden Valley. He said when water filled

a nearby detention basin, it spilled out into a ditch which he referred to as the Marlin Ditch. He displayed pictures of the ditch which were placed on file with the Clerk. He requested the County to repair the headwall of the ditch to prevent future flooding issues.

Chair Lucey reopened Public Comment after Agenda Item 10.

Peggy Lear Bowen said Joyce Bain, who spoke to the Board on occasion, passed away on December 19, 2016 at the age of 98 years old. She stated there would be a celebration of life for Ms. Bain on February 18, 2017 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Verdi. She noted Ms. Bain loved the Commissioners because they made a difference for people. She invited the Commissioners to attend. She noted various issues Ms. Bain had worked on until her passing day, which included an attempt to return handicap parking to Ninth Street along the front of the Washoe County Complex, issues regarding power lines and poles, and water issues affecting Verdi due to ongoing development in the area.

17-0065 AGENDA ITEM 10 Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Herman stated it was difficult to reach some people, especially seniors, during emergencies. She said the electronic sign in Sun Valley was beneficial in alerting citizens during emergencies. She requested an agenda item to discuss the electronic sign.

Commissioner Hartung said he received several complaints regarding Waste Management's (WM) service as a result of the recent inclement weather. He stated the County could not continue to be WM's customer service department. He requested an agenda item to discuss WM's service issues.

Commissioner Jung stated she wanted staff to reach out to a gentleman who had contacted her in regards to a WM issue. She inquired whether there was something WM could provide to people who were unable to move the larger green trash containers they were required to have. She mentioned a citizen in Chair Lucey's district had commented on Facebook about a safety issue on Geiger Road as a result of flooding. She said she would provide the information to Chair Lucey after the meeting.

Commissioner Berkbigler expressed her concerns with the potential incoming storms and the possibility of damage due to flooding. She trusted the County Manager would keep the Commissioners up-to-date.

Chair Lucey remarked the latest weather event was traumatizing. He wanted to reassure citizens the County was doing the best it could with the resources it had. He said the County was not trying to overlook anyone or minimize any issues. He acknowledged the issues regarding the ditches throughout the county. He inquired who was responsible for the maintenance of the various ditches. He spoke about the challenges and issues regarding snow removal and trash collection in the Galena, Montreux, and Joy Lake areas. He requested staff to address those issues.

Commissioner Hartung commented it would be appropriate for the County to look at its ditches and bridges in regards to flooding. He requested a report regarding the flooding issue before the summer.

Commissioner Berkbigler noted Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, would present an item on the next agenda regarding WM. She commended the snow removal crews in Incline Village for their work. She also commended the residents in Incline Village for their understanding. She added it was time for those in charge of flood control to look at the ditches since that was where most flooding occurred during the recent weather event. She suggested an agenda item regarding flooding be included in the next concurrent meeting with the City of Reno and the City of Sparks.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated the Galena area was the second hardest hit area in terms of snow. He confirmed the County had snow crews working on snow removal in the area. He noted the County was focused on areas that sustained flood and infrastructure damage. He also noted the County was continually monitoring the weather. He suggested a continuation of the emergency declaration for the next few days and to close it by the end of the week. He said a status report would be provided at the next Board meeting. He concluded his remarks by announcing the ribbon cutting event for the County's brand new Medical Examiner and Coroner's Office would be held on January 18, 2017 and the facility would be open by the end of the month.

Chair Lucey reported he and Commissioner Berkbigler would be in attendance at the Governor's State of the State Address to see what the Governor had to say in regards to the next legislative session.

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10:56 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Michael Siva, Deputy County Clerk*