

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

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 27, 2018

CONCURRENT MEETING

PRESENT:

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

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
David Watts-Vial, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:00 a.m. with the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District in concurrent 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:

18-0144 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Ron Hess spoke about the Washoe Public Lands Management Act. He said he believed the Fox Range and Pole Creek areas should be removed from consideration as wilderness areas; he wanted them returned to multiple land use management status. He stated the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had determined the Fox Range and Pole Creek areas should not be classified as wilderness through an environmental impact statement process. He referenced several documents from sources such as the *Nevada Wilderness Study Area Notebook*, *BLM Winnemucca Field Office, April, 2001*, and the *Potential Resources Associated with Proposed Roadless Areas in Nevada (second edition)*, which were placed on file with the Clerk. He stated the Fox Range and Pole Creek areas had future potential for large scale wind energy production as well as other potential land uses, which would only be possible if the areas were managed as multiple land use resources.

Ms. Elise Weatherly spoke regarding renewing her Library card, not being heard, 401k savings, polling juveniles, Tesla, solar panels, Governor Brian Sandoval opposing Tesla, Oprah, and capital punishment.

Mr. Bob Thomasson submitted his statement, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He spoke in opposition to the Washoe County Lands Bill citing issues

such as the need for costly infrastructure improvements to accommodate increased traffic and for increased fire protection. He suggested expanding the Reno Sparks Metropolitan Area through the Interstate 80 corridor to the east. He did not think the requirement for 500,000 acres of new Washoe County wilderness was warranted.

The following items (Agenda Items #4 and #5) were heard by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees.

18-0145 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation of the Washoe County Library Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Library. (All Commission Districts) [10 minutes]

Washoe County Library (Library) Director Jeff Scott conducted a PowerPoint presentation with slides entitled Washoe County Library System Annual Report FY 2016-2017; Strategic Plan FY 2018-20; Facilities/Community Hub; North Valleys Renovation; Downtown Reno Library Renovations; Children’s Services/Grow Young Readers; Maker Services/Express Creativity; Technology; Operational (4 slides); Support; and Thank You. The presentation was placed on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Scott stated one of the Library’s biggest accomplishments in the past year was the development of a new strategic plan. To find out what was important to the community, managing librarians interviewed more than 50 stakeholders. Through that effort they determined several initiatives. The libraries would: 1) be community hubs; 2) help grow young readers; 3) provide opportunities to express creativity and 4) assist residents to know their community.

Mr. Scott recognized people came to the library for multiple reasons, not just to check out books. They came in for classes, for community events, for controversial talks and to learn more about their communities. The Library was focused on early literacy for kids; the goal was to help kids get school-ready and to read at grade level by the third grade. He said the libraries provided an opportunity for the expression of creativity through its “Maker” services as well as some science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. The Library also served as advertisement for a lot of great resources in the community.

As part of planning efforts, Mr. Scott said work was being done to utilize the libraries as community hubs. He spoke about 2016-17 renovations which took place in the North Valleys Library. Through negotiations, the Library was able to bring \$900,000 in donated money from the Tacchino Trust for use in the renovation of the Downtown Reno Library, the Sparks Library and the Northwest Library. The money from the Tacchino Trust and matching dollars from the County as well as from a grant fund amounted to \$3 million for projects at all three facilities.

Mr. Scott spoke about the expansion of the operating hours at Sierra View Library to seven days a week. He noted all the libraries stayed open until 6:00 pm and

sometimes even later. The Duncan/Traner Library was open five days a week and partnered with the Northern Nevada Literacy Council to provide some programs.

Mr. Scott reviewed the renovation of the North Valleys Library, which included a larger children's area. He stated there was a lot of space for parents to spend time with their children and story time was enjoyed in the space. A 20 percent increase in the number of books being checked out by children was attributed to the renovations at the library.

Mr. Scott discussed the schematics for the renovation of the Downtown Reno Library which was shown on page three of the presentation. He explained work was being done to secure a grant from the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to help beautify the exterior of the building. They hoped to make the Downtown Reno Library the Grand Dame of the downtown area, which he said could be accomplished with banners, more lighting, a flag pole and more inviting outdoor artwork.

Mr. Scott discussed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Library and the Washoe County School District (WCSD) related to children's library cards, which were now fine free. He explained no fines would accrue on materials checked out by children. When parents enrolled their children into school they would be asked if they wanted their child to have a library card. He said this was the easiest way to get the cards to the children.

Mr. Scott added the after school hours at the Verdi Elementary Library had been increased to three days per week rather than just one, which had resulted in more traffic to the library. Also, school libraries were now more up-to-date and fresh due to the \$2,000 per year that was being spent on partnership collections. Enhanced training had been provided by some of the youth staff from the Children's Cabinet regarding the I'm Ready for K program. He explained I'm Ready for K was a workbook supplied by the Children's cabinet to help parents prepare their children for Kindergarten. The idea was that when a 4-year old child was able to complete the workbook; he or she would be ready to enter school. The workbooks were available in the public libraries and would be distributed to early literacy providers and partners. He noted the Give the Gift of Reading program which was launched last year raised \$30,000 for children's books.

Mr. Scott explained Maker Services were designed to promote the expression of creativity. More funding was now being allocated to Maker Services, which included support for idea boxes and for STEM education innovation. A Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant application had been submitted for the installation of Digital Maker Services on the fourth floor of the Downtown Reno Library to help provide more STEM activity and "fix-it" clinics. The Library had hosted a Makers Unite Roundtable event where all the "makers" in the community were asked about community needs.

The Library launched its coding camps in 2016, which Mr. Scott said were in the process of being enhanced. Every library currently had a Chromebook lab with

eight Chromebooks due to a partnership with NCLab and the Nevada State Library. Through the coding camps, kids could learn to code. Kids could earn certificates when they completed projects.

Mr. Scott reported the Library had been awarded the Automated Materials Handler Grant which would allow for the implementation of a radio-frequency identification (RFID) project to help automate the Library's handling of materials. He explained the goal was to have the system automatically check in and sort the books that were returned to book drops. This would save a lot of time and effort, which in turn would allow for the expansion of other library services.

Mr. Scott spoke about "Discover and Go" partnerships with the Nevada Museum of Art, the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, the Fleischmann Planetarium and the National Automobile Museum. He explained with a library card, one could download a pass for free admission. Through the "Discover and Go" platform and the partnership with northern California libraries, California museums could be accessed as well.

Mr. Scott talked about some of the other activities the Library had hosted such as the Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl which allowed attendees to get together and strategize, and even meet author Adam Johnson. The Library also hosted the Holland Project the previous summer which included a concert in the bomb shelter. Recently the Library provided live streaming of the University of Reno's (UNR's) TEDx event which was held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. He commented anyone who could not afford or did not have the time to go to the TEDx event could view it for free at the Library.

In addition to the successful development of the Library's technology plan and its strategic plan, Mr. Scott said it had also become compliant with the Child Internet Protection Act. This compliance was a precursor for eRead funding and meant that all the children's computers were filtered. Adult computers were filtered as well; however, adults had the option to un-filter their content. The eRead funding would provide up to a 60 percent reduction on costs for the Library's internet connection and could provide up to \$1.1 million for technology. Not only did it bring the County into compliance with federal law, it saved money.

Mr. Scott stated the Library's development budget had increased to almost one million dollars and with the Tacchino Trust money, it actually exceeded that amount.

Mr. Scott said he had been elected to the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra Board. The board was campaigning to improve grade level reading with the goal of getting third graders to read at grade level by the year 2020. After 2020 any third graders who were not reading at grade level would be held back if they were unable to pass a proficiency test. Mr. Scott was also elected as President of the Nevada Library Association (NLA) with his term to commence in 2019. He thought this would allow for

the opportunity to bring the NLA conference to Reno and to participate in Library Legislative Day.

Mr. Scott remarked the financial support the Library received from the community and from grants was tremendous. He said he wanted to thank the Commissioners for their support through general fund money as well as through some of their own special district funds. He commented the Library also had the support of the Friends of the Library, which was an organization that gave anywhere between \$120,000 and \$145,000 to the Library every year. The money was used to support reading, books, technology and other library needs. The Give the Gift of Reading campaign was used to help buttress the number of books in the children's collection and would continue to be held in November and December of each year.

Library Board Trustee Jean Stoess asked for an explanation of Maker Services. Mr. Scott replied the Maker Services were based on STEM and Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) education. He explained the goal was to prepare the community's children for next generation jobs. He said when asked about some of the needs in the community, the folks in UNR's Engineering Department determined the likelihood that less than 1 percent of the community's kids would be able to get into an engineering program at UNR. That was a big gap and exposing children to those sorts of concepts earlier could start them on the path to becoming scientists, engineers or mathematicians. STEAM education included an element of the arts which combined creative, artistic design with technology. The idea was to create technological advancements that were also elegant in design.

Commissioner Herman thanked Mr. Scott for increasing the hours of operation in the Verdi Elementary School Library. Mr. Scott responded he appreciated the input and support.

Commissioner Lucey asked Mr. Scott what he proposed the library system should do to help improve readership and what were some of the innovative things being worked on at the Library. Mr. Scott replied a lot of the Maker Services were very innovative. He mentioned a recent robotics club that met at the South Valleys Library. He said the goal was to help plant the seeds so kids in the community would want to get involved in things of that nature. The Maker Services often provided opportunities that the schools could not provide and in that way they were filling in the gaps. Having partnerships with early literacy centers and preschools to get kids to read at grade level would enhance the future; he believed the innovation came from those efforts.

Commissioner Lucey asked if the Library had experienced difficulty in making sure people in areas other than downtown were aware of all the programs the Library offered. Mr. Scott believed they had a good handle on community outreach in the downtown area, but thought there might be a deficit in the north valleys.

Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial cautioned the Board against asking a lot of questions as this agenda item was a presentation and not styled for discussion.

Commissioner Jung stated she loved the libraries and she thought they enhanced the quality of life in a way that no other County services did. She thanked Mr. Scott for the presentation and the Library Board of Trustees for their attendance at the meeting. She asked if the Library charged for the use of their meeting spaces. Mr. Scott responded currently there was a \$20 charge to use those rooms, but the Board of Trustees would be deciding soon whether to continue the practice or to waive the fees. He explained the fees had been implemented during the recession, but it was determined the cost for staff time to account for the revenue outweighed the benefit of the money received.

Commissioner Jung suggested waiving the fee only for non-profit organizations. She said she loved the idea of turning the Downtown Reno Library into the Grand Dame of downtown, but she wondered about the sustainability of the building due to its age. She commented she thought it was great kids could get their library cards immediately. She remarked the County's libraries did a lot to enhance the downtown areas of Reno and Sparks and she did not think the Library received enough credit for it. She suggested the Library take this presentation to the City Councils for Reno and Sparks. She mentioned through the Discover and Go partnership one could get free tickets to the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco. She thought bringing the NLA Conference to Reno would help drive the economy and she hoped the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) Board was aware of that. She noted Trustee Stoess was the first female ever to be on the Washoe County Commission. She thanked Mr. Scott and the Library Board and she commented she loved the Lucky Day program at the Library.

Chair Berkgigler said all of the Commission members supported the Library and the report was appreciated.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

18-0146 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Presentation of Friends of Washoe County Library Donation of [\$120,000] to be Approved by Washoe County Library Board of Trustees. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Washoe County Library Board of Trustees Chair Wendy Alderman stated the Friends of the Washoe County Library (Friends) was a unique and important organization. She believed they stood head and shoulders above most other similar organizations in the Country.

President of the Friends of the Washoe County Library Dan Erwin thanked the many people who were responsible for the extraordinary amount of money the Friends were able to generate year after year. There were 671 members who paid just

to support the library system and all the members of the Board of Directors were members of the Friends as well. He thanked all those who moved hundreds of pounds of books around so they could be sold and also thanked everyone who every purchased a book from the book sales. He noted the date of the next book sale and offered his thanks to the County Commissioners for their support.

Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial noted the agenda item was not listed as an action item on the Library Board's agenda so they would not be able to take any formal action on this item. He also noted this same item was listed as a possible action item on the Board of County Commissioner's agenda; however, there was nothing to indicate what type of action they would take since it was only listed as a presentation.

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

9:45 a.m. The Library Board adjourned.

9:45 a.m. The Washoe County Board of Commissioners recessed.

9:52 a.m. The Washoe County Board of Commissioners reconvened with Commissioner Lucey absent.

9:54 a.m. Commissioner Lucey returned to the meeting.

The following item (Agenda Item #6) was heard by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

18-0147 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding regional dispatch using Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) and fire service delivery considerations. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Chief Charles Moore announced enhanced automatic aid with the City of Sparks had just launched the previous day. He explained the automatic aid agreement came about as the result of a car accident during which no one immediately responded due to communication problems between the two entities. He said he and the Sparks Fire Chief agreed the issue need to be addressed which led to the logical arrangement of sending the closest unit to a vehicle accident or any other call regardless of jurisdiction. He noted it took a long time to finalize the agreement since the City of Sparks had to upgrade their Tiburon system, which took many months to complete. He explained the process of upgrading the Tiburon system inadvertently corrupted the ability for one dispatch agency to clone a call to the other agency, which resulted in further delays. This was why it had taken two years for the implementation to happen, but automatic aid with the City of Sparks was now live.

Chief Moore knew there had been plenty of opportunities for the closest fire engine to respond during his six years with the TMFPD, but resources were only sent

based on jurisdiction unless there was a specific call for mutual aid. He explained automatic aid applied to structure and brush fires but not to any other types of calls such as priority one emergency medical service (EMS) calls. He had seen situations where there was a priority one emergency which was eminently life threatening and although the closest unit was only a few hundred feet away, it was not dispatched. He noted he would be meeting with the Fire Chief of the City of Reno, the Fire Chief of the City of Sparks, and Dean Dow of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) to discuss what steps they could take to move forward. He mentioned he had previously visited the city of Las Vegas to gather information about how they managed their responses and he was impressed with their simple but effective operation. He remarked there had been discussions about the expected growth of the community and how the additional calls would be handled. He felt consolidated dispatch was going to be the key.

Chief Moore provided a handout detailing all of the reported TMFPD EMS calls during calendar year 2017 by priority and station, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He explained Priority 1 (P1) calls were life threatening, Priority 2 (P2) calls were eminently life threatening, and Priority 3 (P3) calls were not life threatening. He said there was one other category called the Omega determination which was a call with zero acuity. He believed the public had been well educated about calling 911 when they had a medical emergency. He said it could be argued that it was not necessary to send a fire truck and an ambulance to P3 calls, but nevertheless in the last year a fire truck, lights and sirens had been sent to calls that did not really need that sort of response 1,370 times. He thought the solution was a consolidated dispatch with an emergency medical dispatch (EMD) process to determine whether a call was life threatening or not.

Chief Moore explained the current process involved a medical emergency call being received by a 911 call taker at the Parr Boulevard facility where the dispatchers obtained very limited information as to what the nature of the medical emergencies were. Once the calls were transferred, the callers were interrogated a bit more where the priority categories were finally determined. He said it was important to respond immediately to P1 calls and he thought the current dispatch process wasted time. He believed the executives of all the applicable organizations recognized this was not a good way of doing business because it slowed the process down and the closest units were not being sent.

Chief Moore said the next steps would involve meeting and strategizing about how to fix the problem. The County had conducted a dispatch study that was presented to the Board on March 7, 2017 which concluded the need for a consolidated dispatch. He said a 2012 Tri-Data study indicated most of the problems within the EMS system were dispatch related; everything pointed to the issue of dispatch being an impediment to getting the appropriate level of services out the door quickly without over-responding. He noted most of the technology needed to accomplish this already existed and asserted the need to consolidate the four dispatch centers in the region into one dispatch center. He said by the next TMFPD Board meeting he would be able to update the Board on the results of the meeting he would be attending later in the afternoon with

his colleagues. He said he understood there might be discussion about regional fire services, but he thought there were a number of ways that could be tackled. The TMFPD and the City of Sparks were effectively already acting regionally in that regard by sending the closest unit to the scene of an emergency. He thought there were different ways regional fire services could work, but the current relationship with the City of Sparks was the model that many jurisdictions used. He said the use of Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) to dispatch the closest unit was the best practice throughout the United States and in his opinion this was the direction they needed to go with respect to local regional fire services. He thought regional services would not necessarily require a political consolidation with one budget and a new Board with all of the complicated terms regarding how it would be financed and governed. He said when he was in Colorado he had merged eight separate fire districts in three municipalities into one district, but it was enormously complicated and took 15 years to accomplish. He believed creating a local regional fire department would be a heavy lift; there was a lot that could be done to improve services through simple actions like consolidating dispatch and having agreements to send the closest unit. He believed that was the logical place to start and asked the Board to provide direction. He noted the Board had not indicated its opposition to the concept of a regional fire department, but he knew there were some very big impediments in the way.

Commissioner Jung asked about potential liability issues in situations when the closest unit did not respond during a life threatening emergency. Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial replied the broad rule was that the provision of fire services was a public duty that was owed to the public in general, not to any individual homeowner. Commissioner Jung wondered if that meant everyone would be liable and Mr. Watts-Vial responded under the public duty doctrine, a home owner did not generally have a right to proceed against a fire agency unless there was some level of negligence. Commissioner Jung thought it might be negligent if an agency right across the street did not respond because a negligent dispatcher did not alert them to the life threatening emergency nearby. Mr. Watts-Vial said under the circumstances described by Commissioner Jung, there was nothing to indicate that the closest entity that was not notified should have done anything; it could not respond if it was not given notice.

Commissioner Jung clarified she wanted to determine who would be liable if a response was not sent in an emergency situation and someone sued. She asserted if the County was sued due to a dispatch error, the blame would be shared by the Cities and the County. She wanted all the agencies to discuss this scenario with their legal counsels to determine if there would be a diffusion of responsibility or if one agency could be solely liable in this type of situation. She thought the liability issue would get the agencies to come together to deliver basic services the government agencies were sworn to provide. She referenced a presentation the Board received regarding a fire services and consolidation study near the beginning of her first term as Commissioner. The study recommended regional dispatch and sending the closest unit regardless of jurisdiction as it was considered the best practice. However, the Board had not been able to gain any traction toward this end since the deconsolidation. She was not in favor of consolidation at this time, although she knew it was the best practice. *She said she agreed with*

regionalization, but thought the County and the Cities needed to create a dedicated fund for fire services that could not be affected by an economic recession or boom. She reiterated she was in favor of regionalization, but wanted discussions to happen regarding liability and the creation of a dedicated fire fund. If those issues were not addressed she would rather the agencies had automatic aid agreements. If automatic aid agreements could not be agreed to, then she thought the County could address the issue at the State Legislature.

Commissioner Hartung said he somewhat disagreed with Commissioner Jung. He believed a regional system was crucial because it would enable them to see where every unit was and what they were doing. He reminded the Board they did not have a true consolidation in the past; rather they had a contract that was not renewed. He asked Chief Moore if the agreement to send the closest unit included sending multiple units to a catastrophic event that required more resources, or if a battalion chief on scene would make that determination.

Chief Moore replied the agencies would decide depending upon the nature of the emergencies. If there was a series of incidents with multiple priority categories (P1, P2 and P3) they would need to determine what sort of response and equipment was required. For instance an agency might have determined that for a structure fire the response should include three engines and a ladder truck, so some of those decisions were made ahead of time. With the advantage of AVL, the closest units would be dispatched regardless of their jurisdictions; however, the agencies had to agree that they would all send resources according to the new protocol.

Commissioner Hartung said he was concerned too many resources might be sent to a scene. He described a “fender bender” accident that he witnessed where this was the case and he wondered how the need for resources was determined. Chief Moore responded it started with the interrogation of the 911 caller. Commissioner Hartung asked if a police officer on a scene would request additional services through the same dispatch system. Chief Moore said yes, the officer would call the dispatcher and that would trigger the response.

Commissioner Hartung professed his support. He said jurisdictional boundaries did not matter when people needed help.

County Manager John Slaughter stated he wanted to provide a brief update on the status of the dispatch studies that had been requested. Before discussing the update, he clarified there was no intent to point fingers at individual dispatch staff members or supervising staff. He said the Washoe County dispatch staff was the most robust in the region. He said the dispatch consolidation study that was conducted jointly by the City of Reno and the County a year ago provided three options for consolidation which would save as much as \$990,000. Since the County had not been able to gain any traction towards consolidation, the Board requested information about how much it would cost for the County to have its own separate dispatch system. Work was being done with a consultant to determine the answer, but there was some modeling that had to

be done which was not anticipated. He expected the study would come back to the Board soon. He thought he and Chief Moore had discussions that were a little bit “out of the box” regarding regional dispatch and he thought there were some other northern Nevada agencies that might be interested in joining the talks.

Chair Berkgigler stated the greater region was going to continue to grow and she thought bringing in Storey County, Carson City or even parts of Lyon County and the Fernley Fire Department might save everyone money. She thought this could be a way to reduce the cost to taxpayers and provide better service.

Commissioner Lucey noted there were a number of challenges in District 2 because some areas in the South Valleys were geographically constrained. There were some challenges with a lake in the middle of the southern part of Washoe Valley and Carson City often assisted with EMS calls. However, he noted in talks with the Cities of Reno and Sparks, the boundaries are not simple and fluctuated due to annexations. He spoke about an incident on Mount Rose Highway when the closest unit at Station 12 was not able to respond because the incident happened outside its jurisdiction; instead a Reno fire station responded all the way from Moana Lane. He thought AVL was a technological advancement that would be an important part of the future and through AVL the dispatchers would be given the best possible chance of getting a response out quickly.

Commissioner Hartung commented dispatch staff was made up of the most compassionate people and he was amazed at how they stayed so calm during calls. He wondered how Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service calls were currently dispatched and how they would be dispatched in the future with the new technology.

Chief Moore responded BLM and Forest Service calls could either be dispatched through the local office or through the Sierra Front Interagency Dispatch Center (SFIDC) in Minden. He said most of the areas of concern were those that were along the borders. He added dispatchers did a phenomenal job and were fantastic people; the issues were more about how the calls were sent in and out.

Commissioner Hartung commented cab companies had been using the vehicle locator technology for years and even a smart phone could locate a person. He thought the need for AVL for fire services was long overdue.

Chief Moore stated there was one other component that needed to be fixed. Car crashes were typically reported to 911 which were subsequently routed to the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) while it was still unknown if there were any injuries. Fire trucks were not usually dispatched to these types of incidents. However, when the NHP arrived on the scene of a recent car crash they reported there were injuries to REMSA and then REMSA had to call for a response from the TMFPD. He thought it was crazy for the response to the injuries to go through so many steps.

Chair Berkbigler agreed this was something that needed to be fixed.

Commissioner Herman thanked Chief Moore and noted a lot of progress had been made. She thought he was on the right track and she approved of what he had been doing.

Chief Moore thanked Commissioner Herman and said he was not aware of any opposition to discussing the issues; he thought all the agencies agreed there was a need to do something different.

Regarding AVL, Commissioner Jung said one could watch the progress of a car on Uber's phone application and everyone had GPS so she did not think the technology was expensive. She wondered if there was a requirement to purchase the system from a National Firefighters Association sponsored vendor or if there were some other reason besides expense that was delaying the implementation of the technology.

Chief Moore responded the AVL technology existed, but the problem was that Reno, Sparks and the TMFPD were not able to push information back and forth to each other. There was something called "cloning a call" which took a lot of steps. Mutual aid requests were manual and they took a long time. He said what he learned from his trip to Las Vegas was that all the agencies could pay into a system to fund the dispatchers, and then those dispatchers could dispatch to all of the agencies. He thought this was the solution.

Commissioner Jung agreed that was the solution and asserted it would also be a personnel solution because currently there were people in the dispatch center who were doing the same job but were being paid differently because of the different agencies they represented. She thought it was important to create a regional dispatch center to create equity within that very stressful environment. She said it would help with the number of sick days, health issues and with basic personnel management. She asked the Chief make to that argument a part of his discussions with the other chiefs because it was not fair to the dispatchers.

Chair Berkbigler remarked she did not think there was any question that there was a dispatch problem and that AVL was the answer to the problem. She asked the Chief what was considered regional services and if he considered Clark County a regional service. Chief Moore replied yes, he did consider that a regional service because of the way each jurisdiction cooperated with each other.

10:31 a.m. Commissioner Jung left the meeting.

Commissioner Berkbigler recalled when the automatic aid legislation was being discussed in 2015, some testimony had been provided from some of the firefighters in Clark County. They said it was not uncommon for them to be in another agency's jurisdiction, it was something they did daily, and it was beneficial. She said the regional fire agreement with Sparks was really important and they needed to find a way to resolve

the problems with the City of Reno. She said she was gravely concerned about the situation in Verdi. She worried if Reno annexed everything within its sphere of influence (SOI) in Verdi that there were some patches of land they could not annex because they belonged to the County. She hoped the discussions about regional fire services would not get caught up on the idea that they had to be one entity. She said she would not agree to consolidation because it would cost the unincorporated tax payers a great deal of money. It was her intention to find ways to lower the overhead to the constituents and to provide a better service.

Commissioner Hartung asked the Fire Chief if dispatch staff would be able to see where all the vehicles were located and which unit was closest. Chief Moore said he currently had the technology in his vehicle and he could see the position of every single fire truck in the region.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the Chief would be able to see where law enforcement vehicles were. Chief Moore thought the answer would be no. Although it might be possible, he believed there was a separation between law enforcement and fire services. Commissioner Hartung thought it might be wise to share that information due to recent events with active shooters. He wondered if dispatch staff could see all the vehicles and Chief Moore replied he thought they could.

Finally, Chief Moore described the arrangement with Sparks saying when the TMFPD responded to a call in Sparks, Sparks would not send another fire truck out when it was a low acuity call. Sparks could likewise respond for the TMFPD and the TMFPD might not even know it since Sparks would handle the reporting. If another agency thought they still needed to respond in their jurisdiction even though the closest unit was sent with a truck that had at least one paramedic, it would not be harmful to the public. He saw no point in prohibiting a paramedic fire engine from responding to a critical medical call when they were just a few hundred feet away simply because they were not in the right jurisdiction.

Chair Berkgigler thanked Chief Moore and said he made a great point.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Norma Havens from USA Fleet Solutions discussed the locally operated AVL, GPS and Telematics company. She claimed the company could offer the latest technology which included second-by-second tracking. The company could also read diagnostic codes on engines and had executive dashboards so one could see everything that was going on. She said their mobile application was robust and easy to work with. Current customers included Washoe County, the City of Sparks, the City of Reno, the State of Nevada, Carson City and Douglas County. She believed the company could possibly be a partner to any departments that were considering AVL.

Ms. Elise Weatherly thanked Chief Moore. She stated she called the police a few times and she thought the questions they asked of her were a waste of time. She

spoke about certain people being a good fit for the job of dispatcher, the need to reward good employees and the need to fire bad ones.

For the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Board of County Commissioners, on motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered to move forward with AVL and direct staff to implement AVL in dispatching.

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Manager Slaughter mentioned Agenda Item 5 on the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District agenda for the Chief's Announcements was removed.

Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial said Agenda Item 6 on the TMFPD Agenda was for public comment and Agenda Item 7 on the BCC agenda listed public comment for the Washoe County Library Board and the TMFPD. Since the Library Board already took public comment and adjourned, it would be appropriate for the TMFPD Board and the BCC to open public comment at this time.

18-0148 PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Elise Weatherly said she had wondered about the validity of public libraries since young people were getting so much education from their devices, but after the library presentation she understood that libraries were preparing kids for the future. She was glad they were putting their efforts into providing science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) education and that they were helping kids to be at the appropriate reading level. She said she objected to the No Child Left Behind system. She commented on the state of the Reno Downtown Library and said everyone should pay to utilize the meeting rooms at the libraries, even non-profit organizations.

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still displayed some information on the overhead projector about prevention, detection, and correction of corruption in local government, which was also placed on file with the Clerk. She claimed propaganda about the amount of money being spent in Lemmon Valley had been shared on the Face the State television program. She said \$4,000 had been spent on a sewer plant that was in violation of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and she had asked Senator Heidi Gansert to look into the situation. She said the sewer plant was dilapidated and would soon be overwhelmed with new development that was going into the 100-year flood plain. She asserted the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) had pumped over 108 million gallons of water into an aquifer to stop water from being absorbed into the ground. She said Washoe County needed to deal with issues publicly, transparently and morally.

Ms. Zanny Marsh, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Northern Nevada (Red Cross), said the Red Cross was concerned about the safety of residents and pets who were at risk of displacement, injury or loss of life due to home fires. Consequently, Red Cross volunteers were raising awareness and installing free

smoke alarms in the homes of the most fire affected communities. There would be a concentrated push to install up to 600 smoke alarms on the dates of April 28, May 1 and May 5. She encouraged anyone who was interested in receiving a free smoke alarm to call (775) 954-1185. Data suggested up to one half of individuals who experienced a home fire were saved as the result of having a functional smoke alarm in their homes. Residents were encouraged to take advantage of the program.

10:46 a.m. The Board of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District adjourned.

18-0149 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Commissioners’/County Manager’s announcements, reports and updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

County Manager John Slaughter provided an update regarding the Washoe County Economic and Conservation Act (Act), also known as the Washoe County Lands Bill, which had been discussed by the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks over the past two years. He said staff was currently working with various stakeholders to understand the different perspectives regarding the wilderness study areas. The intent was to propose the wilderness portion of the Act to lawmakers in the region. He stated Jamie Rodriguez, Management Analyst, was assigned to the project and her contact information was available on the County’s website. The next public meeting would occur in the spring.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - 9A THROUGH 9J5

18-0150 **9A** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioner’s regular meeting of January 23, 2018 and Board workshop of January 26, 2018. Clerk. (All Commission Districts)add item

18-0151 **9B** Cancellation of June 12, 2018 Board of County Commissioners meeting due to primary election.

18-0152 **9C** Approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 secured and unsecured tax rolls and authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibits A and B and direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$140,523.49]. Assessor. (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5)

18-0153 **9D** A Resolution Requesting the Assistance of the Attorney General in the Prosecution of Joshua B. Morton Due to a Potential Appearance of Impropriety and Other Matters Properly Related Thereto. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

- 18-0154** **9E** Approve the settlement of the claim of Marci Margritier v. Washoe County, et al for a total sum of [\$62,600] for all claims against all defendants. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0155** **9F** Approve increase in hours from 25 to 40 per week for the vacant Juvenile Services Part Time Benefited Work Program Field Supervisor (.65 FTE, pay grade II, Position # 70001517) to a Full Time Benefited Work Program Field Supervisor (1.00 FTE) with a net fiscal impact of [\$20,373.84]; if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office and Human Resources to make the necessary adjustments. Juvenile Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0156** **9G1** Approve a Lease Agreement between Washoe County and The Great Basin Institute to provide in-kind services to the Community Services Department as consideration for lease fees for use of the resident housing at Galena Creek Regional Park and allow for the continuation of occupancy for a 36 month term commencing retroactively October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 18-0157** **9G2** Approve a Chinese Lantern Festival Agreement between Washoe County, Tianyu Arts & Culture Inc., and the May Arboretum Society to host a Chinese Lantern Festival at the May Arboretum and Botanical Garden within Rancho San Rafael Regional Park from June 30, 2018 through August 5, 2018, and authorize the Assistant County Manager to execute an Invitation Letter (exhibit C to Agreement) to United States Citizen and Immigration Services requesting P-3 visas for artists. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)
- 18-0158** **9G3** Approve a revocable Snow Storage License between the State of Nevada, Division of State Lands, State Land Registrar and Washoe County for snow storage on parcels identified on Exhibit A of the License, retroactive to December 1, 2017 through May 1, 2022 [\$3000 annually]. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 18-0159** **9H1** Approve amendments totaling an increase of [\$2,914] in both revenue and expense to the FY18 Food Retail Program Standards Program - Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) Conference and FDA Pacifica Region Retail Food Seminar Grant Project, IO 11467; and if approved direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0160** **9H2** Approve amendments totaling an increase of [\$3,000] in both revenue and expense to the FY18 Food Retail Program Standards Program -Dog Friendly Outdoor Patio Sign Project, IO 19078; and if approved

direct the Comptroller's office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Health District. (All Commission Districts.)

- 18-0161** **9I1** Approve funding for [\$12,768.00, no County match required] from the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for reimbursement of overtime costs associated with the OHV enforcement patrols for the retroactive grant period of 2/1/18 - 12/31/20; and if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0162** **9I2** Approve the direct grant award from the State of Nevada, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance FFY 2017/2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Project No. 14-JAG-44 and 14-JAG-45I for [\$1,721.68 and \$61.03, no County match required] to purchase equipment for Marine 9 & 10 for the retroactive grant period of 1/1/18 - 4/30/18; and authorize Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0163** **9J1** Approve the Child Welfare Collaboration Agreement with Casey Family Programs in the amount of [\$35,000; no County match required]; retroactively for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the Agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 18-0164** **9J2** Approve supplemental Social Services Block Grant: Title XX Subgrant award from the State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants in the amount of [\$10,000] to promote reunification, safety, educational support and normalcy for children in care retroactive July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; authorize the Agency to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency (All Commission Districts)
- 18-0165** **9J3** Approve a supplemental award for the FY18 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) grant from the State Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) to support food costs for senior congregate and home delivered meals in the amount of [\$32,894; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant documents, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

18-0166 **9J4** Approve a supplemental Older Americans Act Title III grant award from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for Home Delivered Meals [\$82,893; no county match] retroactive from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, authorize the Director of Human Services to execute the grant documents, and direct the Comptroller to make appropriate budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

18-0167 **9J5** Accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$118,948, no county match] retroactively from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, to assist the Human Services Agency with the Adoption Incentive program. Authorize the Department to execute the Sub-Grant Award and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. Human Services Agency (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Jennifer Mannix, Director of Marketing for Artown, spoke in support of Agenda Item 9G2 regarding the Chinese Lantern Festival. She said Artown was built on collaboration and this event was the epitome of a wonderful collaboration with the May Arboretum Society. She thought the Chinese Lantern Festival would become one of the area's signature events.

Mr. Rod Dimmit, volunteer at the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden, also spoke about the Chinese Lantern Festival. He thanked the Board for supporting the event. He said it would be a game-changer for the area because it would bring in approximately 80,000 visitors, increase the diversity of local tourism, increase hotel room occupancy rates and support Wilbur D. May's vision. He said the event would also increase awareness and the boost the potential for donations.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 9A through 9J5 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 9A through 9J5 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

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After the vote for Consent Agenda Items, Mr. Slaughter stated Agenda Item 13 was pulled from the agenda and would be brought back on a future agenda.

11:01 a.m. The Board recessed.

11:12 a.m. The Board reconvened with Commissioner Jung absent.

18-0168 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to approve a resolution of the Washoe County Commission creating the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB). Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

County Manager John Slaughter explained the Transitional Governing Board had been in existence for many years and this new Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) would take its place. The original role of the Transitional Governing Board was to monitor and oversee the contract for the downtown homeless shelter; however, the Board was seeking to broaden its scope. Representatives from the Board of County Commissioners as well as the City Councils of Reno and Sparks would take part in CHAB which would focus on issues related to homelessness.

Chair Berkbigler confirmed with Mr. Slaughter that the new Board would replace the Transitional Governing Board.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved. The resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

18-0169 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Discussion and possible action to appoint two (2) voting and one (1) alternate voting member of the Washoe County Commission to the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) for a term to be determined at the discretion of the County Commission. Manager. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

County Manager John Slaughter stated the Transitional Governing Board had been discussing the new bylaws for the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB). Through those discussions it was determined there would be two representatives each from the Cities of Reno and Sparks and from Washoe County, with a provision to allow an alternate voting member for each entity.

Commissioner Lucey noted Commissioner Jung was a member of the CHAB and requested that he be appointed as a voting member. Chair Berkbigler said she would be happy to take the alternate member position.

Mr. Slaughter asked if there had been any discussion regarding the terms of the appointments. Commissioner Lucey recommended the term be set for two years.

Deputy District Attorney David Watts-Vial said the resolution that was passed stated all members would serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the board that appointed them. It was up to the Board to decide if there would be a term and if so, what the length of the term would be.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Commissioner Lucey and Commissioner Jung be appointed as voting members to the Community Homelessness Advisory Board with two-year terms and for Chair Berkbigler to be appointed as an alternate member.

18-0170 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of FY17-18 Second Quarter Status Update for Washoe County Regional Detention Facility to include security of the jail, conditions of confinement and medical care of inmates housed at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts).

Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Green read the information contained in the Quarterly Report on Conditions of Confinement and Security at the Washoe County Jail. He conducted PowerPoint presentation with slides entitled: Jail Status Report; NSA On-Site Audit of Detention Facility; Security (multiple slides); Welfare of Inmates; Welfare of Inmates: Restricted Housing; Welfare of Inmates: Mental Illness & Substance Abuse; Welfare of Inmates: Health Stats; Medical Billing; Staffing (multiple slides); Jail Population vs. Authorized Deputies; Agencies Booking into the Jail; Agencies Booking into the Jail Transport; Pre-Trial Risk Assessment; Pre-Trial Risk Assessment: Pros & Cons; Inmate Population; and Average Daily Population. He mentioned there was a typo in one of the slides which stated there was a need for 164 full time deputy sheriffs; the need was actually for 175 full time deputies. The presentation was placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Herman asked how the County was compensated for the inmates that came from the City of Reno.

Chief Deputy Green replied it was a complex issue with a lot of history. He stated at some point in the past the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) had moved to discontinue collecting payments for the consolidated jail from the Reno and Sparks police departments. He said the issue involved a fiscal equity study and a taxation argument that he was not prepared to explain in depth. He said the issue was being discussed regularly amongst the Sheriff's executive staff.

Commissioner Hartung stated the jail facility was built in 1987 and pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) the County was responsible for the wellbeing of the inmates; however, he would argue the NRS did not contemplate the regional detention facility as it currently existed. He wondered if the legislators envisioned how it would be paid for. He questioned the percentages of inmates that were reportedly coming from other areas outside of Reno and Sparks.

Chief Deputy Green replied his review of related documents revealed there had been an agreement between the two municipalities and the County to create a regionalized jail that each entity would pay into, staff, and maintain.

Commissioner Hartung asked when the BCC had decided to discontinue receiving payments from the municipalities. Chief Deputy Green responded he did not have the documents with him, but they could be provided.

Commissioner Hartung stated he did not have a problem with the Sheriff running the jail, but he did not think it had been adequately contemplated in terms of the budget. He noted the number of inmates had increased and he asked Chief Deputy Green if it was correct there were 21,435 inmates last year. Chief Deputy Green confirmed that number.

Commissioner Hartung noted the numbers presented indicated 31 percent of inmates were coming from areas other than Washoe County, Reno and Sparks. He wanted to know where they came from and if the other agencies reimbursed the Sheriff. Deputy Chief Green said he did not have those specifics, but he knew some of the 31 percent came from the tribal police, parole and probation, highway patrol, the airport police and the school police. He said only federal agencies reimbursed the Sheriff for costs.

Commissioner Hartung questioned whether the Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center made up a part of the reported 21,435 inmates. Chief Deputy Green replied it did not; that number was only reflective of the number of inmates in the adult detention facility.

Commissioner Hartung asked about inmates with chronic health care issues and wondered where the individuals received their care prior to being incarcerated. He thought the Sheriff's Office should be billing the private insurance companies for the costs of care; especially for chronic health issues. Chief Deputy Green replied some of the inmates may have had health insurance, but many times that insurance was discontinued once they entered the jail facility because they were no longer employed. He explained another issue was the amount of work it took to seek reimbursement. He cited an example of a hospital with 200 patients, 70 percent of whom were on Medicaid, saying it would take two full time employees just to deal with the medical billing. There could also be an issue with insurance companies not recognizing the jail's medical facility as an authorized provider. He said the current health care provider, Naphcare, could bill insurance companies, but he did not think the County would be getting any sort of refunds because it contracted with Naphcare for a certain amount every year to provide medical services.

Commissioner Hartung remarked there were a number of physician's offices that did not do their own billing; they used third party billing agencies. He thought the issue boiled down to cost recovery and that conversations needed to occur at the Legislature and with policy makers regarding funding the jail similarly to the funding for

the School District. He did not think taxes needed to be increased, but he wanted to see the costs for the jail removed from the Sheriff's budget.

Chief Deputy Green said he appreciated Commissioner Hartung's concerns and said currently the Sheriff was mandated to run the County jail. Commissioner Hartung remarked prior to 1987 the County and the Cities each had their own jails. Chief Deputy Green did not know if there was a requirement at that time for each jurisdiction to have its own facility, he thought that might be a legal question.

Chair Berkbigler asked if the Sheriff could release people who were brought to the jail due to nuisance issues. Chief Deputy Green informed the Chair that the Sheriff's Office was currently seeking a legal opinion on that subject from the District Attorney's Office. He said he understood the need to clean up downtown; however, when the jail received a wagon full of people and many of them were arrested for things like trespassing or open containers, the jail was stuck with caring for all of them including those who had medical and mental issues. He said 12 percent of the inmate population was made up of individuals who faced Reno Municipal charges with no other charges pending. Chair Berkbigler recognized the problem was the arresting agencies did not have to pay anything and she hoped the District Attorney's Office was conducting the research. She asked how many of the inmates that were billed actually paid them. Chief Deputy Green was not sure, but said he thought the Sheriff's Office had recovered around \$145,000. Chair Berkbigler wondered where the money was going to come from to fix the housing issue. She said there was not enough room to house all the current inmates and she thought the issue would only get worse with the increase in population. She wondered how a growing 21st century community would deal with this issue.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be acknowledged.

18-0171 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Second Reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Washoe County Code by expanding the recorders fee by an additional \$3 for a total of \$6 to go towards legal services for abused and neglected children, effective April 1, 2018 and all other matters properly relating thereto. Manager. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Ordinance No. 1612, Bill No. 1796.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, Chair Berkbigler ordered that Ordinance No. 1612 , Bill No. 1796, be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

18-0172 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

There was not a closed session.

18-0173 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Public Comment

Ms. Tammy Holt-Still stated she heard a comment on the television program “Face the State” that the flooding in Lemmon Valley was caused by several large storms. She claimed this comment was semi-truthful as there were other contributing factors such as over-development and excessive effluent water. She said the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection reported the sewer plants for Washoe and the City of Reno were both over their permitted amount for the months of January and February. She asserted the number of residents that were participating in the home buyouts were misreported and she wanted an official record of that number. She said the City of Reno was working on flood mitigation plans, but Washoe County was not. She said by allowing developers to build in the flood plains, her home would be subject to flooding in the future. She stated 2009 building codes need to be updated.

18-0174 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Commissioners’/County Manager’s announcements, reports and updates, requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)

There were no comments from the County Managers or Commissioners.

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11:59 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

Minutes Prepared by:
Catherine Smith, Deputy County Clerk

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Requesting the Assistance of the Attorney General in the Prosecution of Joshua B. Morton Due to a Potential Appearance of Impropriety and Other Matters Properly Related Thereto

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

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

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has received a case from law enforcement involving the arrest of Joshua B. Morton on or about February 1, 2018 for burglary and uttering a false note or bill;

WHEREAS, the Washoe County District Attorney employs a person who is within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity to Mr. Morton and the employee may also be related to a person who may be a victim of the crimes with which Mr. Morton may be charged; and

WHEREAS, if the Washoe County District Attorney's Office proceeds with the prosecution of Joshua B. Morton there may be a suggestion of impropriety or conflict of interest arising from Mr. Morton's relationship to a Washoe County District Attorney's office employee or from the employee's relationship with a potential victim.

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

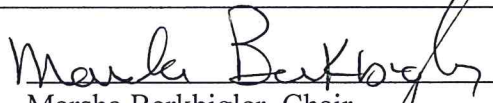
prosecution in the case of Joshua B. Morton arising from the events leading to his arrest on or about February 1, 2018 potentially involving charges of burglary and uttering a false note or bill.

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.


[Business Impact Note: The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds that this resolution does not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a business, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business.]

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Marsha Berkbigler, Vaughn Hartung, Bob Lucey, and Jeanne Herman
NAYS: none.
ABSENT: Kitty Jung
ABSTAIN: none.


Marsha Berkbigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:


Nancy Parent, County Clerk

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners to establish the Community Homeless Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, the Washoe County Commission supports efforts to promote the health, safety, and well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County has been an active participant since 2011 on the Transitional Governing Board as part of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Washoe County, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks to provide oversight and resource management for the Community Assistance Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Transitional Governing Board that the role be expanded to address more regional issues relating to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the newly-formed Community Homelessness Advisory Board shall act in advisory capacity with respect to matters affecting homelessness in our community,

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

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by reference
2. The Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) is hereby established by resolution.
3. The CHAB shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission and provide input and recommendations focused on homeless issues in the region.
4. The CHAB shall adopt by-laws and/or rules and regulations to govern procedures.
5. The CHAB shall consist of six (6) members made up of the following:
 - a. Two (2) members of the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners appointed by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners.

- b. Two (2) members of the Sparks City Council appointed by the Sparks City Council.
 - c. Two (2) members of the Reno City Council appointed by the Reno City Council.
6. Each of the appointed bodies listed in Section 5 shall designate one (1) alternate member to attend meetings. An alternate member shall have the same voting rights as the replaced member.
 7. CHAB meetings shall comply with Chapter 241 of NRS commonly known as the Open Meeting Law.
 8. CHAB members shall serve without compensation and serve at the pleasure of the agency that appointed them.
 9. The CHAB may review and provide recommendations on regional issues related to homelessness, as may, from time-to-time, be delegated to it by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, Sparks City Council, and Reno City Council.
 10. The CHAB will receive regular updates from the Leadership Committee of the Washoe County Consortium of Care and will provide recommendations and guidance to the Leadership Committee of the Washoe County Consortium of Care on matters related to homelessness, including funding allocations, community-wide homeless strategies, and initiatives; and any other matters deemed pertinent by the CHAB.

This resolution is effective on passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Marsha Berkbigler, Bob Lucas, Vaughn Hartung, and Jeanne Herman
 NAYS: none.
 ABSENT: Commissioner Kathy Jung
 ABSTAIN: none.

Marsha Berkbigler
 Marsha Berkbigler, Chair

Attest:
Nancy L. Parent
 Nancy Parent, County Clerk

