

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY 1:00 P.M. JUNE 4, 1996

PRESENT:

Steve Bradhurst, Chairman  
Grant Sims, Vice Chairman  
Joanne Bond, Commissioner  
Mike Mouliot, Commissioner  
Jim Shaw, Commissioner

Betty Lewis, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
John MacIntyre, County Manager  
Madelyn Shipman, Legal Counsel

The Board met in special 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:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bradhurst ordered that the agenda for the June 4, 1996, meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for public comments.

96-523 WASHOE COUNTY CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO EVALUATE SYSTEM - INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION OF CONSULTANT

John Sherman, Management Analyst, stated that six firms responded to the Request for Proposal that was sent out soliciting proposals to conduct an evaluation of the County's Child Protective Service System; that those proposals were reviewed and ranked by a committee that included members from the Public Defender's office, the District Attorney's office, Child Welfare, CASA and himself; and that the top three ranked firms are in attendance in the Manager's office for a final interview by the Board. He explained that the firms will be interviewed separately; that the others will not be in the room at the same time and will not be able to hear; and that it would be his suggestion that all the firms be brought into the Chambers when the interviews and Board discussion are concluded.

The Board then reviewed a list of suggested questions provided by staff and determined which questions they would ask each firm; and County Manager John MacIntyre randomly drew the firm names to decide the order in which they would be interviewed. The Board then conducted the following interviews:

The Child Welfare League of America, represented by Carolyn Hill  
The National Child Welfare Leadership Center, represented by Norma Harris, Ph.D.  
Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc., represented by Dennis Zeller

At the conclusion of the interviews, Board members discussed what they liked and/or didn't like about the different firms and the methods proposed by them for conducting this study. After considerable discussion, Commissioner Sims moved that the contract be

awarded to Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc., however, the motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Shaw then moved, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bond, that a contract for evaluating Washoe County's Child Protective Services System be awarded to Dr. Norma Harris of The National Child Welfare Leadership Center; and, upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Harris returned to the Chambers and Chairman Bradhurst advised her that the Board had chosen her firm to conduct the study. The scope of services was then discussed and Dr. Harris was advised that she and her staff would be working with, and reporting directly to, the Board of County Commissioners. On motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that staff be directed to negotiate the contract between Washoe County and The National Child Welfare Leadership Center for the scope of services outlined, including Dr. Harris' recommendations concerning the scope of services for the on-going Case Reviewer function at the conclusion of this study; and that the Chairman be authorized to execute the contract on behalf of Washoe County when presented.

96-524 APPOINTMENTS - COMMUNITY AND AGENCY/PROFESSIONAL CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE TASK FORCES

Following a lengthy discussion, on motion by Commissioner Bond, seconded by Commissioner Sims, which motion duly carried, Chairman Bradhurst ordered that:

1. The following individuals be appointed to the Community Child Protective Service Task Force:

- Stephanie Cabal
- Clifford H. Hussey
- Susan Rose Klink
- Susan C. Landrith
- Richard A. Mullins

2. Commissioner Bond be directed to interview the following individuals for possible appointment to the Community Child Protective Service Task Force:

- Katherine M. Cesario
- Janet Serial-Onosigho
- Candyce K. Von Ruden

3. Staff be directed to contact various professional agencies and request that a representative from each organization be designated to serve on the Professional Child Protective Service Task Force.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

STEPHEN T. BRADHURST, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST: JUDI BAILEY, County Clerk