

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JANUARY 27, 2009

PRESENT:

**David Humke, Chairman\***  
**Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairperson**  
**Bob Larkin, Commissioner**  
**Kitty Jung, Commissioner**  
**John Breternitz, Commissioner**

**Amy Harvey, County Clerk**  
**Katy Simon, County Manager**  
**Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel**

Vice Chairperson Weber called the regular session of the Board to order at 10:11 a.m. 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:

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

**09-88            AGENDA ITEM 3 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

**Agenda Subject: "Resolution of Appreciation--Sun Valley General Improvement District for their support to Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space in the development of the Sun Valley Regional Park project. (Commission District 5)"**

Vice Chairperson Weber read the Resolution and presented it to Pat Lancaster, Member of the Board of Trustees for the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), and Darrin Price, General Manager of SVGID.

**\*10:15 a.m.** Chairman Humke arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Price thanked the Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the SVGID Board of Trustees.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chairperson Weber, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, Agenda Item 3 was approved and adopted. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

Chairman Humke assumed the gavel.

**09-89            AGENDA ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Guy Felton read excerpts from his message to President Obama.

Sam Dehne discussed various items from the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

Keri Pruitt indicated she worked as a fiscal agent for the Kid’s to Senior’s Korner outreach program. She explained the program was a partnership between the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Washoe County District Health Department, Washoe County Social Services, Washoe County Senior Services, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, Sparks Police Department and Reno Police Department. Before making any budget reductions, she hoped the Board would consider that the program was recognized by the U.S. Department of Juvenile Services as a national model of best practices and was an example of how communities could collaborate to help those in crisis.

**09-90            AGENDA ITEM 5 – ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Katy Simon, County Manager, clarified the grant referenced in Agenda Item 6E1 was for the Senior Law Project.

Chairman Humke removed Agenda Item 6H from the consent agenda to allow formal presentation of the Proclamation. He kept Agenda Item 5 open and the Board returned to it several times throughout the meeting.

Commissioner Weber requested a future agenda item to discuss the vote by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority to close the Northgate Golf Course. She asked the Community Development Department to provide notice of the meeting to affected residents.

Commissioner Larkin called on Tom Noblett to make an announcement. Mr. Noblett said he obtained six free tickets for a historic steam rail ride on the Durango & Silverton Railroad. Commissioner Weber accepted the tickets as the Board's representative to the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway.

Commissioner Weber commended Rosemary Menard, Director of the Department of Water Resources, and her staff for attending a meeting in Sun Valley to address approximately 500 residents of the Heppner Subdivision. She said the residents were quite emotional, but staff provided them with excellent information and ideas.

**09-91            AGENDA ITEM 6H**

**Agenda Subject: "Proclamation--February 2, 2009 as Greg Krause Day."**

Commissioner Larkin read and presented the Proclamation to Greg Krause, retiring Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

Mr. Krause thanked the Board. He acknowledged his RTC staff, as well as the work done by Washoe County in support of the RTC.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne commended Mr. Krause for having done a good job.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6H be approved and adopted. The Proclamation for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**09-92            AGENDA ITEM 6A - COMPTROLLER**

**Agenda Subject: "Acknowledge receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the six months ended December 31, 2008 - Unaudited. (All Commission Districts)"**

Commissioner Larkin read from the second page of the staff report: "Total government revenues are 5 percent over prior year with increased ad valorem taxes and other intergovernmental revenues offset by a decline in consolidated taxes." He requested information as to how the County Board of Equalization's (CBOE) recent action to reduce taxable land values by 15 percent would impact future tax revenues. He also asked that the Board review the tax abatement fund and its effects over time during a future workshop. County Manager Katy Simon indicated staff was working on an analysis and

would provide information to the Board as soon as possible. Commissioner Larkin asked that the analysis include impacts on the budgets for fiscal year 2009-10 and 2010-11, as well as projections going forward.

Sam Dehne responded to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6A be acknowledged.

**09-93            AGENDA ITEM 6B – LAW LIBRARY**

**Agenda Subject: “Reappoint Pam Gullihur to serve a second term for a non-attorney position on the Law Library Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending December 31, 2010 and reappoint Bruce Beesley to fill an attorney position for an additional two-year term ending December 31, 2010. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6B be approved.

**09-94            AGENDA ITEM 6C – HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**Agenda Subject: “Extend existing Insurance Brokerage and Consulting Services contract with ABD/Wells Fargo for an additional four months to June 30, 2009 [\$10,000]; and if approved, authorize Acting Purchasing and Contracts Administrator to execute Amendment for same; award Washoe County Request for Proposal No. 2674-09 for Insurance Brokerage and Consulting Services for the Health Benefits Program for Fiscal Year 2009/10 to ABD/Wells Fargo Insurance Services [estimated annual cost of \$34,800]; and if awarded, authorize Acting Purchasing and Contracts Administrator to execute the Agreement for a three-year period with the option of 2 one-year renewals. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6C be extended, approved, awarded, authorized and executed.

**09-95            AGENDA ITEM 6D1 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

**Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donation [\$16,700] from Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation for the exterior paint renovation project at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater located within Bartley Ranch Regional Park; and if accepted, direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

On behalf of the Board, County Manager Katy Simon thanked the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation for its generous donation.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6C be accepted and directed.

**09-96            AGENDA ITEM 6D2 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

**Agenda Subject: “Authorize Regional Parks and Open Space Department to solicit written proposals to select a qualified respondent for landscape maintenance and snow removal around Washoe County buildings. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6D2 be authorized.

**09-97            AGENDA ITEM 6E1 – SENIOR SERVICES**

**Agenda Subject: “Accept grant given by Wells Fargo Foundation [\$5,000] retroactively from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 to support housing counseling; and if accepted, direct Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

On behalf of the Board, County Manager Katy Simon thanked the Wells Fargo Foundation for its generous private grant to the Senior Law Project.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6E1 be accepted and directed.

**09-98            AGENDA ITEM 6E2 – SENIOR SERVICES**

**Agenda Subject: “Approve creation of an intermittent hourly Community Health Aide position as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee; and, if approved, direct Finance to make necessary budget adjustments and Human Resources Department to make necessary staffing adjustments and initiate recruitment process. (All Commission Districts)”**

Commissioner Larkin questioned the consequences of establishing a new position and wondered if other alternatives had been explored. Grady Tarbutton, Director of Senior Services, noted there had been two employee retirements from the Daybreak program. He indicated the program was licensed by the State for a ratio of five clients to one employee, and employees had to have a certain level of training. He stated use of the interim hourly positions would save money over the next year, but would be treated as a pilot project because it was uncertain whether the appropriate level of training could be maintained.

Commissioner Larkin asked what consequences would result if the new positions were not approved and the vacant positions remained frozen. Mr. Tarbutton replied he could utilize contract employees, but it was difficult to maintain their training and licensure requirements. He said the alternative was to serve five fewer clients in the program. He indicated the clients would go on a waiting list that already contained about 70 people. He noted the program provided a break to family members who were caring for seniors, and the clients would probably require institutional care if the program were not available. Commissioner Larkin wondered whether there were any federal or State dollars available for institutional care. Mr. Tarbutton identified Medicaid and Veterans' benefits as the primary funding sources. Commissioner Larkin observed the Daybreak program was a much more cost effective program.

Commissioner Larkin questioned whether any thought had been given to negotiating with long-term care facilities. Mr. Tarbutton indicated the program had been looked at very carefully over the last year in an effort to reduce costs. He said attempts to utilize contract employees had not been successful, and there were no non-institutional programs in the community that provided a medical model of care. He observed all of the clients in the program had some type of dementia or significant physical disability that required the presence of a nurse.

Commissioner Larkin stated he would support the agenda item, and asked County Manager Katy Simon to find out why there were no other medical models of care within the community.

Commissioner Weber agreed with Commissioner Larkin's concerns. She said she could support the agenda item because it was not a new program and would save some money. She asked Mr. Tarbutton to come back with suggestions for collaboration.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne pointed out the wording of the agenda item made no mention of the Daybreak program.

Commissioner Weber requested that future agenda items specify the name of the affected program.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6E2 be approved and directed.

**09-99            AGENDA ITEM 6F1 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**Agenda Subject: “Accept grant funds [\$12,280 - no County match] for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Alternatives to Incarceration Unit, from the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, Truckee River Fund, to be used for inmate and community service work crews for re-vegetation and weed control; and if accepted, authorize Finance to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F1 be accepted and authorized.

**09-100            AGENDA ITEM 6F2 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**Agenda Subject: “Accept receipt of 2008 Justice Assistance Grant Funds [\$30,588 - no County match] for purchase of bait car equipment and training; and if accepted, authorize Finance to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F2 be accepted and authorized.

**09-101            AGENDA ITEM 6F3 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**Agenda Subject: “Accept Supplemental Grant Awards [\$7,000 and \$10,300 - no County match] from Nevada Office of Traffic Safety for overtime for Fiscal Year 2009 Joining Forces Program; and if approved, direct Finance to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F3 be accepted, approved and directed.

**09-102            AGENDA ITEM 6F4 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**Agenda Subject: “Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Washoe (Sheriff’s Office) and the United States Marshals Service to participate in**

**the U.S. Marshals Service District Fugitive Apprehension Task Force; and if approved, authorize Chairman to execute same. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6F4 be approved, authorized and executed.

**09-103            AGENDA ITEM 6G1 – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

**Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge receipt of Truckee River Flood Management Project Status Report for December, 2008. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G1 be acknowledged.

**09-104            AGENDA ITEM 6G2 – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

**Agenda Subject: “Approve Agreement between the County of Washoe and Marcus G. Faust, P.C. for Federal Lobbying Services on behalf of the Truckee River Flood Management Project [not-to-exceed \$51,527.40, plus related travel expenses] for the period February 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010; and if approved, authorize use of the 1/8 cent sales tax as the source of funds for the Agreement and authorize Chairman to execute the Agreement. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 6G2 be approved, authorized and executed.

**09-105            AGENDA ITEM 25 – CLOSED SESSION**

**Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.”**

**10:57 a.m.** On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, the Board convened to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

**11:40 a.m.** The Board reconvened from Closed Session with all members present.

**09-106 AGENDA ITEM 13 – BUDGET DIVISION**

**Agenda Subject:** “Discussion and direction to staff on Fiscal Year 2008/09 budget reductions and Fiscal Year 2009/10 budget process. (All Commission Districts)”

A PowerPoint presentation provided by the Finance Department was placed on file with the Clerk.

Finance Director John Sherman provided an overview of the economic and fiscal outlook. He noted the County’s cost structure was increasing while revenues were decreasing, resulting in the need to adjust the cost and service levels for all programs. He presented potential General Fund reductions for fiscal year 2009-10 and fiscal year 2010-11 based on three projected scenarios – a base case model where the economy remained on its current course, an optimistic model and a pessimistic model. He estimated Finance would have numbers available by early March 2009 that would focus the 2009-10 budget planning process on a specific reduction amount.

Budget Manager Darin Conforti talked about the \$9.8 million budget reduction for the 2008-09 fiscal year that was authorized by the Board on November 17, 2008. He identified a three-pronged approach to reduce and restructure program costs, reduce and restructure labor costs, and allow for the strategic use of emergency cash reserves. He reviewed the targeted reduction percentages for each department that were based on the Board’s adoption of four priority tiers. He commended department personnel for putting together their reduction plans in a very short period of time. He summarized the reduction targets and identified some of the anticipated program impacts. Mr. Conforti stated negotiations were currently underway with the County’s collective bargaining units.

County Manager Katy Simon said there had been feedback from the Board and numerous other stakeholders that emphasized a strategic view of the budget process. She referenced an article released to several national publications called *Navigating the Fiscal Crisis: Tested Strategies for Local Leaders*, which highlighted some of Washoe County’s budget processes as Best Practices. She discussed the use of broad budget policies and budget policy questions to guide the departments in making their reduction choices. She suggested the Board consider appointing a Budget Policy Committee to identify questions and issues that might be addressed in the departments’ 2009-10 budget proposals. She talked about the importance of using reserves to provide emergency cash flow, as well as to transition into the future. She noted some up front cash investment would be required to offer voluntary separation incentives, but there would be a substantial return on investment if positions could be eliminated for two to three years. She reviewed the 2009-10 budget timelines.

Ms. Simon recommended the Board consider the following actions: (1) move forward with accepting 2008-09 budget reduction plans after receiving input from

department heads and the public; (2) authorize the County Manager to adjust the 2008-09 plans based on possible labor cost concessions approved by the Board; (3) provide direction concerning a 2009-10 Budget Policy Committee; and (4) provide direction concerning a plan for emergency cash flow needs.

Chairman Humke pointed out there were several elected and appointed department heads present, as well as members of the public. Commissioner Larkin suggested the department heads focus their discussion on proposed 2008-09 budget reductions.

Carla Fells, Executive Director of the Washoe County Employees Association (WCEA), responded to the call for public comment. She identified WCEA as the County's largest collective bargaining unit. She observed many WCEA members had family members who had been laid off from other jobs within the community. She stated WCEA members would be meeting over the next several days and would vote on concessions. She noted WCEA had already foregone cost of living increases and was not involved in any binding arbitration.

Gwen Hughes, Washoe County Collections Analyst, expressed concern about the proposal to lay off two staff members and outsource collections for accounts such as the Justice Court warrants. She pointed out the Division collected approximately \$13 for every \$1 it spent. She noted there had been no staff increases in nine years and the Division consistently increased its collection rate each year. She wondered whether other options had been considered, such as adding a collection fee to the warrant amount.

Sam Dehne complained about media coverage of the local economic situation.

Keri Pruitt said the loss of a deputy for Kid's to Senior's Korner would cripple the program. She briefly discussed the program, which brought medical and social services into the neighborhoods of the needy and served over 10,000 clients each year.

Chairman Humke referenced Attachment A of the staff report, which contained each department's 2008-09 mid-year budget reduction plans. Commissioner Larkin asked about the difference between amounts in two columns of the report. Ms. Simon clarified the first column labeled "Reduction Target..." was the amount the department had been asked to cut, and the second column labeled "Reduction Plan Submitted..." was the amount submitted in each department's proposal.

Michael Haley, Sheriff, stated the Sheriff's Office was responsible for ensuring safety and security in the region, and did that with the lowest salary rate and rate of officers per thousand population of any law enforcement in the region. He emphasized the high priority placed on public safety by the community. He asked the Board to consider revenue brought into the region by the Sheriff's Office, and said he would continue to look for additional efficiencies and revenue sources. He indicated it would be necessary for him to maintain and manage the vacancy pool within his agency in order to

reduce his budget and provide quick response to emerging crime trends and negative life trends in the region. He reviewed the impacts of his proposed budget reductions. Sheriff Haley emphasized he could be held personally liable if the statutory and federal requirements of his office were not maintained.

Kevin Schiller, Director of Social Services, talked briefly about proposed reductions in the Child Protective Services Fund and in the Social Services Department. He said the reduction in the Child Protective Services Fund was offset by increased case management revenues. With respect to non-dedicated Social Services funding, he indicated the duties of a vacant position had been shifted to other staff members. He stated there was ongoing discussion about a possible merger between Adult Services and Senior Services, with the goal of increased efficiencies and zero cost impact. He mentioned there was an initiative underway to evaluate how the joint populations of the McGee Center and Mental Health Services could be served to decrease costs and increase federal revenues to the programs.

Richard Gammick, District Attorney, talked about the roles and responsibilities of the District Attorney's Office. He observed the levels of service were set by statute and by various court decisions, and such standards were increasing. He stated his proposed staff reductions would affect the filing of motions in the prosecution of criminal cases. He agreed with Sheriff Haley that the crime rate was expected to go up. He noted there were personal consequences to him for not complying with statutory mandates. He conducted a PowerPoint presentation outlining his proposed budget reductions and their impacts, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Dr. Mary Anderson, District Health Officer, explained approximately 50 percent of the Health District's budget came from General Fund dollars and the remainder came from grants and fees. She stated there had been a 9 to 11 percent vacancy rate since January 2007. She noted the District's emphasis on prevention. She indicated the District reviewed all positions and programs over the last year in order to optimize its organizational structure. She asked the Board to recognize the need for the Health District to maximize its use of federal grant dollars, and to recognize that those dollars supported existing programs. She noted the public health nurse home visitation program had been reduced and some administrative positions had been held vacant, which allowed the District to meet its 2008-09 reduction targets with existing vacancies.

Mike Pomi, Division Director of Juvenile Services, stated there had been discussions with the Board in 2004 regarding the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI). At that time, he noted the Board agreed to redirect public financing and cost savings back into Juvenile Services. He acknowledged that no one could have predicted the current economic situation, and the Division was not expecting to hold to that commitment. He indicated the Division had been able to meet its reduction targets. He explained he was currently working on some projects with Sheriff Haley and Social Services Director Kevin Schiller to collapse and condense Juvenile Services. He observed efforts were underway to replicate the JDAI statewide, and Washoe County was recognized as a national model in that regard.

Jeremy Bosler, Public Defender, pointed out his office was currently under Nevada Supreme Court Order ADKT 411, which required specific performance standards and training for those providing indigent defense. He discussed steps being taken to maximize efficiency within the Public Defender's Office.

Josh Wilson, County Assessor, stated his budget reduction figures included no employee layoffs and there were no programs that could be cut without jeopardizing the performance of his statutory duties. He noted his budget proposal met the Phase 1 reduction targets, and it might be possible to achieve the remaining Phase 2 targets after contractual negotiations with the collective bargaining units. He pointed out the Assessor's Office currently had less staff than it had 30 years ago and had been operating with a 14 percent vacancy rate for most of the 2008-09 fiscal year. He explained there were approximately 1,400 appeals covering 5,000 parcels pending before the County Board of Equalization, and the State Board of Equalization was conducting hearings to define the equalization process throughout the State. He emphasized the importance of separation of powers between the elected County Assessor and the elected officials who adopted the tax rate. He discussed the statutory cap rate for property taxes, and how it was being applied in the State of Nevada.

Adrian Freund, Director of Community Development, noted much of his department's work was oriented toward long-term planning. He discussed the impacts and the proposed budget reductions that were outlined in Attachment A of the staff report. He pointed out approximately \$500,000 of the department's budget was passed through to other regional agencies. He emphasized it was important to avoid reductions that might impede any ability to collect revenues. He explained the department generated approximately \$5.4 million in annual revenues, which exceeded department expenditures by about \$2 million.

Ms. Simon discussed reductions for the Manager's Office. She noted funding had already been eliminated for the Baldrige program and for strategic planning. She indicated two additional positions would be frozen, for a total of six vacant positions. She stated employee recognition activities would be reduced. She pointed out she had taken a 3.5 percent salary reduction, the Leadership Academy had been suspended, production of the Guide to Services would be reduced, and items such as dues, subscriptions, travel and training had either been reduced or eliminated.

John Sherman, Finance Director, indicated he was looking at outsourcing collections, as well as bringing contracts for the financial management support of the fire districts in-house. He said the Risk Manager position would remain vacant while evaluation of shared services between the local government entities was underway. He explained there was a proposal to fold the Purchasing Department into the Finance Department. He emphasized it was the mission of the Finance Department to provide the Board of County Commissioners and the County Manager with the best and most accurate financial information.

Don Cavallo, Public Administrator, said he was unable to achieve his targeted budget reduction. He indicated his office had always managed a tight ship. He explained previous reductions had already cut services and supplies, as well as weekend on-call personnel. He proposed laying off one full-time staff member, which equated to 10 percent of the department's staff.

Dan St. John, Public Works Director, pointed out the department's staffing levels were already down about 10 percent, and the reduction targets would result in a vacancy rate of about 15 percent. He said impacts to roads and buildings would be the most noticeable to the public. He stated the department would try to have the least amount of impact on snow removal, but there would be a decline in the pavement condition index. He indicated there would be some deferred maintenance in the County's 270 buildings. He emphasized public safety would continue to be a priority.

Kathy Burke, County Recorder, noted her office was revenue bearing. She indicated she had already cut 3.5 full time and 2.0 temporary positions. She stated the number of documents being recorded on a daily basis had not decreased and there were no non-mandated programs in her office. She emphasized her desire to maintain the ability to comply with her statutory duties.

Grady Tarbutton, Senior Services Director, explained there were minimal budget reductions in Senior Services because it was primarily funded through grants and ad valorem taxes. He noted the department still took steps to maintain costs. He stated the costs for congregate and home-delivered meal programs were the lowest in the State. He explained some homemaker and mental health services had been contracted out over the past year, resulting in over \$100,000 in savings. He indicated there could be future integration of Senior Services and Adult Services, which would enable a better focus on community issues such as the cost of nursing home care. He emphasized that quality of life for senior citizens translated to aging in place, and the failure to age in place translated to additional costs for the County and the State.

Arnold Maurins, Library Director, observed the Library would probably exceed its reduction targets because of a voluntary separation and voluntarily reduced work hours. He pointed out Library use was increasing, and more people were using computers and other free resources. He stated it would be challenging to address the community's growing needs as the financial climate worsened. He indicated it was the department's goal to maintain current library hours through June 30, 2009, but the schedules were constantly being reevaluated. He noted there were currently 35 open positions, which equated to about a 15 percent vacancy rate.

Ms. Simon explained there were some County departments that were not part of the General Fund. Although some of them were making reductions, they were not included in the \$9.8 million reduction plan under consideration by the Board.

Several department heads had no additional comments to make, but remained available for questions.

Commissioner Breternitz commented the target was \$9.8 million, but the proposals had only reached \$9.6 million. He said additional reductions of over \$47 million would be required over the next few years, and it would take some very creative thought and interaction to get where the County needed to go.

Commissioner Jung commended the following departments for exceeding their budget reduction targets: Sheriff's Office, Medical Examiner, Social Services, Board of County Commissioners, Community Development, Manager's Office, Finance, Human Resources, Public Works, Technology Services, Water Resource Planning, and The May Foundation Fund. She expressed her belief that the worst case scenario should be used for budget planning because there might be additional elements affecting revenues, such as the Governor's proposal to shift 4 percent of the County's ad valorem taxes to the State. She urged the County Manager and all departments to look for ways to transfer employees to other positions that might be available while they were doing cuts and layoffs.

Commissioner Larkin asked the Sheriff to comment on the situation with the Kid's to Senior's Korner. Sheriff Haley acknowledged plans to move the deputy assigned to the program back to patrol. He noted there was a contract between several partners, and the County paid \$10,000 per year toward the director's salary and other parts of the program's operation. He said it was a reality that pulling the program would have an impact on the juveniles and the seniors in the program.

Commissioner Larkin wondered whether reduction of the Sheriff's court rover positions would constitute a safety concern for court personnel or others involved in the court system. Sheriff Haley recalled the positions had been provided at the request of the courts. He stated the movement of prisoners was difficult in conjunction with the judges and other personnel in the buildings. He said it was his recommendation to pull the rovers back and to operate from afar. Commissioner Larkin questioned whether the recommendation had been made in concert with the Chief Judge and the Court Administrator. Sheriff Haley said there had not yet been any detailed discussion. He discussed the challenges of meeting statutory mandates with meager budgets.

Commissioner Larkin requested clarification of the District Attorney's earlier comment that citizens would need to go to mediation in animal nuisance cases. District Attorney Gammick stated he would not have a prosecutor available to take animal control cases involving barking dogs and neighborhood disputes, but would give priority to cases involving cruelty to animals or vicious animals.

Commissioner Larkin asked about the availability of an investigator and an attorney for on-call services. District Attorney Gammick said he would be working extensively with the law enforcement agencies to pick up on-call responsibilities, and expected a vast amount of training would be required. He indicated he was still uncertain about providing an on-call investigator for major traffic collisions. He stated there would be a supervisor or senior deputy district attorney on call for murder and major cases.

Commissioner Weber thanked the numerous employees who opted for voluntary separation. She suggested the Commissioners should meet with each of the department heads who were unable to meet their budget targets to find out why.

Commissioner Weber asked whether there were any other non-mandated programs in the Health Department that could be eliminated. Dr. Anderson stated there was always an opportunity to continue looking at programs. She indicated the District was looking at mechanisms to transition family planning programs to other entities in the community, but the Title X grant was very complex and had been administered by the District for 30 years. She said there could be problems if there was not a community partner willing to take over the grant, because of its complexity and the limitations it placed on the organization administering it. She noted Division Director Mary Ann Brown had been working very hard on the issue and was talking with the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Commissioner Weber questioned the possibility of reducing the number of citizen advisory board meetings. Mr. Freund said meeting attendance was one of the largest staff costs, and suggestions had been put forward to reduce the number of meetings and/or to hold community forums. He agreed with Commissioner Weber that citizen involvement was important, but acknowledged there might be other ways to get participation.

Commissioner Weber thought it was important to promote legislation to eliminate boards that the Board of County Commissioners did not control or oversee. She recommended a freeze on all new programs and possibly on reclassifications. Ms. Simon agreed the County should not be taking on new ventures. However, she pointed out staff would be bringing forth lots of creative ideas to replace functions that were previously performed in other ways. She stated there would be new positions and new contracts considered as part of the restructuring process to do things in a smarter way, but hopefully there would not be any added responsibilities.

Chairman Humke commended staff for their professionalism. He referenced the fiscal outlook data provided on page 5 of Mr. Sherman's presentation, which came from work done for the Legislature by the Economic Forum of the State of Nevada. He observed the Economic Forum was made up of a group of citizens appointed by the Governor, many of whom had specific areas of expertise. He pointed out they did great work on the revenue side, but he would not seek to replicate some of the techniques used at the State level on the expenditure side.

Commissioner Jung said she previously asked staff to look at how each local government entity was cutting programs and services, to see how the entities could work together to balance cuts in different areas to lessen the impacts, and possibly to advertise free recreational opportunities to the public. She suggested the issues raised by Commissioner Weber concerning new programs and citizen advisory board meetings could be referred to the Budget Policy Committee that was under consideration. She

noted the District Board of Health came up with a strategic plan to look at any new program or grant using a matrix or algorithm for evaluation, and it was possible the Budget Policy Committee could incorporate something similar. She requested staff come back at a public meeting before the end of the Legislative Session with an analysis of the impact of a possible 4 percent ad valorem tax shift from the County to the State, and how it might be addressed.

Commissioner Breternitz stated the anticipated \$47 million cost reduction over the next two years should be looked at as an opportunity to change the structural elements under which the County operated. He indicated the Board should finalize plans for a Budget Policy Committee as a part of the bigger picture.

Commissioner Larkin asked the Sheriff to comment about new programs. Sheriff Haley replied none of the departments could operate without programs. He stated the key focus was to stand up a program for the purpose of achieving a goal, to reevaluate it, and then to stand the program down when it no longer achieved its established purpose. He said he was concerned about having a blanket rule that there be no programs. He observed some programs totally paid for themselves and went away when that was no longer the case.

Commissioner Weber agreed programs were necessary, but emphasized she could not support any new programs that came before the Board.

Commissioner Weber expressed concern about accepting the 2008-09 budget proposals without amendment when there were departments that had not met their reduction targets. Commissioner Larkin referred to page 16 of the budget presentation, which showed the proposals were \$253,166 short of the overall reduction target. Ms. Simon clarified there were notes in the fine print indicating the departments were committed to making up the amounts in their 2009-10 budget reductions.

Commissioner Jung asked that subsequent staff reports reflect which departments met their targets, which departments exceeded them, and which departments were unable to meet them.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the 2008-09 budget reduction plan be accepted as enumerated in Attachment A of the staff report. Additionally, staff was directed to agendize an item at the next possible meeting for the Board to consider allowing the County Manager to adjust the budget plans based on possible labor concessions.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried, staff was directed to establish a 2009-10 budget policy and strategy working group, as enumerated on page 8 of the staff report, and to agendize an item at the next possible County Commission meeting as to the details of such a committee. Staff was further directed to establish a plan for using available

reserves to change from the current cost structure to a lower and more sustainable future cost structure, and to bring such a plan before the Board at the earliest possible County Commission meeting.

**2:11 p.m.** Chairman Humke declared a brief recess.

**2:57 p.m.** The Board reconvened with all members present.

**DISCUSSION – BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 7, 9, 10 AND 12  
(MINUTE ITEMS 09-107 THRU 09-110)**

The Board consolidated Agenda Items 7, 9, 10 and 12 into a single block vote.

**09-107 AGENDA ITEM 7 – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

**Agenda Subject:** “Recommendation to approve Interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Washoe, Washoe County Public Works Department and Truckee River Flood Management Department, for construction administration and management of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Levee and Floodwall Project; and if approved, authorize use of funds from the 1/8 cent sales tax for construction management services and authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$157,000 within the Truckee River Flood Management Infrastructure Capital Fund (Fund 494) from the land acquisition account (C940041-781000) to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Levee and Floodwall Project account (IF972003-710511) for the purpose of reimbursing Washoe County Public Works for its labor and operating costs. (Commission Districts 2 and 4)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7 be approved and authorized.

**09-108 AGENDA ITEM 9 – REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE**

**Agenda Subject:** “Recommendation to accept Sun Mesa Park (APN 504-471-15) consisting of 2.79 acres in Sun Valley from Sun Mesa LLC; and if accepted, authorize Regional Parks and Open Space Department to record the Grant, Bargain and Sale Deed taking ownership of the property and authorize Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments for reimbursement of Residential Construction Tax to Sun Mesa LLC [not to exceed \$207,000]. (Commission District 5)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be accepted and authorized.

**09-109            AGENDA ITEM 10 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept direct grant award from Nevada Division of Emergency Management Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Department of Homeland Security Grants [Nevada Division of Emergency Management Project No. 97067HL8 for a total of \$2,059,519 and Project No. 97067CL8 for \$70,957 - no County match required], supporting the Northern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center, Silver Shield Program, Citizen Corps Program, Advanced IED/WMD for Nevada Bomb Squads and Advanced CBRNE Detection and Decontamination; and if accepted, authorize use of Fusion Center, Silver Shield and WMD IED training funds for non-county employees; approve sole source purchase [\$38,004] for two EOD-9/SRS5 bomb suits from Allen Vanguard Technologies and sole source purchase [\$230,405] for IED/WMD Wolverine robot and antennae from Northrop Grumman; authorize Chairman to execute Independent Contractor Agreement for Services between the County of Washoe and Ms. Kathy Lynn “Kaydie” Paschall for services associated with the Citizen Corps Program grants to retain an independent contractor for the Sheriff’s Office Citizen Corps/CERT Program; and, authorize Finance to make necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be accepted, approved, authorized and executed.

**09-110            AGENDA ITEM 12 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to authorize expenditure [\$180,810.82] from Cost Center 920212. The expenditure is payment to Nevada Department of Transportation for construction of the State Route 28 pedestrian path improvements (improvements described as Country Club Drive to Southwood Boulevard and Centre Point Building to Southwood Boulevard, completed in 2006). (Commission District 1)”**

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be authorized.

**09-111            AGENDA ITEM 8 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**Agenda Subject: “Clarification of, and if desired, possible direction regarding December 9, 2008 County Commission approval of \$40,000 of Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funds to be used for travel expenses related to the 2010 National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference hosted by Washoe County.”**

Kathy Carter, Community Relations Director, explained travel expenses were included in the County’s Memorandum of Understanding with the National Association of Counties (NACo), but the item had been unintentionally omitted from the Board’s previous action concerning the 2010 NACo Conference.

Commissioner Larkin observed the item was an investment in the 2010 NACo Conference. He wondered what the potential was for revenues in Washoe County. Ms. Carter stated such information had been included in the staff report when the Board took its previous action. She indicated a guaranteed number of rooms had been negotiated with two or three properties, and the economic impact could be well over \$1 million.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be authorized.

**09-112            AGENDA ITEM 11 – DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to discuss and give possible direction to staff on results of the bond and debt structure analyses performed by Swendseid & Stern and Public Finance Management as the initial step in an evaluation of a possible integration of the Washoe County Department of Water Resources and Truckee Meadows Water Authority, review and discussion of the proposed process, schedule and stakeholder engagement process for further evaluation and analysis leading to a possible integration of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority and the Washoe County Department of Water Resources. (All Commission Districts)”**

Rosemary Menard, Director of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), stated the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC), the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) had given previous direction for staff to proceed with the analysis in the staff report. She explained Attachment A was an email memo from Bond Counsel John Swendseid that outlined some of the consequences and options for consolidating the agencies in light of both organizations’ debt structures and bond covenants. She noted the memo outlined three options. The first option involved defeasance of both organizations’ debt structures and creation of a new organization, but she pointed out that course of action was associated with a sea of red ink. She said the second option was to have shared management of the two organizations through a joint operating agreement that would keep them separate and allow them to service their individual debts. She identified the third option as a phased

implementation that would start out with a joint operating agreement and then move toward consolidation as a single agency after the defeasance of one organization's debt.

Ms. Menard concluded that integration was feasible, although the exact form was not yet determined. She indicated the possible steps and timelines for proceeding with additional work were shown in Attachment F of the staff report. She noted the strategy shown in the flow charts was a phased implementation that would utilize cross-functional teams between the two agencies to look at specific details such as system planning and engineering. She referenced the document that identified working teams in Attachment D, and an example of a team charter in Attachment E. She stated resources were limited and the strategy was to proceed in stages designed to ask key questions, get policy direction, and then take the next steps based on the decisions of the policy makers. She observed some outreach to the general public was also planned.

Mark Foree, Acting General Manager of TMWA, pointed out the bond analysis was a snapshot in time and conditions could change to make defeasance of the bonds more attractive. He said he thought it was important to continue with the process in order to be ready for a quick decision if market conditions were to change.

Commissioner Larkin noted the request to review integration originally came from the State Legislature, and the WRWC had jurisdiction over the matter. Ms. Menard characterized TMWA and the BCC as the "owners" of the two agencies. Although the WRWC had already given direction to proceed, she said staff wanted to keep all of the agencies informed and to provide an opportunity for the BCC to give input, ask questions or express concerns. She noted a cost/benefit analysis had not yet been done, and no decision had yet been made as to option two versus option three.

Commissioner Larkin asked whether there was any apparent impediment to the integration effort at this point. Ms. Menard indicated there was no impediment with respect to the legal and financial analysis of bond structures and indebtedness. She assured Commissioner Larkin subsequent steps would be taken in order to fully vet the engineering structures and the organizational structures.

Commissioner Breternitz wondered at what point in time there would be enough information to show the potential savings of an integrated structure. He hoped there would be enough operational savings to justify the analytical process. Ms. Menard talked about how some of the teams were instructed to proceed in a stepwise fashion. She estimated there would be a document available within a few weeks that would be presented at the WRWC meeting in March or April 2009.

In response to the call for public comment, Chairman Humke read an objection to any kind of integration that had been received by email from Frank Braddock. The email was placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Larkin commented it was necessary to protect the rate payers in both organizations. He acknowledged millions of dollars had been invested for

the purchase of TMWA, but pointed out it was also a lucrative opportunity for investment. He credited the employees at TMWA for “turning lemons into lemonade.”

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried, DRW staff was directed to: implement the proposed process for the next steps of the TMWA-DWR Integration Evaluation; implement the proposed approach to stakeholder engagement, including the development of additional approaches to engaging community interests; and report the results of such activities at future County Commission meetings.

**09-113            AGENDA ITEM 14**

**Agenda Subject: “County Commission Meeting Structure: Discussion, identification of issues and possible direction to staff regarding the structure of Board of County Commissioner Meetings, including, but not limited to agendas, meeting times, frequency of meetings, and Commission workshops.”**

The Board conducted a detailed discussion about various possibilities for changing the times and structure of their monthly meeting schedule.

On motion by Commissioner Breternitz, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried, the following changes to the Board of County Commissioner’s meeting structure and schedule were ordered:

- Meetings held on the second and third Tuesday of the month were to begin at 10:00 a.m.
- The meeting held on the fourth Tuesday of the month was to begin at 2:00 p.m.
- The second meeting of the month was to be geared toward presentations and information gathering, and would be conducted in a workshop-type setting.
- Board meetings for the Sierra Fire Protection District, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District were to be held on the first meeting of the month, beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Public hearings were to be held at 6:00 p.m.
- It was noted all of the changes would be made on an experimental basis and then further reevaluated.

**09-114            AGENDA ITEM 15**

**Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible action with regard to the Rules and Procedures for the Washoe County Board of Commissioners pertaining to the 2009 Washoe County Board of Commissioners. (Continued from January 13, 2009 Commission Meeting.)”**

County Manager Katy Simon referred to the document containing revised rules and procedures for the Board's consideration, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She noted there was specific language that had been changed in paragraph 3, and the Board requested that it be brought back to make sure it was captured appropriately.

Commissioner Weber observed the wording in paragraph 3 sounded like members could not serve more than one term. She also questioned the definition of a term. Ms. Simon explained the terms were defined by each respective board or commission, and were not included in the document under consideration. She clarified the intention was for Board of County Commission members to serve two consecutive terms as defined by each respective board; and, if no other County Commission members were interested in serving, then the current appointee could continue to serve.

Commissioner Jung requested the list containing the boards and commissions served by each of the County Commissioners be reviewed and expanded to define what term was included in each appointment, as well as the effective term dates.

Commissioner Weber referenced the language in paragraph 6, which provided that any motion to reconsider action taken by the Commission must take place within 25 days from the meeting at which the action was taken. She stated such action should take place at the first meeting following the original motion. Chairman Humke wondered whether there was anything in statute that required 25 days. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, said the only thing she was aware of was a 25-day statute of limitations on land use decisions to file a petition for judicial review. County Manager Katy Simon noted the task was to harmonize the 25-day rule with the next meeting goal. She suggested a modification that clarified the intent to take action at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**4:08 p.m.** Commissioner Breternitz temporarily left the meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Breternitz absent, it was ordered that the Rules and Procedures for the Washoe County Board of Commissioners be approved with the following language in Paragraph 6: "*A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Commission may be made only during the meeting at which the action was taken, or at the next a regularly scheduled meeting, within no more than 25 days of the meeting at which the action was taken...*"

**09-115      AGENDA ITEM 16 – MANAGEMENT SERVICES/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Agenda Subject: "Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by Legislators, by Washoe County or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical**

**significance to Washoe County, or issues arising out of the special legislative session. (All Commission Districts)”**

**4:10 p.m.** Commissioner Breternitz returned to the meeting.

John Slaughter provided handouts concerning AB 54 and AB 74, which were placed on file with the Clerk.

#### **Assembly Bill No. 74**

Mr. Slaughter discussed AB 74, which contained amended language to a Washoe County bill related to map extensions for subdivisions of land. He noted the language in the bill was very simple and changed the extension period for a final map from one year to two years, and changed the period from two years to four years for a tentative map.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Board support the proposed amendments to the language in Assembly Bill 74.

#### **Assembly Bill No. 54**

Mr. Slaughter explained the intent of AB 54, as it was currently written and had been introduced, was to seek authority to provide assistance through grant programs to convert property owners to a municipal system in cases where their wells or septic systems were failing. He stated citizens were concerned the bill was seeking authority to force people off their wells or septic systems. He emphasized that was never the intent, and the County intended only to provide financial assistance. He requested direction from the Board, pending agreement of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and the subcommittee, to rework the language in the bill.

The Commissioners directed Mr. Slaughter to proceed with reworking the language in Assembly Bill 54 in order to clarify its intent, and to bring the amended language back to the Board.

#### **09-116      AGENDA ITEM 17**

**Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to accept proposal from Diamante Partners LLC in response to Washoe County Request for Proposal No. 2662-09 to assist Washoe County, the Sierra Fire Protection District and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with the development of a comprehensive Fire Services Master Plan; and if accepted, authorize Chairman to execute Agreement for same in the proposed amount of \$64,800, accept funds from Truckee Meadows and Sierra Fire Protection Districts for their share of the cost of the study and authorize Finance to make appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts)”**

**4:20 p.m.** The Board convened simultaneously as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners, the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District, and the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District with all members present.

Kurt Latipow, Washoe County Fire Services Coordinator, acknowledged the members of the task group who put together the Request for Proposal.

Commissioner Weber disclosed she participated in discussions with the task group and filled out a survey, but did not vote for any of the contractors at the subcommittee level because she knew the item would come before the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be approved, accepted, authorized and executed.

**4:26 p.m.** The Board remained in session as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District with all members present.

**4:27 p.m.** Commissioner Weber temporarily left the meeting.

**4:28 p.m.** The Board adjourned as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District and reconvened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District. Commissioner Weber returned to the meeting.

**4:31 p.m.** Commissioner Jung temporarily left the meeting.

**4:36 p.m.** The Board adjourned as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and reconvened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners with Commissioner Jung absent.

**09-117            AGENDA ITEM 24 – REPORTS/UPDATES**

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

The Board consolidated Agenda Items 5 and 24.

Commissioner Larkin announced he and other members of the Flood Project Coordinating Committee would be breaking ground at the Reno-Sparks Levy project. He said he was scheduled to take a tour of the Medical Examiner's facility. He reported there was an upcoming special meeting of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board to consider legal issues related to a condemnation pursuit in the Mogul area.

Commissioner Weber asked the Community Relations Director to provide an updated report concerning Channel 17. She indicated some individuals were unable to see the Washoe County TV programs on that Channel. She announced an upcoming community event for the free recycling of electronic waste.

Commissioner Breternitz said he completed 29 of 31 scheduled meetings, including a tour of the Medical Examiner's office. He indicated he recently rode the North Lake Tahoe Express to and from Lake Tahoe, and spent about five hours on the TART bus system.

**4:45 p.m.** Chairman Humke declared a brief recess.

**5:16 p.m.** The Board convened as the Board of Trustees for the South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District with Commissioner Jung having returned to the meeting and all members present.

**5:26 p.m.** Chairman Humke declared a brief recess.

**6:01 p.m.** The Board reconvened as the Board of Washoe County Commissioners with all members present.

**09-118      AGENDA ITEM 21 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Agenda Subject:** “Second reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Washoe County Code, Chapter 5 by adding new language reflecting County’s Policy of supporting the use of private vehicles for conduct of County business pursuant to County travel regulation Ordinance, and other matters properly related thereto. (Bill No. 1569)”

**6:02 p.m.** Chairman Humke opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Amy Harvey read the title for Ordinance No. 1390, Bill No. 1569.

There being no response to the call for public comment, Chairman Humke closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1390, Bill No.

1569 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WASHOE COUNTY CODE, CHAPTER 5 BY ADDING NEW LANGUAGE REFLECTING COUNTY'S POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE USE OF PRIVATE VEHICLES FOR CONDUCT OF COUNTY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO COUNTY TRAVEL REGULATION ORDINANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO." be approved, adopted and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

**09-119            AGENDA ITEM 22 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Agenda Subject:** “Development Agreement Case No. DA08-007 – Eagle Canyon VI Subdivision.

To consider adoption of Development Agreement Case No. DA08-007 for Eagle Canyon VI, Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. TM06-008, which was previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners. [APN: 532-020-17];

AND, if approved,

The introduction and first reading of an Ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 approving Development Agreement Case No. DA08-007 for Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. TM06-008 for Eagle Canyon VI Subdivision as previously approved by the Board of Washoe County Commissioners. (Commission District 4, Commissioner Larkin)”

**6:03 p.m.**        Chairman Humke opened the public hearing.

Chairman Humke disclosed he attended the Planning Commission hearing concerning the Development Agreement, where there had been little discussion or opposition.

There being no response to the call for public comment, Chairman Humke closed the public hearing.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the development agreement in Agenda Item 22 be approved and adopted.

Bill No. 1570, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 278.0201 THROUGH 278.0207 APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CASE NO. DA08-007 FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP CASE NO. TM06-008 FOR EAGLE CANYON VI SUBDIVISION AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS” was introduced by Commissioner Larkin, the title read to the Board and legal notice for final action of adoption directed.

**Agenda Subject:** “Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case No. CP05-005 (Forest Area Plan). To adopt an amendment to the Forest Area Plan, a part of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan, by replacing the existing Forest Area Plan with a wholesale update of the Forest Area Plan, establishing updated goals and policies relating to Land Use, Transportation, Scenic, Recreational and Cultural Resources, Natural Resources (Air, Land and Water), establishing minimum architectural and site design standards, amending the Land Use Plan map to reflect certain land use changes within proposed character management areas; and establishing an updated map series to include a Land Use Plan map, Character Management Plan map, Recreational Opportunities Plan map, Public Services and Facilities Plan map, Streets and Highways System Plan map, and Development Suitability map; and, authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution upon a finding of conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan by the Regional Planning Commission. (Commission District 2)”

**6:05 p.m.** The public hearing was opened by Chairman Humke.

Lisa Brosnan, Assistant Planner, conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She indicated the proposed update to the Forest Area Plan had been adopted by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2008. She reviewed the Board of County Commissioners’ options to either adopt the updated Area Plan or to remand it back to the Planning Commission along with specific direction as to what issues should be reconsidered.

Adrian Freund, Director of Community Development, clarified there was a Washoe County Code provision that gave the Planning Commission a 90-day timeframe in which to respond if the Board chose to remand the Area Plan for their reconsideration.

Chairman Humke acknowledged the following three colored documents, referred to as the “Easter Basket,” that were submitted to the Board: *Summary of Collected Community Issues (5 pages)*, *Community Proposed Amendments to the Forest Area Plan (6 pages)*, and *Suggested Motion to Remand the Forest Area Plan back to the Planning Commission (1 page)*. The documents were placed on file with the Clerk. He explained the first document was a summary of the input gathered by volunteer facilitator Erica Olsen at a community meeting, and the other two documents were submitted by a group of citizens. He noted there had been some negotiation among residents and developers, and there was a core group of citizens requesting the Area Plan be remanded to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Humke referred to a one-page statement submitted by Mr. Jeffrey Church, suggesting there were legal problems with the noticing of the public hearing. Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel, requested some time to review the appropriate statutes. She advised the Board to proceed with the public hearing.

Commissioner Weber wondered if there was any possibility of sectioning off parts of the Forest Area Plan so that some portions could move forward and others could be remanded. Based on advice from the Deputy District Attorney who represented Community Development, Ms. Foster stated there were differences between the South Valleys Area Plan, which had used a bifurcated approach, and the Forest Area Plan. If the Board wanted certain issues to be reconsidered, she recommended they remand the entire Area Plan to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Weber expressed concern about remanding to the Planning Commission because they had already heard the Area Plan, there had been many meetings, and a lot of input had been gathered from the public.

Chairman Humke disclosed that he and Commissioner Larkin previously attended a meeting with Hugh Hempel, Kent Sweet, Dennis Callahan, Perry DiLoreto, Jim DeVolld and others. As a result of those discussions, a facilitated community meeting was held on January 22, 2009 and was attended by 60 to 70 people from all portions of the Forest Area Plan jurisdiction. He said it was not an officially sanctioned public meeting, but he considered it a positive process that allowed discussion between some concerned citizens and some of those interested in future development projects. He believed it was important for the Board to listen to the work product that had come from the meeting.

Commissioner Larkin stated he was not in favor of disregarding legal advice as to bifurcation of the Area Plan. He pointed out the Planning Commission had not had the benefit of viewing the Easter Basket documents that came out of the community negotiations, and had not considered them in their deliberations.

Commissioner Jung agreed more community input could only enhance the Area Plan. She said it would be prudent to send the Area Plan back to the Planning Commission to allow them to wade through the proposed amendments created by the citizens in the Forest Area, and to give their recommendation.

Commissioner Breternitz disclosed he met with representatives of the Galena Gateway Project, the Matera Ridge Project, the Gourley Project and the Mt. Rose Project, as well as with a citizens group concerned primarily about the Galena Gateway and Matera Ridge Projects. He said he had received a lot of correspondence both in favor and in opposition to the Galena Gateway and Matera Ridge Projects.

Chairman Humke noted there were individuals present who would speak to the Easter Basket documents they had submitted. He suggested it might save a considerable amount of time to send the information back to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Weber agreed the Board could give good direction to the Planning Commission after hearing all of the public's comments.

Each of the commissioners disclosed meeting separately with various developers' representatives and with concerned citizens.

Kent Sweet, owner of the Galena Market, responded to the call for public comment. He spoke on behalf of Hugh Hempel, Erik Sikora, Jim DeVolld, Dennis Callahan, Karen Mullen and others, in favor of remanding the Area Plan to the Planning Commission. He read seven areas of concern and reviewed the group's proposed amendments from the Easter Basket document entitled *Community Proposed Amendments to the Forest Area Plan*. He asked the Board to take action utilizing the Easter Basket document entitled *Suggested Motion to Remand the Forest Area Plan back to the Planning Commission*.

Nick Lancaster expressed support for the Easter Basket documents. He stated previous attempts to compromise over the amount of proposed commercial space in the Galena Gateway Project resulted only in cosmetic changes. He indicated commercial development at any point uphill from Thomas Creek Road was inappropriate and did not conform to the Southwest Area Plan.

Ruth Hagan expressed support for the Easter Basket documents. She suggested there should be questions asked concerning the economy, the housing market and the solvency of existing developments before the Board remanded the Area Plan.

Bob Parker pointed out the Galena-Steamboat Citizen Advisory Board voted against the Forest Area Plan. He objected to the process of inserting special plans for certain developers into area plans, and suggested it raised questions about improper incentives and non-public processes.

Donna Peterson spoke as a resident of St. James Village and a representative of the homeowners association (HOA). She indicated it was the HOA's position that rezoning of the Gourley property was illegally added to the Forest Area Plan by the Planning Commission at the last minute without proper notice to the public. She requested the Board remand the Area Plan with a recommendation to remove any redesignation of the Gourley property.

Tom Daly spoke on behalf of several residents of The Estates at Mt. Rose. He discussed their opposition to the proposed rezoning of the Matera Ridge Project and to the proposed commercial zoning in the Area Plan.

John Parlante supported remand of the Area Plan to the Planning Commission. He commented that the requested density for the Matera Ridge Project was too high and was inconsistent with the neighborhood.

Bob Ackerman identified himself as a Galena Forest resident. He stated any specific developers' plans should be excluded from the Forest Area Plan. He talked about the negative impacts the Matera Ridge Project would have on the water table, the lack of adequate fire protection in the area, and broken commitments by other developers in the past. He said he supported Mr. Sweet's efforts and requested the Area Plan be remanded to the Planning Commission.

Beth Honebein referenced a version of the Forest Area Plan submitted by the community to the subcommittee on June 14, 2008. She noted the community wanted to see changes made on at least half of the pages of the Area Plan. She supported the Easter Basket documents. She provided a petition with over 200 signatures to protect the Mt. Rose Scenic Corridor, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She emphasized the importance of an open process and stated decisions made by the Planning Commission needed to be heard in a properly noticed public forum such as a citizen advisory board meeting.

Jeff Church observed there was a formal steering committee and he did not believe any of the committee's recommendations were adopted into the Area Plan. He pointed out the legal notice issue he brought to the Board's attention remained unresolved. He expressed opposition to the Matera Ridge Project.

Jim Dunn stated he lived in Arrow Creek and had a vested interest in the Matera Ridge Project. Although he was in favor of adopting the Area Plan, he said he could support sending it back to the Planning Commission to get input from the residents.

Brad Lyles indicated he was a hydrologist and was concerned about the water resources in the Forest Area. He noted he recommended to the Planning Commission that specific wording related to groundwater be taken out of the Area Plan. He suggested an amendment saying no more municipal wells should be drilled in the Forest Area.

Bill Thomas spoke on behalf of Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe. He pointed out the company had no interest in any projects related to the Area Plan. He observed the Regional Plan called for resort services areas to be established and suggested the Area Plan was the proper planning vehicle to accomplish that. He requested that Policy F.4.1 be changed to define the uses in the Mt. Rose services area as parks and recreation and tourist commercial, as opposed to a specific plan. He indicated such a change would be consistent with the land use map already approved by the Planning Commission. He requested Policy F.4.2 be modified to incorporate the detail shown in Appendix A. He asked for the addition of Policy F.4.3., to say that any new structures or construction at Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe would be the subject of either a development agreement or a special use permit. He stated such a policy would assure public review and a public process before anything was constructed.

Cheryl Swan said she was concerned that the Forest Area Plan was in direct conflict with the Southwest Area Plan with respect to commercial development west of Thomas Creek Parkway. She expressed concern about the neighborhood commercial zoning that could allow future changes without regulation, as well as concern about lot adjacency standards. She indicated no firm agreement came from the citizens' attempts to negotiate with the developers of the Galena Gateway Project.

Dave Harrison stated he was from Washoe Valley, and recognized some kindred issues with the very long process that was recently completed to update the South

Valleys Area Plan. He expressed support for remanding the Plan so that the citizens' concerns could be addressed.

Ann York said she was from Washoe Valley. She indicated her main concern related to water issues with the increased density from the Matera Ridge Project. She noted the fire danger would also be greatly increased. She supported protecting and preserving as much of the existing forest as possible. She suggested remanding the Area Plan so that water issues could be addressed by the Planning Commission.

Ken Taylor encouraged remand of the Area Plan. He said he was concerned about Matera Ridge and water resources.

Louis Test said he represented Mr. Gourley and had no objection to the recommendations in the Easter Basket documents.

Melissa Lindell of Wood Rodgers, also representing Mr. Gourley, explained the Gourley property was overlooked during the initial update of the Area Plan. She said it was still shown as general rural, despite the fact that it had favorable topography, was adjacent to one-acre zoning in St. James Village, had water and sewer stubbed to the property, and two means of access. She noted requests to rezone the property were presented at two subcommittee meetings, and the redesignation was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2008.

Janice Foltz identified herself as a homeowner in Callahan Ranch. She expressed concerned about increased fire danger and water shortages from Matera Ridge. She indicated a previously included character statement pertaining to hobby livestock had been dropped from the Area Plan. She read the previous language and requested it be included in the Plan's character statement.

Kathy Bowling stated area plans were not the proper venue for increasing densities because no assurance could be provided as to where and how the densities would be built out. She noted there was nothing to legally bind Matera Ridge to any specific placement of their development. She pointed out the approval of increased densities committed Washoe County to providing future services, and increased densities could not be removed from the books without a lawsuit that raised the issue of takings. She also requested consideration of architectural standards and 1.5-acre lots for the scenic corridor.

Wade Jenkins supported remand of the Area Plan with specific direction to the Planning Commission.

Greg Evangelatos spoke on behalf of Scott Spittler, who owned approximately 58 acres adjoining Fawn Lane, south of the Mt. Rose Highway. He requested remand of the Area Plan, with consideration to rezone the Spittler property from General Rural (GR) to Low Density Suburban (LDS). He noted virtually all of the

privately held properties in the Forest Area Plan had LDS zoning and Mr. Spittler was asking for parity.

Jane Countryman said she supported the Forest Area residents after going through similar issues with the South Valleys Area Plan. She hoped it was understood that an area plan should focus on the residents who owned property and lived in the area rather than on developers who were in it for the money.

Eileen Callahan explained the old Callahan Ranch House had belonged to her family. She supported the comments made by Ms. Foltz concerning hobby livestock.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Humke closed the public hearing.

Chairman Humke identified the following topics of concern: the Gourley property, the Galena Gateway Project, the Matera Ridge Project, the Mt. Rose Scenic Corridor Standards, the Scott Spittler property, and the inclusion of hobby animals in the character statement. Commissioner Breternitz added the Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe service area.

Mr. Freund indicated each of the topics would provide specific points of discussion if referred to the Planning Commission. He said he was concerned about referring to anything as a project, because all of the property owners' applications were land use amendments rather than projects at this point. He summarized the following list of concerns and possible directions that could be sent back to the Planning Commission:

1. Protect the Mt. Rose Scenic Corridor and improve the Corridor Standards.
2. Prevent commercial sprawl.
3. Improve overall public safety.
  - a. Although the Mt. Rose Highway was under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), he noted there were proposals for roads that would divert local traffic behind the Mt Rose Highway.
  - b. Coordinate with fire districts to ensure they were comfortable with the proposals in the Area Plan. Make sure Wildland-Urban Interface Code and any related issues were dealt with.
4. Clarify the exact density impact of proposed land use changes on particular properties and summarize conditions contained in any overlay districts.
5. Retain, manage and improve existing open space areas. In particular, he emphasized concerns about Steamboat Hills and the Forest Service property associated with Matera Ridge.
6. Ensure county services and water resources were positively impacted.

7. Give the community an opportunity to provide input to staff regarding land use changes granted to particular property owners by the Planning Commission without having been included in the latest staff version of the Forest Area Plan. Consider moving such properties forward with separate applications.
8. Consider issues related to hobby livestock.

Mr. Freund explained the Area Plan had to be referred back to the Planning Commission for a report before any changes could be made. He clarified the statute did not authorize the Planning Commission to make any amendments to the Plan they had already adopted, but allowed them to make recommendations in a report to the Board of County Commissioners. It was then up to the Board to take final action to amend or adopt the Plan.

Chairman Humke asked whether the Easter Basket document entitled *Community Proposed Amendments to the Forest Area Plan* should be used in its entirety. Mr. Freund indicated the document requested some changes that were appropriate for inclusion in an area plan, but other changes were more appropriately included in the Development Code and some involved elements of the Comprehensive Plan. He suggested staff would need to sort those items out, return to the Board, and would ultimately look for the Board's direction before proceeding with work on any Code or Comprehensive Plan elements.

Chairman Humke referenced the request on page 6 of the Easter Basket document to adopt a hillside development ordinance. He wondered if it was possible to process the Forest Area Plan in a way that was consistent with possible passage of such an ordinance. Mr. Freund agreed that was possible, based on Board direction about what amendments to an existing hillside development ordinance were necessary. He stated there was a policy in the South Valleys Area Plan about ridgeline protection, but there was no ridgeline protection ordinance in the existing Code.

Commissioner Breternitz pointed out the issues were extremely complex and much of the information was received late in the game. He said he could not tell at this point which issues applied to the Forest Area Plan, where there was or was not any consensus, and what the point of view was in support or against each item. He suggested it was appropriate for staff to pull out the items relevant to the Area Plan, hold meetings with both the project proponents and the citizen groups, and report back to the Board before any specific direction could be given to the Planning Commission. He requested staff get input to identify areas of agreement and areas of disagreement from all of those concerned.

Commissioner Larkin hoped that all community meetings could be wrapped up before the Planning Commission reported back to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Freund clarified, after the Planning Commission made its recommendations, the Board could accept the Area Plan in whole or in part, and would

have the freedom to make amendments at that point. He stated the updated Area Plan would then be adopted after it was found to be in conformance with the Regional Plan. Commissioner Breternitz hoped there would be as much consensus as possible when the Plan came back to the Board. Mr. Freund replied the statutes clearly provided for a conclusion to the process once the appropriate steps were followed.

Commissioner Larkin cautioned the Board should provide broad direction to Director Freund, but should not get into the degree of specificity that was elaborated in the Easter Basket documents. He challenged Mr. Freund to critique the advance planning staff and recommend any enabling ordinances, direction or policy to the Board that would make the process better.

Chairman Humke requested a response to Mr. Church's allegations concerning public notice. Ms. Foster said there appeared to be a difference of opinion between the advice of the District Attorney's Office and Mr. Church's sources. She indicated the statutes referenced in Mr. Church's letter applied to hearings held at the Planning Commission level. She stated the specific issue seemed to be related to noticing people outside of the actual plan area, and Mr. Freund confirmed that everyone within the Forest Plan area had been noticed. She agreed to look into the issue further, and advised the Board to proceed with whatever action they thought was appropriate.

Commissioner Weber asked John Krmptic to comment. Mr. Krmptic, representing Paul Zahler for the Galena Gateway Project, asked for reconsideration of a bifurcated plan. Chairman Humke noted that legal counsel had advised against such an approach. Mr. Krmptic stated his client was pursuing a comprehensive plan amendment for Galena Gateway. He characterized those who drafted the Easter Basket document as competition for future commercial projects. Commissioner Weber observed such discussion had already taken place and the public hearing was closed. Chairman Humke pointed out the Galena Gateway Project was on the list of issues to be discussed further at public meetings.

Commissioner Breternitz emphasized all proponents should participate in the process and it was incumbent on staff to ensure dialogue by all parties.

Commissioner Breternitz moved to remand the Forest Area Plan to the Planning Commission, and to have staff set up a series of meetings with the proponents and the citizens' groups to sort through items of interest. Commissioner Larkin seconded the motion. Following Board discussion, Commissioners Breternitz and Larkin withdrew the motion.

Commissioner Larkin emphasized the public testimony and the Planning Commission's report would form the basis of the Board's eventual decision.

Ms. Foster clarified the Planning Commission had to be given a chance to report on any proposed changes before the Board could decide on such amendments. Based on the motion, she indicated it was her understanding the Easter Basket document

entitled *Community Proposed Amendments to the Forest Area Plan* would be the working document. Commissioner Breternitz stated the document was a base from which to work, but he thought it was likely some elements would be deleted and others might be added. He said it would severely limit the process if the document were used as a template without modification. Ms. Foster noted any additional issues had to be referred to the Planning Commission, and a certain level of specificity was required when the Plan was remanded.

Commissioner Weber suggested continuation was the direction being advised. She hoped there would be a specific timeline. She suggested there was no problem with having a facilitator at public meetings, but staff should be present to provide information as necessary.

Commissioner Larkin recommended the Board of County Commissioners maintain control of the process. He said he was not comfortable that the Easter Basket document would cover all of the possible issues, and did not believe all of the issues had been vetted yet. He assured the planning commissioners that their process had not been flawed, but there were issues that were not a part of the dialogue when they made their decision. He said the Planning Commission deserved to have a level playing field in order to come up with a proper recommendation.

Chairman Humke agreed and indicated it was important to ensure that flaws in the process were not replicated.

Commissioner Jung suggested staff should have leeway to make additions or deletions to the Easter Basket document, and should come back to the Board before the Area Plan was remanded. She asked the District Attorney's office to take a legal look at overnoticing rather than undernoticing landowners. She also requested a firm legal opinion as to bifurcation of the Area Plan. She asked that the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners be involved in prioritizing the list of future Code changes to be made by Community Development in order to make it a public process.

Ms. Foster said she was reminded by Mr. Freund that bifurcation of the South Valleys Area Plan occurred only after it had been remanded to the Planning Commission and they issued a report to the Board of County Commissioners. She suggested waiting until that point in time to consider bifurcation would result in a different factual situation than the one the Board was currently in.

Commissioner Jung asked planning staff to look at best practices throughout the Country. She said she did not believe in the practice of asking developers to wait for inclusion in area plan updates. She indicated it gave the perception, if not the reality, that there was not an open process. She stated further investigation into the process and policy was needed.

On motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Breternitz, which motion duly carried, Agenda Item 23 was continued for reconsideration

at a future County Commission meeting to take place within 60 days. Staff was directed to conduct public meetings and to consider all of the information received during the public hearing, including the Easter Basket documents, but not exclusive to those documents, and to include other information that might come before them during the public meeting process. Staff was directed to clearly identify items relevant to the Forest Area Plan, items related to possible changes in the Development Code, and items related to the Comprehensive Plan. It was noted that the intent of the continuance was to bring back the same agenda item with staff recommendations as to what the Board might ask the Planning Commission to consider on a possible remand of the Forest Area Plan update.

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**8:23 p.m.** There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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**DAVID E. HUMKE**, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

**ATTEST:**

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

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Lisa McNeill, Deputy County Clerk*

Clerk

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION SUN VALLEY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, For several decades, Sun Valley residents have identified the 343-acre Sun Valley Regional Park property as a priority for open space preservation, due to its wildlife habitat, scenic view shed, unique rock outcroppings, and abundant recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Sun Valley General Improvement District, a quasi-municipal corporation, has provided tremendous support to Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space in the development of the Sun Valley Regional Park project; and

WHEREAS, The Sun Valley General Improvement District has offered \$10,000 in fee waivers, and annually contributed substantial financial and in-kind resources toward preservation and enhancement of the Park; and

WHEREAS, The Sun Valley General Improvement District's continued beautification and conservation efforts will allow the Park to be enjoyed by recreation enthusiasts for future generations; and

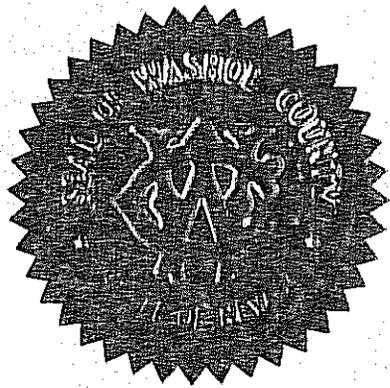
WHEREAS, The community spirit demonstrated by the Sun Valley General Improvement District has engendered a sense of pride for the citizens of Sun Valley; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners expresses appreciation to the Sun Valley General Improvement District's Board of Trustees for their support of Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, as well as their dedication to enhancing the quality of life in the Sun Valley community.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2009.



David E. Humke, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission



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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Greg Krause became a resident of Washoe County in July 1982; and

WHEREAS, Greg Krause came to the Silver State to accept a position as a planner with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) in July 1982; and

WHEREAS, Greg Krause, demonstrating leadership and vision, was appointed Executive Director of the RTC in April 2001; and

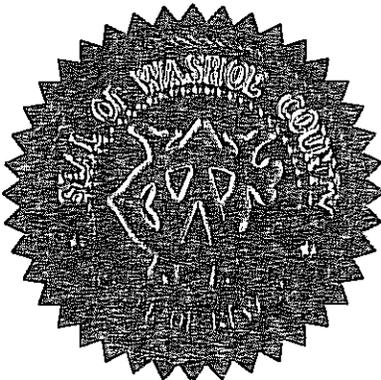
WHEREAS, Greg Krause has earned the respect and support of state, local and federal elected representatives and government officials, as well as business and community leaders during his tenure as RTC Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Greg Krause has dedicated his career for the betterment of our community with proven leadership, commitment and vision for our transportation needs in the areas of Planning, Public Transportation and Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, Greg Krause will retire from the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County on February 2, 2009, after 27 years of service to the citizens of the Truckee Meadows; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That the Washoe County Board of Commissioners congratulates Greg Krause on the occasion of his retirement; thanks him for the outstanding contribution he has made for all residents of the Truckee Meadows through his public service with the Regional Transportation Commission, and, does hereby designate February 2, 2009 as "Greg Krause Day" and encourages all Washoe County residents to give recognition and appreciation for his contributions to our community.

ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.



*David E. Humke*

David E. Humke, Chairman  
Washoe County Commission

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