

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 3, 2011

PRESENT:

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

Nancy Parent, Chief Deputy Clerk
Katy Simon, County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:01 a.m. in special session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

County Manager Katy Simon 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."

11-01 AGENDA ITEM 3 – OATH OF OFFICE

Agenda Subject: "Oath of office for newly elected officials."

Amy Harvey, Washoe County Clerk, indicated District Judge Steven Kosach would administer the oath to the newly elected officials. Chairman Humke described Judge Kosach's biographical information. Judge Kosach administered the oath of office to the following individuals:

Richard A. Gammick, Washoe County District Attorney
Mike Haley, Washoe County Sheriff
Amy Harvey, Washoe County Clerk
Kathryn L Burke, Washoe County Recorder
Tammi Davis, Washoe County Treasurer

Joshua G. Wilson, Washoe County Assessor
Donald L. Cavallo, Washoe County Public Administrator
David Humke, Washoe County Commissioner, District 2
Bonnie Weber, Washoe County Commissioner, District 5
Kitty Jung, Washoe County Commissioner, District 3
Kevin Higgins, Justice of the Peace, Sparks, Department 2
Mae E. Carthen, Trustee, Grand View Terrace
General Improvement District (GID)
Keith D. Carthen, Trustee, Grand View Terrace GID
Sandra Ainsworth, Trustee, Sun Valley GID
Larry J. Johnson, Trustee, Palomino Valley GID
Garth Elliott, Trustee, Sun Valley GID
Roy Moore, Trustee, Grand View Terrace GID
John R. Mayer, Trustee, Washoe County School District

11-02 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.”

Garth Elliott talked about his responsibility to those who had elected him as a Trustee for the Sun Valley General Improvement District (GID). He said the people wanted a fiscally responsible GID that could provide the best quality water at the lowest possible price.

Gary Schmidt indicated that government governed best when it was closer to the people. He congratulated all the newly elected GID members and stated the GID’s represented the most efficient levels of government in Washoe County. He said he was opposed to consolidation because any economies of scale that might be gained would be lost by taking government further away from the people. He suggested the Citizen Advisory Boards should be given more authority.

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9:24 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, the meeting was adjourned.

JOHN BRETERNITZ, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Lisa McNeill, Deputy County Clerk*