

**WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION
RENO CITY COUNCIL
SPARKS CITY COUNCIL
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

JOINT MEETING

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

MAY 2, 2011

PRESENT:

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

Robert A. Cashell, City of Reno, Mayor
David Aiazzi, Reno City Councilmember
Jessica Sferrazza, Reno City Councilmember
Sharon Zadra, Reno City Councilmember*

Geno Martini, City of Sparks, Mayor

Barbara McLaury, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, President
Dan Carne, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Member
Scott Kelley, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Member
Estela LeVario Gutierrez, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees,
Member
John Mayer, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Member

ABSENT:

Dwight Dortch, Reno City Councilmember
Dan Gustin, Reno City Councilmember
Pierre Hascheff, Reno City Councilmember
Mike Carrigan, Sparks City Councilmember
Ed Lawson, Sparks City Councilmember
Julia Ratti, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Schmitt, Sparks City Councilmember
Ron Smith, Sparks City Councilmember
Ken Grein, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Vice President
Barbara Clark, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, Member

The Commission, Board, and Councils convened at 8:38 a.m. in joint session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, with Chairman Breternitz presiding. Also present

were Washoe County Clerk Amy Harvey, Washoe County Manager Katy Simon, Washoe County Legal Counsel Melanie Foster, Reno Chief City Clerk Lynnette Jones, Interim Reno City Manager Kevin Knutson, Reno City Attorney Chief Deputy Tracy Chase, Sparks City Clerk Linda Patterson, Sparks City Manager Shaun Carey, Sparks City Attorney Chet Adams, Washoe County School District (WCSD) Superintendent Heath Morrison, and WCSD Legal Counsel Chris Reich.

Chairman Breternitz acknowledged the momentous event in the fight on terrorism that took place yesterday in Pakistan.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerks called the roll for their respective entities, and the Commission, Councils, and Board conducted the following business:

***8:42 a.m.** Reno City Councilmember Zadra arrived.

11-357 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment (three-minute time limit per person) – (Additional Public Comment on specific agenda items will be limited to three-minute time limit per person after each agenda item and must be related to the specific agenda item.) Comments are to be addressed to the Chair of the meeting and to the Reno and Sparks City Councils, Washoe County School District Board of Trustees, the Washoe County Commission, Board of Fire Commissioners for Sierra Fire Protection District and the Board of Fire Commissioners for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District as a whole.”

Sam Dehne spoke about his attending local government meetings, the war on terrorism, and how disappointing it was that he was the only person speaking during public comment.

11-358 AGENDA ITEM 4

Agenda Subject: “Approval of Agenda – May 2, 2011.”

There was no public comment on this item.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered Agenda Item 4 be approved.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Aiazzi, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, it was ordered Agenda Item 4 be approved.

For the Washoe County School Board, on motion by Trustee Gutierrez, seconded by Trustee Carne, which motion duly carried with President McLaury voting “no” and Vice President Grein and Trustee Clark absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 4 be approved.

The Sparks City Council did not have a quorum.

11-359 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: “Approval of Minutes – March 30, 2010, May 3, 2010, July 12, 2010.”

There was no public comment on this item.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered Agenda Item 5 be approved.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Aiazzi, seconded by Councilmember Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, it was ordered Agenda Item 5 be approved.

For the Washoe County School Board, on motion by Trustee Kelley, seconded by Trustee Carne, which motion duly carried with Vice President Grein and Trustee Clark absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

The Sparks City Council did not have a quorum.

11-360 AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: “Update, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the Community Assistance Center.”

There was no public comment on this item.

Maureen McKissick, City of Reno Grants and Federal Legislative Affairs Manager, advised the staff report provided an update on the status of the Community Assistance Center (CAC). She said staff was seeking the authorization to move forward with amending the Cooperative Agreement, which must be completed by July 1, 2011, and clarification on the creation of a governing board. She advised the staff report presented two models, and staff was asking for direction on which model should be used.

Councilmember Sferrazza noted Mayor Cashell’s proposed composition for the oversight board was contained in the staff report and asked if there had been any interest shown by the parties listed. Ms. McKissick believed all of the stakeholders that had been instrumental in forming the CAC would like to continue having a role in how

the project was maintained. She explained the essential difference between the two models was one included elected officials and the other did not. Councilmember Sferrazza said she supported Mayor Cashell's composition of the oversight board, which was needed. She asked if there was still a commitment from all of the jurisdictions to continue the CAC's funding into the next fiscal year. Ms. McKissick replied the commitments remained, but they might have to be amended if there were changes to the jurisdictions' final budgets.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked if the County Manager foresaw any funding changes based on the proposed Legislative impacts. Katy Simon, County Manager, replied the proposal currently in the budget the Commission would adopt on June 1, 2011 was the equivalent of roughly \$.01 of the property tax rate. She said an amended final budget would be filed 30 days after the Legislature completed the current session.

Commissioner Larkin asked if the 2008 decision to transfer functions of running the CAC to a qualified nonprofit still stood. Ms. McKissick said staff understood that direction was still in place. Commissioner Larkin asked why a long-term plan would be reviewed, because the transfer of functions was the long-term plan. Ms. McKissick said there would be a transition period when the CAC was transferred to a qualified nonprofit, and the governing board would play a role in how that process unfolded. Ms. Simon said the elected officials also directed staff to develop a strategic plan, and staff absolutely agreed with having a nonprofit take over the CAC, but there were a host of policy questions that would impact local governments. She stated staff wanted to make sure the entities had a voice in the direction given to the nonprofit. Mayor Cashell said the City of Reno still wanted to get to where a nonprofit would take over the CAC.

Commissioner Larkin believed there needed to be a transition plan, but he was not sure establishing a permanent board of elected officials was heading in the right direction. Councilmember Sferrazza said she disagreed. She believed there needed to be representation by the elected officials because the local governments would be the most affected. She also believed to go out and raise funds for the CAC, the board needed to contain elected officials. She said she had not seen anyone from the nonprofit community stepping up to run the entire facility. She felt moving towards a transition would take time, but the representation on the board by the elected officials was needed. Mayor Cashell said the City of Reno would like to have policies set by a governing board, especially when considering the tent city and the overflow shelter.

Chairman Breternitz asked if the City of Reno was still willing to serve as the lead entity. Mayor Cashell replied for the time being. Chairman Breternitz said to affectively transition the responsibility of the CAC to a nonprofit, there would need to be a board to serve as the intermediary to help that happen. He stated he supported the idea of having a short-term governing board to oversee the transition, and it could be decided later how long the board would last. Mayor Cashell said the reason he proposed elected officials be on the board was their participation would be better for conducting fundraising.

Commissioner Humke asked about the role of Washoe County Social Services in the CAC. Kevin Schiller, Social Services Director, emphasized the role of Social Services was fairly critical to the operation of the CAC. He stated there were three staff members on site to assist with case management, and staff was working on a transitional housing program that would have a direct impact on the CAC. He felt one of the issues from the last joint meeting was the direction on strategic planning relating to the transition. He stated funding would be one of the key components of the transition. He said keeping the CAC sustainable was important in keeping nonprofits interested in taking it over, and he saw the CAC as a fundamental service in meeting the regional responsibilities of Social Services.

Commissioner Humke said there were flaws in certain other boards, such as the Board of Health, the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) and the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. He stated the goals of nonprofits and elected entities were not always the same. He believed there were other ways to raise funds besides having elected officials on a board, and further he believed more boards were not needed. Ms. Simon suggested having a quarterly oversight board of elected officials to help with fund raising and to verify the financials were in order. Mayor Cashell believed the elected officials needed to be deeply involved in the board because they answered to the public, and their involvement would also make for a stronger board. Mayor Martini agreed.

Commissioner Weber also agreed, but felt it might be important to go back and have the discussion as each entity and then set up another joint meeting. She said she was not prepared to make a decision today on a transitional board. Chairman Breternitz said he wanted to get this worked out today if possible. He suggested having a couple of elected officials from each entity on a transitional board. He said once the board was formed, the members could decide how often they needed to meet and who they would need advice from. Councilmember Aiazzi believed that would be the same model as the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB), which was working well. He said JFAB was given some autonomy to make decisions, but had to report back to the three entities for anything major. Commissioner Larkin said the discussion regarding the board needed to go back to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

Councilmember Zadra suggested putting this under the Shared Services Committee. Commissioner Jung felt it was a good idea to put this issue under the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee. She said she was ready to move forward, because it took too long to get all the entities back together again. Councilmember Sferrazza said she favored making the transition plan for the CAC a priority under the Shared Services Committee.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Sferrazza, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, it was ordered that the transition plan for the CAC be assigned to the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried it was ordered that the transition plan for the CAC be assigned to the Shared Services Committee.

The City of Sparks did not have a quorum, but Mayor Martini said it would be put on the agenda for the Sparks City Council. He stated he favored assigning it to the Shared Services Committee.

Chairman Breternitz said the staff recommendation regarding supporting the City of Reno remaining the lead entity still needed to be dealt with. He stated the goal would be to transition to a nonprofit entity.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Sferrazza, seconded by Councilmember Zadra, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, it was ordered that the City of Reno remain the lead entity for the CAC while the transition to a nonprofit entity was being worked on.

Ms. Simon said the staff report asked for staff to come back with a proposed Cooperative Agreement to specify the lead agency. She heard today the City of Reno would remain the lead agency, but that would allow an opportunity to revisit that if desired. She asked if that amendment could be added to the motion. Councilmember Aiazzi said based on the previous motion, why not have the Shared Services Committee bring back the recommendation.

For Washoe County, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the City of Reno be named as the operator of the Community Assistance Center (CAC) and the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee be the arbitrator of moving the CAC to another nonprofit operator that would be in the best interests for this County.

For the City of Reno, on motion by Councilmember Zadra, seconded by Councilmember Aiazzi, which motion duly carried with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, it was ordered that the City of Reno be named as the operator of the Community Assistance Center (CAC) and the Shared Services Elected Officials Committee be the arbitrator of moving the CAC to another nonprofit operator that would be in the best interests for this County.

9:34 a.m. The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees left the meeting.

9:35 a.m. The Reno City Council convened with the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, which convened as the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Sierra Fire Protection District and the Board of County Commissioners.

11-361 AGENDA ITEM 7

Agenda Subject: “Presentation of the Regional Standard of Cover (SOC) study, direction and possible adoption of regional emergency response coverage policies and enhanced communications.”

Kurt Latipow, Fire Services Coordinator, said the County Commission, sitting as the Fire Boards, and the City of Reno pointed staff down this trail almost a year ago. He said there was agreement on developing a Reno Standard of Cover (SOC) and then a regional SOC. He introduced Joe Parrott, Emergency Services Consulting International.

Mayor Cashell asked if this was the same presentation made to the Reno City Council recently. Mr. Parrott replied that presentation was on the Reno SOC. He said this presentation was the culmination of the project. He explained the Regional SOC included the City of Reno and the unincorporated areas of the County.

Mr. Parrott conducted a PowerPoint presentation, which reviewed the Regional SOC. A copy of the presentation was placed on file with the Clerk. The presentation covered the project’s scope, identified the Response Performance Zones, identified the parameters used, provided the coverage areas broken down by time, and identified the Effective Response Force (ERF) targets. The presentation also outlined the First Due Service Tier One, the recommendations for new and relocated fire stations, the coverage times after the changes, and the associated costs. The presentation reviewed the First Due Service Tier Two option and the urban and the suburban zone performance improvements required to reach that option. The final recommendations involved the Gerlach and the Red Rock areas, the Volunteer Fire Stations, implementing the boundary-drop dispatch procedures, and the consolidating emergency dispatch into a single county-wide center.

In response to the call for public comment, Tim O’Brien, Reno Fire Department Administrators Association representative, said fire services in the region had been studied multiple times with similar findings each time. He said none of the recommendations had been implemented, and the fire departments were left to provide quality service within the current system. He stated the task was often challenging, especially when it was known there was another way to do business. He said many successful fire service delivery models had been implemented throughout the country, but past and present political bodies had not looked at any of them as a way to improve services in the region. He stated the City of Reno had cut everywhere it could, but it continued not to be enough. He stated the role of fire service should be expanded, not diminished; and was especially true in the area of Emergency Management Services (EMS). He stated the Regional SOC report made recommendations that were heard before, and it was the Association’s hope the recommendations would be followed in pursuit of true regionalization of the fire services. He said the Association stood ready to work with the Board to lead the fire service in a direction that would be sustainable and would provide the highest level of service the community could afford.

Cliff Low said the Regional SOC designated the West Washoe Valley as a rural area, which meant a 15-minute response time goal instead of the current 20-minute response time. He stated either of those times were totally inadequate. He advised most of the West Washoe Valley fell within the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), but the first responder was almost always the Sierra Fire Protection District's (SFPD) Bowers Station. He said that was a concern due to the significant wildland interface and the daily high level of vehicle traffic going through the West Washoe Valley. He said any reduction in the Bowers Station staff would place lives in jeopardy. He stated it was important the Bowers Station be adequately staffed to provide EMS and structure fire services.

Councilmember Aiazzi said he was willing to accept the report, but he was not sure the report should be adopted. He stated there were still things that were being looked at, such as should a district be formed and how the SOC would affect forming a district. He said at the Reno City Council meeting, he proposed looking at a model where the fire department only provided fire services and not EMS responses. He stated that would allow looking at the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) or to the Health Department. He said the report did an exceptional job in addressing all of the concerns based on the current model. He stated the area would have to do what was sustainable, and could not afford \$28 million for new fire stations. He believed there was no other way around the lack of sustainability other than to try and change the model. He said everything but salaries had been cut to try and save money. He believed they would have to work with the unions if a district was to be done, and he also believed the union should come forward with whatever model they felt would work. He said for years ideas had been proposed, only to have some group shoot the proposal down. He felt it would have to be a cooperative plan, but he had not seen that happen yet.

For the City of Reno, Councilmember Aiazzi made a motion, seconded by Mayor Cashell, to accept the *Regional Standard of Cover* report.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked if the County would resign the current Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Jung said the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) had committed to having a resolution on what advice would be given to the other boards regarding the Interlocal Agreement by its next meeting to meet the June 30, 2011 deadline.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked if JFAB was discussing REMSA's providing the EMS services. Commissioner Larkin said the County Commissioners had tasked an EMS working group to look at that issue.

Councilmember Sferrazza said the current labor contract did not provide management oversight for the Chief to manage the department. She felt changes needed to be made to the contract for a regional model to happen. She believed the County should be at the negotiating table because everything done had a fiscal impact on the County. She said legal counsel indicated the County could not participate in the

negotiations, but she wanted to say publically that was wrong. She stated there had not a contract for a year, which meant everyone had to live with what currently existed even though things like the 2-hour rule were never approved by an elected body. Mayor Cashell agreed. He said under the current agreement, the City of Reno could not afford to have a fire department. He said the City of Sparks should be brought to the table, because they had the best system to manage regionalization, or the City of Reno should contract with the City of Sparks due to its having management built into its contract.

On a call for the question, the City of Reno voted to accept the *Regional Standard of Cover report* with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent.

For the Board of County Commissioners and for the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Sierra Fire Protection District and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, on motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Larkin, which motion duly carried it was ordered the *Regional Standard of Cover* report be accepted.

10:20 a.m. The Board of Fire Commissioners for both the Sierra Fire Protection District (SFPD) and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) adjourned. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the Reno City Council remained convened.

11-362 AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the program of Regional Planning in the Truckee Meadows, including but not limited to the future role, structure and function of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency, the Regional Planning Governing Board, and the Regional Planning Commission.”

Chairman Breternitz believed as an elected official, he had to look at all of the possibilities to improve how business was conducted. He requested a discussion regarding alternatives to the current regional planning structure. He acknowledged any changes would be legislative changes, but first it had to be determined if there was a better way to conduct regional planning and then it would have to be determined the best way to approach the legislature. He felt there should be a middle ground between leaving regional planning the way it was and doing away with it altogether.

Commissioner Weber asked if it was too late to have that conversation at the Legislature this session. Councilmember Sferrazza believed it was not too late if a plan was put together, because the plan could amended be into a bill. Chairman Breternitz stated any recommendation would have to be approved by the entities, which he believed would take too much time to get done for this session of the Legislature.

Councilmember Sferrazza said Councilmember Aiazzi suggested merging the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) with the Regional Planning Governing

Board (RPGB). She felt that was a great idea because transportation went hand-in-hand with planning. She suggested seeing if a bill could be amended to allow enabling legislation, which would give local governments the ability to look at the feasibility of doing that merger over the next couple of years. She said in many cases the same people served on both Boards, but each agency had its own staff.

10:22 a.m. Commissioner Humke left the meeting.

Commissioner Larkin stated both Boards rejected the RTC and the RPGB planning model last year. He said Chairman Breternitz was the Chairman of a subcommittee that was looking into combining the boards of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) and RPGB. He believed there was a funding source, a definite nexus, and there could be an opportunity to join the two during this legislative session. Chairman Breternitz said there was no meeting of the subcommittee set for this month, so he assumed it was not targeting this session. Commissioner Larkin said there had not been a vote at the WRWC to accept any of the reports, so he was not sure if there was any appetite for the merger at the WRWC.

Mayor Martini said the Sparks City Council felt if something could not get done legislatively to do away with it or fix the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA), a model could be used that would put operation and funding of TMRPA at a bare minimum using whatever legal justification there would be to do it. Councilmember Sferrazza asked what the rationale was for not looking at merging the two boards. Mayor Martini said the merger was looked at twice, and it was decided it was not worth pursuing. Commissioner Larkin said there was a very involved analysis done, but there were a lot of issues that could not be overcome. He stated for instance, the RTC would require both State Legislative and federal changes.

Councilmember Aiazzi said he was not opposed to looking at anything, but he believed regional planning had been a very useful process. He stated there had been a lot of lawsuits, but he felt TMRPA had prevented even more lawsuits by being a referee between jurisdictions. Chairman Breternitz felt some type of venue was needed for discussing and resolving problems, but there must be a more efficient way to do it. Commissioner Weber agreed TMRPA had been affective, but times had changed and no one had the funding for it anymore. She said none of the jurisdictions had an idea what their final budget cuts would be, but TMRPA needed to have some idea of what their funding level would be to determine their budget and staffing.

Chairman Breternitz recommended a subcommittee of the entities involved in regional planning look at it and come back with recommendations on how to move forward in a more efficient manner, or the Shared Services Committee might be a candidate to look at regional planning. Councilmember Zadra said the Shared Services Committee had a subcommittee that had the right people to approach this topic.

Councilmember Sferrazza asked what funding the City of Reno's budget contained for TMRPA. Kevin Knutson, Interim Reno City Manager, said it was

\$371,000, which was the same amount as last year. Katy Simon, County Manager said the County allocated \$278,000. Mayor Martini said the City of Sparks allocated \$278,000.

Chairman Breternitz said at the last RPGB meeting, the County stated it was not sure about its final appropriation due to possible Legislative actions, but he had the impression the Cities of Reno and Sparks were okay with their appropriations. He stated Agenda Item 9 was for the County to make a decision, which would allow the Cities if they so chose to have the same discussion before their budgets closed. Mayor Martini said the \$278,000 was in the budget, but the City of Sparks would be happy to fund TMRPA for less if there was an opportunity to do so.

Councilmember Aiazzi believed the RPGB established its budget and the entities did not have a choice because they were required to pay their proportionate share. Chairman Breternitz wanted to know the County's position on this matter before voting on the RPGB's budget.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, it was ordered that the regional planning issue be given to the Shared Services Committee. It was also ordered staff be directed to find a bill to which this could be attached, which could provide some enabling legislation to allow pursuing combining agencies as a way to save money. It was further ordered TMRPA be invited to be involved in all of the discussions.

There was no public comment on this item.

10:40 a.m. On motion by Councilmember Sferrazza, seconded by Councilmember Aiazzi, with Councilmembers Dortch, Gustin, and Hascheff absent, the City of Reno adjourned. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) remained convened. Mayor Martini left the meeting.

Chairman Breternitz asked if the City of Reno wanted to take action. Councilmember Sferrazza said the funding was in the City's budget. Chairman Breternitz explained the Shared Services Committee could not meet to discuss this item unless the entities voted to study it, but he noted the City of Reno had already adjourned.

11-363 AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible direction regarding Washoe County's appropriation to Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency."

Dave Childs, Acting Community Development Director, said the County's contribution to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) had gone down significantly since 2008. He said the Commission asked staff to determine what would be a proportional cut relative to the County's own budget cuts. He stated the departmental cuts, pay and benefit cuts, and other cuts equated to a departmental average

of 10 percent. He said the cuts would average 18 percent based on possible legislative action.

Mr. Childs stated a cut of that magnitude would have an impact on TMRPA, and he suggested the Commission consider calling together staffs from TMRPA, the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and the County to discuss what might be in the work program that would fit the available money.

Chairman Breternitz said if the Commission took action today, there would be a period after the Legislature adjourned for the County's budget to be modified. Katy Simon, County Manager, advised a final budget had to be filed 30 days after the Legislature adjourned. She said one option would be to go with the minimum funding, which could be augmented if the County found it could provide additional funding.

Rosanna Coombs, Regional Planning Director, advised TMRPA funding was tied to the number of seats each local jurisdiction had on the Board. She said the City of Reno's funding level was 40 percent and the City of Sparks and the County were 30 percent each. She stated the Interlocal Agreement by statute, directed the RPGB to adopt a budget, which would then be forwarded to the jurisdictions for funding. She said there were often conversations prior to the budget being approved by the RPGB, but once the budget was adopted, it was the budget. She stated twice, one of the jurisdictions took an action that was inconsistent with the RPGB's position. She understood legal counsel advised the jurisdiction that statute required funding the budget as adopted by the RPGB.

Ms. Coombs stated there would be a special meeting tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the budget. She said the County Commissioners had requested the meeting be postponed until then to provide an opportunity for the County to get a better idea on what the County's budget would be. Commissioner Larkin asked Ms. Coombs to prepare a report of what the impacts of the 10 and 18 percent reductions would be.

Ms. Coombs said regarding putting the largest possible cut forward and potentially backing it out, the budget would be adopted on the basis of that cut and the 40-30-30 split would be applied. She said if the entity was then able to augment its budget, the other entities might not be able to do the same because the additional funds might have been redirected.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion Commissioner Larkin, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, it was ordered that the County's members on the RPGB be instructed to make sure the 10 and 18 percent reductions were considered and then to vote on a Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) budget based on the findings the Director brought forward at the special meeting.

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10:55 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Humke absent, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

JOHN BRETERNITZ, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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

ATTEST:

ROBERT A. CASHELL, Mayor
City of Reno

LYNNETTE R. JONES, City Clerk
City of Reno

ATTEST:

GENO MARTINI, Mayor
City of Sparks

LINDA K. PATTERSON, City Clerk
City of Sparks

ATTEST:

BARBARA MCLAURY, Board of Trustees
President, Washoe County School District

SCOTT KELLEY, Clerk
Washoe County School District

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