

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

PRESENT:

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

**Nancy Parent, County Clerk**  
**John Slaughter, County Manager**  
**Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel**

ABSENT:

**Bob Lucey, Commissioner**

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:00 a.m. in regular 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:

**15-0760      AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.**

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the placement of a medical marijuana establishment (MME) on the Mount Rose Highway: Gregory Juhl, Brett Nelson, Derrick Glum, Susan McBride, Doug Melson, Jack Kellerstrass, Jan Gilbert, Tracy Pickett, Steve Pelzer, Vincent Keenan, Bari Caine, Elizabeth Liddiard, Michael Liddiard, Douglas Skeen, Amber Welton, Amy Kreitlein, Amber Hughes, Gary Bradley, Brooke Wilde, Arleen Richartz, Dorothy Miles, and Larry Meidell.

The above individuals' concerns included: The possible location of an MME at The Lodge at Galena, the ease of access to marijuana, the negative impact on property values, the increased traffic level on the Mount Rose Highway, traffic safety, MMEs were an all cash business which invited crime, an increase in fire danger, an increase in impaired driving, impacts to community safety, the public not being consulted on the MME sites, the lack of impact studies and outreach, the need for proper assessment of MME locations, MMEs located in neighborhoods and near children, the MME's effects on the Mount Rose Scenic Byway, the potential for medical marijuana to result in recreational use, and the potential for marijuana tourism.

The above individuals' requests included: An emergency action by the Board to stop the opening of the MME, a traffic study, for the MME to be located in a commercial district away from the forest, and medical marijuana and MME impact studies.

Ray Lake stated he was a member of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board (CAB). He said the North Valleys CAB had 10 meetings in their two years of existence and according to the current CAB rules they would be limited to two meetings a year. He questioned if the North Valleys CAB would have heard about the new NV Energy power line, plans for the Stead Airport, safety issues related to Lemmon Drive or other projects affecting the North Valleys under the new CAB rules. He believed the North Valleys CAB would not last through the year under the new rules.

Bev Dummitt said she was a resident of Verdi and a senior citizen. She noted the Verdi Community Library was an important part of the community and she added the County wanted to reduce the library's hours of operation from 10 hours per week to four hours per week. She stated if the County supported the library it would also be supporting the seniors who utilized it. She said a volunteer organization was created to help fund the library. She noted hundreds of homes were being built nearby and those residents would need access to a library. She asked the County not to reduce the library's operating hours.

Tim Stoffel spoke of a proposal by Animal Services to regulate animals in the County. The proposal would regulate ownership of exotic animals above and beyond what was in place. He added the proposal might ban the breeding of all exotic animals. He said he was unaware why people who worked with exotic animals had to continue to fight for their rights to keep their animals. He mentioned the safety aspect of owning exotic animals was not as big of an issue as it was made out to be by animal rights groups. He stated populations of animals in Africa were dying out due to human encroachment and some animals might go extinct if they were not bred in captivity. He noted the current regulations were working fine and there was no need for further regulations. He asked the Board not to consider the proposal by Animal Services.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke of matters of concern to herself.

Katerine Snedigar referred to a handbook titled Washoe County Issue Management System and provided a handout to the Board, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She said the handbook referred to Palomino Valley as a residential subdivision that began in the 1970's, which she stated was a lie. She noted that 40-acre parcels did not fall into the County's Development Code definition of a subdivision. She indicated Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 278 clearly stated a property used for residential purposes was 5 acres or less so the County could not impose the Development Code on Palomino Valley residents. She believed the Development Codes were meant to increase revenue and had nothing to do with the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

Sam Dehne spoke of Burning Man and he stated the MME did not belong in the Galena neighborhood.

Carly Borchard said she and other residents of Verdi formed the Verdi Community Council, a non-profit organization, to bring information to their community. She stated one of their goals was to help keep the Verdi Community Library open. She mentioned she worked with Al Rogers, County Director of Management Services, to determine the library's

budget in efforts to maintain and possibly extend its hours of operation. She noted the library was extremely important to the Verdi community.

**15-0761      AGENDA ITEM 4 Commissioners' Manager's announcements.**

Chair Berkbigler responded to a question asked during public comment as to whose idea it was to allow medical marijuana establishments (MMEs) in Nevada by stating it was Nevada State Senator Richard "Tick" Segerblom. She addressed the individuals who publicly commented on the MMEs by stating the Board had just as many concerns about the safety and security of the citizens. She asked for their patience as the County worked through the issues associated with the MMEs. She noted the State Legislature thrust the MMEs on the County and it was not something the County Commission chose to do. In regards to the Verdi Community Library, she announced the hours of operation would not be cut and the County would work to expand the hours.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated Agenda Item 14 would be removed from the agenda. He said he received a letter from Clara Andriola, Executive Director of the Reno Rodeo, which he read aloud. The letter expressed the appreciation and recognition of County staff who supported foster families and children throughout the County. The letter specifically named Kristy Baker, Supervisor of the Foster Care Support Unit, and Victoria Bowers, Foster Care Liaison, for their dedication to the Foster Care program. A copy of the letter was placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Jung stated she thought the County's frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding MMEs should include the following questions: 1) Should voters have the opportunity to approve the recreational use of marijuana? 2) Would the approval of the recreational use of marijuana automatically grant existing MMEs to become recreational marijuana establishments? She believed the mass hysteria regarding MMEs was based on misinformation about what an MME looked like and how it operated. She noted MMEs were pharmacies with more requirements and safety measures than regular pharmacies. She said encouraging the owner of an MME to switch locations would be a bad idea as the County would be telling a private property owner what he or she could and could not do with their land. She mentioned a conversation she had with a citizen, regarding the MME, where she informed the person that requiring a Special Use Permit for that type of property would not be a good idea because the permit would stay with the property no matter who came in to run the establishment. In regards to traffic, she noted she would be more concerned with a bar or restaurant in terms of entering and exiting the facility. She admitted the County needed to do a better job reaching out to and educating the County's residents about MMEs. She added she thought it would be a good idea to take residents on tours of MMEs so they could get a better understanding of what they were and how they operated. She asked staff to schedule meetings, as soon as possible, with the Legal Department and the appropriate County departments regarding community outreach in order to end the MME hysteria. She noted Commissioner Lucey should be involved since the MME complaints were in his district. She concluded by stating if Commissioner Lucey did not believe this was the right approach, she wanted the County to implement a countywide policy on how controversial issues would be handled.

Commissioner Hartung stated he toured Burning Man. He thought it was very interesting and he did not want to see it go away; however, he had some concerns. He spoke about the negative effects of Burning Man on the area between Gerlach and Wadsworth, which included traffic issues and trash deposited along Nevada State Route 447. He said he would like to have a discussion with the Nevada Department of Transportation in regards to Stampmill Drive in Wadsworth as residents had difficulty accessing the street during certain times. He also noted he would like a report from staff in Gerlach about the trash left over from Burning Man. He mentioned he attended the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) meeting in Washington, DC where he saw the LUCAS Chest Compression System. He requested that the Commission have a conversation at the next Board meeting about the ability for him to spend a portion of his discretionary funds on the compression system, which was around \$13,000 per unit. He stated the system would take the place of a person by providing consistent and efficient compressions on a person's chest. He believed the system could save lives and he wanted one installed at Fire Station 17 in Spanish Springs. He felt the fire station in Sun Valley would also benefit from having one and he wanted to discuss the possibility of installing the system on the fire apparatuses.

Commissioner Herman thanked Chair Berkbigler for her help with the Verdi Community Library. She thanked Bob and Peter Lissner of Lifestyle Homes for their donation of a television and their assistance with completing the wireless internet installation for the Senior Center in Cold Springs. She requested staff to add an agenda item, as soon as possible, to discuss changes to the Citizen Advisory Board's (CAB) rules and regulations. She mentioned she spoke with people who were bothered by the word "force" in the wall art located in the Commission Chambers.

Chair Berkbigler noted Commissioner Lucey was in Washington, DC on business for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC).

### **CONSENT ITEMS 5A THROUGH 5F3**

- 15-0762**      **5A** Approve minutes of the regular Washoe County Board of Commissioners meetings of August 11, 2015 and August 18, 2015.
- 15-0763**      **5B** Approve a request to increase the change fund from \$50 to \$150 for the Registrar of Voters; and, if approved, authorize Chairman to execute Resolution for same. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0764**      **5C1** Approve the appointment of Doug Doolittle to the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission representing Commission District 2 to fill a term beginning on September 8, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed. (Commission District 2.)
- 15-0765**      **5C2** Approve the appointment of Austin Olson to the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission representing Commission District 5 to fill a term beginning on September 8, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2019, or until such time as a successor is appointed. (Commission District 5.)

- 15-0766**      **5D1** Approve payments totaling [\$5,636] to vendors for assistance of 39 victims of sexual assault and authorize Comptroller to process same. NRS 217.310 requires payment by the County of total initial medical care of victims, regardless of cost, and of follow-up treatment costs of up to \$1,000 for victims, victim's spouses and other eligible persons. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0767**      **5D2** Accept a Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$20,000; \$5,000 required match], from the State Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide travel and training funds for those who serve victims, including but not limited to Victim Advocates, Investigators, Prosecutors, and the medical staff at the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center; retroactive from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and direct Comptroller to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0768**      **5E1** Accept a supplemental grant award from the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division for the following Older Americans Act Title III Programs: Nutrition Services Incentive Program [\$71,567 no match required] retroactive from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015; and direct Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0769**      **5E2** Accept a grant award from the Senior Support Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada for Senior Caregiver Education in Sparks [\$1,000; no match required]; and direct Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0770**      **5E3** Approve retroactively an Agreement in Support of Pro-Bono and Low-Cost Legal Services for Elderly between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services in the approximate annual amount not to exceed [\$65,000] funded by applicable court filing fees, for both fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017, ending on June 30, 2017 in support of pro-bono and low-cost consumer related legal services for the elderly, and approve necessary resolution for same. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0771**      **5F1** Accept a Continuum of Care Grant Agreement Renewal from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Permanent Supportive Housing Program in the amount of \$32,345 (\$2,390 County match required) retroactive to August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016; and direct Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)
- 15-0772**      **5F2** Accept a Sub-grant Award from the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services in the amount of [\$4,000; no County match required] to support staff attendance at the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference retroactive to July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015; authorize the Department to execute

the Sub-Grant Award and direct Comptroller to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)

- 15-0773** **5F3** Approve a professional services agreement with Sierra Association of Foster Families in the amount of [\$108,600] to provide tutoring, mentoring and case management for educational advocacy services for teens in foster care in Washoe County retroactive to September 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that the Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5F3 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 5A through 5F3 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

**BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13**

- 15-0774** **AGENDA ITEM 8** Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the County Route 447 Road Repair Project [staff recommends Sierra Nevada Construction in the amount of \$551,007]. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8 be awarded and approved.

- 15-0775** **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washoe County Public Attorney's Association (WCPAA) for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016; ratify same: a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment in base wage effective July 1, 2015; an increase in weekly compensation for employees on scheduled crime consultation duty from \$750/\$800 to \$1,000/\$1,250 and weekly standby pay from \$300 to \$500 for Team Chiefs/designees; and modified language to the Terms of Agreement. [FY 15/16 fiscal impact is estimated at \$383,470]. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved.

- 15-0776** **AGENDA ITEM 10** Discussion and possible action to approve a final extension of existing Collective Bargaining Agreements beyond the current September 11,

2015 extension date to September 30, 2015.) Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

**15-0777**      **AGENDA ITEM 11** Action on request from District Attorney to approve the creation a fully benefitted, Deputy District Attorney III position, in support of indigent child welfare activities, funded 100% by Department of Social Services, and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate fiscal and budget adjustments in support of this action. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved and directed.

**15-0778**      **AGENDA ITEM 12** Discussion and possible action on proposed settlement agreement with Friends of Arrowcreek, LLC relating to the unpaid county utility charges of its predecessor and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Case No. BK-N-14-50087-btb. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

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

**15-0779**      **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve a 2015 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant passed through the State of Nevada, Division of Emergency Management for [\$175,000, no match required] for a statewide Recovery project; approval to create an Intermittent hourly Program Assistant position (non-benefitted; 50% grant-funded); [\$16,093] for non-county travel for attendance to Planning and Training events and [\$4,020] in food purchases; retroactive from September 01, 2015 through August 31, 2017; and direct Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Manager. (All Commission Districts.)

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved and directed.

**15-0780**      **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation by Susan DeBoer, Washoe County Public Guardian.

Susan DeBoer, Washoe County Public Guardian, conducted a PowerPoint presentation. She introduced two individuals who accompanied her, Deputy Public Guardian Sue Wild and Deputy District Attorney Dania Reid. Ms. DeBoer stated she would be providing an overview of the Washoe County Public Guardian (WCPG) department. She said the Public Guardian's level of service was found in Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 159. The public guardian mandate and function was found in NRS Chapter 253. She noted every county in Nevada was mandated to have a public guardian. The Public Guardian provided a necessary and unique public service by serving as the guardian for individuals with cognitive impairments who could be left without assistance or advocacy. She explained as a government agency, the WCPG had the ability to provide a continuity of service as the office was not reliant on any one person. She added the WCPG was an established county system that allowed the continuity of service to remain in the office thus allowing a continuity of care for all of those they served. The Public Guardian did not have the burden of looking at services rendered from a financial perspective as they were a non-profit entity. The majority of those served had limited or no financial resources. Those individuals were usually dependent on Medicaid and other public entitlements. The WCPG was allowed by statute to request and collect court approved fees but they did not collect fees from the estate of a person under guardianship unless it would not compromise their quality of life. Typically the WCPG collected fees at the termination of the case, usually once a person was deceased.

Ms. DeBoer noted the primary function of a guardian was advocacy. Functions also included decision making and providing informed consents for services, medical treatment, placement and financial actions. The WCPG interacted with all the entities a person under guardianship would interface with. She noted the WCPG managed the person's assets, and paid outstanding and ongoing bills from the estate. The WCPG secured and sold real and personal property; and researched and applied for benefits and assistance programs, services and medical treatments. Another WCPG function included investigating for prior abuse and exploitation. She said they participated in any court actions that a person under guardianship might be involved with, they searched for family, and would handle the affairs of a deceased person under guardianship if his or her estate was \$100,000 or less. She stated that the responsibility of decision making and the level of advocacy was what set their role apart from other service providers. She explained a guardian might be needed due to Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. The WCPG served persons 18 years of age or older. Approximately 54 percent of persons the WCPG served were 60 years old and 46 percent were between the ages of 18 to 49.

Ms. DeBoer said a Nevada resident was eligible to have the Public Guardian of a county appointed as their permanent guardian if that person was a resident of that county and had no relative or friend suitable or willing to serve. Prior to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 262 during the recent legislative session, family members living out of state were prohibited to serve as guardian without an in-state co-guardian. Under SB 262, preference would be given to a nominated person or relative whether or not they were a resident of Nevada. She mentioned several family members testified at the Legislature in support of the bill and shared stories of their negative experiences with private professional guardians. Following the testimony,

legislative action, and media reports, the Nevada Supreme Court formed a commission to study the creation and administration of guardianships. She also noted another legislative change implemented the licensing of private professional guardians, which was anticipated to go into effect in January 2016. She stated in addition to the Supreme Court's Guardianship Commission, the District Court had an ongoing guardianship task force led by Judge Frances Doherty that addressed best practices and procedures in guardianship. The WCPG also received cases from third party petitioners. She added anyone could petition the court for their service, and the WCPG would submit a petition when they received a referral with enough documented verification to support a guardianship and when medical experts were willing to testify. Additionally, the court could directly appoint the WCPG to serve as guardian, serve as successor guardian, or as a case investigator. She said when the WCPG considered the filing of a petition they wanted to make sure they looked at all the available alternatives. In addition, the National Governors Association (NGA) for Best Practice required supported decision making prior to instituting a guardianship. If guardianship was determined to be necessary, the WCPG would tailor the guardianship as much as possible using a person-centered approach. The person under guardianship had the right to the least restrictive guardianship that would meet his or her needs. She mentioned in 2014 the WCPG petitioned for and was appointed to 20 cases. She added they were petitioned by third party petitioners and appointed to 16 of those cases, and were appointed for 5 court investigations. The WCPG received a total of 92 referrals and they managed an average of 283 cases monthly.

Ms. DeBoer addressed a list of the WCPG's accomplishments over the last year. She noted the WCPG Family Guardianship Training Program had been in operation for approximately eight years. The purpose of the training was to familiarize and educate those interested in taking on the duties of a guardian for a loved one. The classes were held by volunteer attorneys and one of their case managers. She said all of the WCPG's wards were adopted and received Christmas gifts the past year through the donation efforts of Home Instead, Sertoma Club, and The Bridge Baptist Church. She discussed emerging issues by stating seven out of fifteen public guardian employees were eligible to retire any time within the next three years. She mentioned the WCPG began succession planning in the fall of 2014 with the assistance of Kathy Hart and Karen Jeffers of Human Resources. She noted Ms. Jeffers took the lead in the process and it had been extremely productive. She added the WCPG developed three levels for the guardian case manager's position; a case manager trainee, a case manager I and a case manager II. She also added they updated the supervisor job specifications and were looking at the public guardian specifications. She indicated they were in the process of reviewing various systems to replace their current software and case management systems which were eight years old. She said Ali Williams of Technology Services was their lead in that effort.

Ms. DeBoer ended her portion of the presentation by stating cases continued to be complex. The WCPG saw cases with issues related to real property in other states or countries, small mineral rights in other states, joint ownerships, foreign incomes, and foreign bank accounts. She said they had seen and anticipated increasing appointments in existing cases as a result of private professional guardian retirements, and the inability or discontinuation of those services. She noted the need for guardianship services as the senior population continued to rise. She stated the WCPG faced various challenges that included finding placement for individuals

between the ages of 18 to 59 and for persons of all diagnosis and ages that exhibited disruptive or threatening behaviors.

Sue Wild, Deputy Public Guardian, continued the presentation by stating in 2006 Dan Cohen founded the Music & Memory program. She explained how Mr. Cohen felt that if he ever had to be in a nursing home, he wanted to be able to listen to his favorite kinds of music. Mr. Cohen discovered, through his research, that in the 16,000 extended care facilities in the United States, none of them had personalized playlists or music through iPods for their patients. Ms. Wild provided a brief history of the Music & Memory program. She stated Mr. Cohen found that playing personalized music for some of the people affected by dementia under guardianship resulted in very positive reactions in the individual's behavior. With that information, the WCPG formed a committee to bring Music & Memory to the persons they served. The WCPG's ultimate goal was to reduce the number of dementia related behaviors that caused persons to be sent out of state for placement. An additional benefit for each person was the increased engagement in their environment and an enhanced quality of life. She noted an individual with dementia would often be confused, paranoid, frightened or withdrawn due to the isolation that came with dementia. She also added those individuals would strike out at others when they could not communicate and when their needs were not being met. She stated the WCPG felt if there was a way to intervene and redirect that person before their behavior escalated, it would be a way to maintain their placement locally.

Ms. Wild explained the committee established by the WCPG included a few of the staff from the WCPG's office and Ali Williams from Technology Services. She mentioned Music & Memory founder Dan Cohen was extremely helpful and he had good suggestions. The most challenging tasks for the committee were to find facilities willing to allow the program to be implemented and for those facilities to accept the responsibility of safeguarding the necessary equipment. She said the WCPG utilized social work interns from the University of Nevada, Reno to develop personalized playlists for each of the persons involved. She added an Excel spreadsheet was created to track the expenditures and the song lists. She stated the equipment was purchased through Best Buy, which was extremely cooperative in allowing each of the orders to be placed individually with a check written directly out of the Ward's estate. The songs were purchased with iTunes gift cards and downloaded onto the iPods. The distribution of the iPods was coordinated with activity directors and nursing staff at the facilities. She said the current goal was to be able to prove to the facility staff that listening to music could calm a resident down before their behavior escalated to the point where someone would get hurt or the point when a sedative had to be given.

Ms. Wild stated the WCPG anticipated the knowledge gained from the Music & Memory program would be used in the development of individualized care plans for the persons under guardianship. She added their current social work interns were going to gather the data for them. She believed once the participating facilities' staff saw and understood the benefits and the power of this intervention they could advocate their facility to utilize the program. She said the WCPG would share the information with other facilities, and the Music & Memory non-profit organization would assist those facilities in implementing the program with a buy-in cost. She concluded by stating none of this would have been possible without the dedication, perseverance, enthusiasm and caring nature of all of those involved.

Commissioner Hartung thought the Music & Memory program was amazing. He noted he was very supportive of the program. He said Alzheimer's would affect many people as the population aged. He added the WCPG was doing a great job.

Ms. DeBoer noted the placement of individuals with behavior issues in Northern Nevada was scarce. She added behavior issues related to dementia and Alzheimer's were a major challenge. The WCPG placed 12 individuals in out-of-state facilities, which were regular nursing homes, because none of the facilities here would take them.

Commissioner Hartung asked if the WCPG had partnerships with the memory care facilities here in town.

Ms. DeBoer stated the memory care facilities were usually private paid facilities and the WCPG served mostly indigent persons so they did not have much interaction.

Chair Berkbigler mentioned a personal experience with her mother who had dementia. She noted her mother could remember the words to a song and sing it, but she was unable to carry a conversation. She thanked the public guardians for all they did.

**15-0781**     **AGENDA ITEM 7** Appearance: Dr. Georgene Chase, Smile Restore. Presentation regarding free/low cost dental services provided in the community. (All Commission Districts.) Requested by Commissioners Jung and Hartung.

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, stated she was provided with the Smile Restore handouts which were distributed to the Board and were placed on file with the Clerk.

Georgene Chase, DDS, MPH, opened with a comment about medical marijuana not being of help with dental pain. She read aloud the Smile Restore mission statement from the flier provided to the Board. She provided a brief history of her family, and her personal and professional background. She asked the Board for assistance with helping indigent residents with their dental care. She stated she had acquired a building on Wells Avenue which she had equipped and staffed. The facility operated at least 17 days per month. She noted Smile Restore was an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Smile Restore was seeking donors, donations, and volunteers. She added Smile Restore had enough equipment to expand their program once they were ready. She mentioned the Catholic Charities of North Nevada was assisting them with the installation of a ramp and the City of Reno was helping them pass City Code hurdles. She stated she planned on working with the Nevada State Legislature on statutes to be able to bring in volunteer dentists from out of state. Smile Restore was working on hiring more hygienists and dentists. She said Smile Restore was also working on selling licensing agreements with out of state entities that wanted to replicate their program. She gave examples of patients who had dental infections, and she described how these infections could manifest in other parts of the body; such as, the face and neck. She noted many people with dental infections ended up going to hospitals for care. These individuals would be incorrectly diagnosed and they would not receive the appropriate care.

Commissioner Jung asked Kevin Shiller, Assistant County Manager, to see if the County could create a fund to address serious dental issues. She felt by providing appropriate dental care to indigent residents, the County could reduce the amount of money paid for the hospitalization of the indigent. She mentioned she would like to see this fund established soon. She thanked Dr. Chase for her work.

Dr. Chase stated she believed Smile Restore already saved the County money as she prevented unnecessary trips to the hospitals by the indigents through her program.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Dr. Chase and he asked her if she worked with the Truckee Meadows Community College's (TMCC's) Dental Hygiene program.

Dr. Chase indicated Smile Restore had not yet reached out to the TMCC but she planned to. She added she would like to reach out to the dental school in Las Vegas and utilize Smile Restore as a training facility.

Commissioner Hartung stated the County had a good working relationship with the TMCC and would help her reach out to them. He also mentioned the working relationships the County had with Renown and Saint Mary's Hospitals.

Dr. Chase mentioned Reno City Councilmember Oscar Delgado was also trying to help out.

Commissioner Hartung added that the Compassion Community Clinic in Sparks was doing similar work to Smile Restore.

**15-0782**      **AGENDA ITEM 15** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

There was no closed session.

**15-0783**      **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Comment.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Katherine Snedigar spoke about the State of Nevada seal in the County Chambers. She explained the wording meant the State was a corporation. She talked about the Citizen Advisory Board's lack of attendance and how County staff did not obey the constitution. She stated she had issues regarding Palomino Valley being considered a residential subdivision.

**15-0784**      **AGENDA ITEM 18** Commissioners' Manager's announcements.

There were no announcements.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk:

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**15-0785** Washoe County Library Board of Trustees Bylaws for FY 2015-16.

**15-0786** Washoe County Investment Portfolio – Annual Report dated August 7, 2015.

**MONTHLY STATEMENTS**

**15-0787** Monthly Statement of Washoe County Treasurer, Month ending June 30, 2015.

**15-0788** Monthly Statement of Washoe County Treasurer, Month ending July 31, 2015.

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**15-0789** County Clerk’s Quarterly Financial Statement for FY 2014-15.

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**12:36 p.m.** There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung with Commissioner Lucey absent, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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**MARSHA BERKBIGLER**, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:  
Michael Siva, Deputy County Clerk*

RESOLUTION        Increase Change Fund from \$50.00 to \$150.00 for the Registrar of Voters.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, pursuant to NRS 354.609, has the authority to create and fund change fund accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters has requested an increase in the petty cash fund from \$50.00 to \$150.00 to assist in the administration of that office; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA as follows:

1.        That, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 354.609, the County Treasurer and the County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary steps to establish and account for an increase in the change fund of \$100.00 (for a total change fund of \$150.00) for the Registrar of Voters.

2.        That the above additional \$100.00 will be funded from the Washoe County Treasurer's Commercial Bank Account.

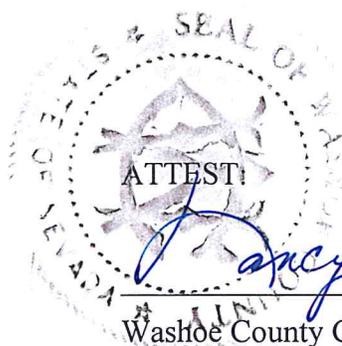
3.        That said change fund will be used exclusively for transactions related to the Public Administrator.

4.        That the Department Head shall henceforth be held accountable for the change fund authorized by this resolution.

5.        That the County Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Washoe County Treasurer, Comptroller, Internal Auditor and Registrar of Voters.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2015.

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*Nancy L. Parent*  
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Washoe County Clerk

By: *Marilyn Burk*  
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Chairwoman  
Washoe County Commission

**RESOLUTION FOR A GRANT TO WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES  
IN SUPPORT OF PRO BONO AND LOW COST GUARDIANSHIP WARD  
REPRESENTATION FOR ELDERLY WARDS**

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County continues to support the availability of pro bono and low cost legal services for the elderly residents of Washoe County, and wishes to ensure that funds spent to provide these legal services are spent in the most efficient and effective way possible, including in partnership with the State of Nevada and other entities that can generate additional resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Washoe County desires to provide grant funding to the nonprofit, WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES, in support of those legal services subject to performance measures, all as more fully described and conditioned in the parties' contemporaneous agreement entitled "Agreement In Support Of Pro Bono And Low-Cost Legal Services For Elderly," which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washoe County Board of Commissioners support the availability of *pro bono* legal services for the elderly, and consistent with that does hereby grant to WASHOE LEGAL SERVICES the sum of \$65,000 to be used in FY 2015-2016 strictly for expenses incurred in pro bono direct representation and legal counseling of Washoe County's qualifying elderly residents, together with ordinary expenses of associated support services and equipment, in the legal field of guardianship ward representation.

Upon motion by Commissioner, Hartung, seconded by  
Commissioner Jung, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: Berkbigler, Jung, Hartung & Herman NAYS: none

ABSENT: Lucey ABSTAIN: none

**WASHOE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ATTEST:  
Nancy L. Parent  
CLERK

Marsha Berkbigler  
Marsha Berkbigler, Chair

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