

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

APRIL 19, 2016

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Vice Chair
Marsha Berkbigler, Commissioner
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
David Watts-Vial, Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Kitty Jung, Chair
Jeanne Herman, 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:

16-0289 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Bob Ackerman spoke regarding former Sierra Fire Protection Chief Michael Green's memorial service. He stated it was a beautiful memorial service conducted by Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Chief Moore. He said there was a gathering in Carson City after the ceremony. He wanted to see Station 36 serve as a memorial to Chief Green and his service to the community. He submitted a copy of Chief Green's memorial program, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Rick Snow spoke regarding the burned trailer on Magnolia Way in Lemmon Valley. He expressed his disappointment that the issue was not on the agenda. He wanted the issue resolved. He stated he was concerned about the miscalculation of Gaming Taxes. He wanted someone to contact him regarding his concerns.

Don Dixon spoke regarding the electrical grid and community survival. He said in case of a high impact event the electrical grid would be disabled for a relatively long period of time. He indicated he was a consultant and for three and one half years in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He said the event taught him how extraordinarily difficult it was to manage a community when a catastrophic event took place. He said Hurricane Katrina was tame compared to a major high impact electrical grid event. He noted that on April 27, 2016 an event at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Space Weather Workshop would feature a workshop

segment on this issue. He encouraged community participation. Mr. Dixon submitted two handouts, which were placed on file with the Clerk. Additionally, Mr. Dixon presented a copy of a book entitled *Triple Threat Power Grid Exercise – High Impact Threats Workshop and Tabletop Exercises Examining Extreme Space Weather, EMP and Cyber Attacks* authored by InfraGard National EMP SIG TTX Planning Team © 2015 and a copy of a book entitled *Lights Out* authored by Ted Koppel © 2015. Due to copyright infringement laws, said books will not be copied or microfilmed for the permanent record. However, the books are available for review at the Office of the Washoe County Clerk.

Sam Dehne spoke about Sheriff Chuck Allen, his support of a tax increase on the ballot in November, Storey County and the Tesla Effect.

Pete Todoroff spoke regarding a parcel in Incline Village which was overly dirty. He stated a case had been opened with the County to require the owner to clean the parcel and it looked better for a short time but now it was dirty again. He wanted the case reopened for further investigation.

16-0290 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated the Senior Center was providing pet food and vaccinations from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for seniors. He noted that directly following this meeting there would be a reception in the lobby to honor volunteers.

Acting Chair Lucey stated there would not be a need for Agenda Item 11, therefore, it was removed.

16-0291 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Introduction of new Washoe County Employees.

John Slaughter, County Manager, asked the following employees to introduce themselves to the Board:

Matthew Christensen	Health/Environmental Health Services
Charlie Coleman	Community Services Department
Jenny Edwards	Public Administrator
Christine Lessard	Senior Services
Laura Martinez	District Attorney/Appellate
Kimberly Matus	District Attorney/Civil
Lynsey Rojas	Animal Services
Shannon Scott	Treasurer's Office
Brittney Smalley	Public Guardian
Michael Touhey	Health/Environmental Health Services
Marcia Tucker	Animal Services
Cameron Woods	Technology Services/Customer & Enterprise Solutions

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

- 16-0292** **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation of Excellence in Public Service Certificates honoring the following Washoe County employees who have completed essential employee development courses.

John Slaughter, County Manager, recognized the following employees for successful completion of the Excellence in Public Service Certificate Programs administered by the Human Resources Department:

Essentials of Management Development

Walter Camarena, District Attorney
Kim Imperial, Juvenile Services
John Petty, Public Defender

DONATIONS

- 16-0293** **7A** Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$2,299.26] for the period of January 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016 and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Senior Services. (All Commission Districts)

- 16-0294** **7B** Accept cash donations in the amount of [\$11,708.51] for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 and recognize A & H Insurance and Leadership Reno-Sparks; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. Social Services. (All Commission Districts)

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A and 7B be accepted and directed.

PROCLAMATIONS

- 16-0295** **8A** Proclamation - April 10-16, 2016 is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Sharon Goodman, Chief Deputy Sheriff Russ Pedersen, Bill Ames, Clay Griffin and Tim O'Connor.

- 16-0296** **8B** Proclamation – May 2016 is Nevada Wildfire Awareness Month.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Fire Marshal Amy Ray and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection Chief Charles Moore.

16-0297 **8D** Proclamation – May 2016 is Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and the week of May 14-20, 2016 is Bike Week.

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Julie Hunter and MJ Cloud.

16-0298 **8C** Proclamation – May 2016 is Older Americans Month.

Commissioner Berkbigler read and presented the Proclamation to Donna Clontz, Dr. Larry Weiss, Connie McMullen, Marsy Kupfersmith and Leslie Williams

16-0299 **8E** Proclamation – April 2016 is Fair Housing Month.

Commissioner Berkbigler read and presented the Proclamation to Kate Knister Zook.

16-0300 **8G** Proclamation – April 2016 is National County Government Month.

County Manager John Slaughter read the Proclamation.

16-0301 **8F** Proclamation – April 10-16, 2016 is National Library Week.

Commissioner Lucey read and presented the Proclamation to Jeff Scott and Emily Reed.

16-0302 **8H** Proclamation – April 18-24, 2016 is Volunteer Week.

Commissioner Lucey read and presented the Proclamation to Donna Clontz, Connie McMullen, Marsy Kupfersmith, Barbara Caria, Ed Hawkins, Peggy Rew and Jessica Chen.

On the call for public comment, Jennifer Richards, Staff Attorney Senior Law Project, spoke regarding the services the Senior Law Project provided at no cost. She stated they provided legal services regarding housing issues, estate planning, wills, consumer protection matters, and government benefits and entitlements. She said they provided outreach services in Gerlach, Incline Village, Sparks and at the Senior Center in Reno. She thanked the Board for acknowledging Older Americans Month.

On motion by Commissioner Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A to 8H be adopted.

10:59 a.m. The Board recessed.

11:07 a.m. The Board reconvened with Chair Jung and Commissioner Herman absent.

16-0303 **AGENDA ITEM 9** 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.

16-0304 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Public Comment.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

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11:11 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Berkgigler, which motion duly carried with Chair Jung and Commissioner Herman absent, the meeting was adjourned.

KITTY K. JUNG, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by:
Doni Gassaway, Deputy County Clerk*