

Summary - An ordinance levying a fee in Washoe County, Nevada District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation), ratifying action taken by County officers, and providing other matters related thereto.

BILL NO. 1915

ORDINANCE NO. 1725

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A FEE ON THE PARCELS OF LAND IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA DISTRICT NO. 24 (GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION) TO PAY THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING AND CARRYING OUT A PLAN FOR REMEDIATION; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, Washoe County in the State of Nevada (the “County” and “State,” respectively), is a county organized and operating under the laws of the State of Nevada (the “State”); and

WHEREAS, subsection 1 of Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) § 540A.250 provides that the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) shall create a district for the remediation of the quality of water if the county or district health officer (the “Health Officer”) or Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (the “Division”) certifies in writing to a Board that a condition exists in an area of the region which is affecting or will affect the quality of water that is available for municipal, industrial and domestic use within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received certifications in writing (the “Certification”) as described to in subsection 1 of NRS § 540A.250; and

WHEREAS, subsection 2 of NRS § 540A.250 provides that on receipt of the Certification, the Board must proceed in cooperation with the Health Officer and the Division to verify the existence and extent of the condition and establish the appropriate boundaries of a district for the remediation of the quality of water (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, subsection 3 of NRS § 540A.250 provides that:

“The District created pursuant to this section must include, without limitation:

(a) The area where the condition which requires remediation is determined by the Board to be present, or for which remediation is determined by the Board to be necessary, including any area to which the condition is expected to migrate unless remediation is carried out; and

(b) If the Board determines that the condition which requires remediation affects the quantity or quality of drinking water within the region, the wholesale and retail service area of any provider of water that has used or uses for any portion of its supply wells located in the area described in paragraph (a)”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS § 540A.250 and the Certification so received, the Board has proceeded in cooperation with the Health Officer and the Division of Environmental Protection to verify the existence of the condition and establish appropriate boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS § 540A.250, the Board has had prepared for it a plan for remediation designated the “Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Final Work Plan February 22, 1996” as updated by the “Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Remediation Management Plan” dated October 28, 2002 (as updated, the “Plan for Remediation”); and

WHEREAS, the Plan for Remediation (including the update) has been submitted to the Division and approved by the Division pursuant to Subsection 1 of NRS 540A.260; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for Remediation indicates that, and based upon such plan the Board has determined that, the condition which requires remediation affects the quality of drinking water within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 1000 adopted and approved on November 14, 1997, as amended by ordinances adopted and approved on June 16, 1998, June 22, 1999, June 12, 2000, June 12, 2001, June 11, 2002, June 9, 2003, June 22, 2004, June 14, 2005, June 13, 2006, June 12, 2007, June 10, 2008, June 9, 2009, June 22, 2010, June 14, 2011, June 12, 2012, June 11, 2013, June 17, 2014, June 9, 2015, July 12, 2016, June 13, 2017, June 19, 2018, June 11, 2019, June 16, 2020, June 8, 2021, June 21, 2022, and June 20, 2023 (as amended, the

“Creation Ordinance”), created a district (the “District” or “District No. 24”) for the remediation of the quality of water pursuant to NRS § 540A.250 through § 540A.285 (the “Act”) whose boundaries in accordance with NRS § 540A.250 include the wholesale and retail water service area of Sierra Pacific Power Company (herein “Sierra Pacific”) and its successors in the water business, the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), which was in the case of Sierra Pacific and is in the case of TMWA, and further includes a portion of the wholesale and retail water service area of Washoe County’s Community Service Department (“CSD”), and its successors in the water business, TMWA, which was in the case of CSD and is in the case of TMWA, providers of water service that have used and use for at least a portion of their water supply, wells located in the area where the condition of PCE exists in the groundwater and where remediation is required as hereby determined by the Board, based upon the Plan for Remediation; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore determined and does hereby declare that a portion of the cost of developing and carrying out the plan for remediation has been deferred with the proceeds of bonds (the “Bonds”) which have been heretofore retired; and

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore determined that the operation and maintenance in connection with carrying out the Plan for Remediation is to be paid by a fee imposed on the properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, in the Creation Ordinance, the Board determined that the condition which requires remediation affects the quality of drinking water within the region and therefor, pursuant to subsection 1(a) of NRS § 540A.265, the fee apportioned must be based on a percentage of the total amount billed in the preceding calendar year to each parcel of property within the District for water by the provider of retail water service to the parcel of property; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and hereby determines that the Bonds have been retired, and therefore no amount will be included in the fee to pay principal and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also determined that the costs of developing and carrying out the plan for remediation is to be paid from the fees collected through 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and hereby determines that the estimated amount required to pay TMWA for one year’s operation and maintenance (“O&M”) costs as

provided in the County's agreement with Sierra Pacific, to which TMWA has succeeded, is \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and hereby determines that the annual amount necessary to pay the one year's cost of additional expenses and monitoring, administration, collection and other continuing costs in furtherance of and in connection with developing and carrying out the Plan for Remediation (collectively, "Ongoing Costs") is \$3,865,842.66; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary to raise \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 (the Fiscal Years' Amount) to pay one year's O&M and Ongoing Costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined at this time that considering the nature of the capital projects previously funded with the Bonds and the nature of the Ongoing Costs being collected at this time, it is appropriate to weight or adjust the amount billed pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS § 540A.265, and consequently that the methods of weighting or adjusting outlined in paragraphs (b) and (c) of such subsection are being applied to the fee being apportioned by this ordinance, and the Board hereby finds and declares that such apportionment is just and equitable; and

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to staff of the County a list of all parcels of land in the District (excluding all property owned by the federal government), together with the amount billed for water to those parcels in calendar year ending December 31, 2023, in which, in the cases of properties within the District where retail water service was not provided for a full calendar year, or where a full calendar year's billing was not available, the estimated amount billed for water for a full calendar year was provided or developed, taking into account a partial year's billing extended to 12 months, or an average of fees on parcels of property within comparable zonings or uses; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and filed with the County Clerk on April 16, 2024 a list, entitled "District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) 2023 Fee Apportionment List" (the "Fee Apportionment List"), of each parcel of property within the District (excluding parcels owned by the United States) and an apportionment of the Fiscal Years' Amount to be raised by the fees described above to each parcel of land in the District, which apportionment is based on the amount billed to that parcel for water, weighted and adjusted as described in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection 1 of NRS § 540A.265; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and hereby determines that the apportionment provided in the list described above is fair, just and equitable and is hereby adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE, IN THE STATE OF NEVADA, DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. All actions, proceedings, matters and things heretofore taken, had and done by the County and the officers thereof (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Washoe County, Nevada District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) Fee Imposition Ordinance (the “Ordinance”)) concerning the District and the Plan of Remediation, and the imposition and apportionment of a fee therefore are ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 2. For the purpose of paying the cost of developing and carrying out the Plan for Remediation, there is hereby imposed against each of the lots, tracts and parcels of land in the District (except property owned by the Federal Government), the amount shown for that tract or parcel of land in the Fee Apportionment List as filed in the office of the County Clerk on April 16, 2024. The Board hereby finds and determines and to impose and apportion the fee in the amounts shown in the Fee Apportionment List, all in accordance with the Act.

Section 3. In accordance with subsection 2 of NRS § 540A.265, the fee imposed by this ordinance shall be collected by the County Treasurer with the general taxes of the County, and payment therefore must be enforced in the same manner and with the same remedies as provided for the collection of general taxes. The amount of the fee shall be due with the first installment of property taxes and shall be payable in full on that date. There shall not be any option to pay the fee in installments. The Clerk is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Fee Apportionment List to the County Treasurer for collection purposes.

Section 4. The officers of the County are authorized and directed to take all action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this ordinance, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the preparation of all necessary documents, legal proceedings and other items necessary or desirable to impose and apportion the fee provided herein.

Section 5. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repealer shall not be construed to revive any ordinance, resolution, bylaw or order, or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

Section 6. In accordance with NRS § 244.100 and 540A.262, this ordinance when first proposed is to be read by title to the Board, immediately after which several copies of the proposed ordinance are to be filed with the office of the County Clerk for public examination; thereafter, the County Clerk is authorized and directed to give notice of the filing together with the title of the ordinance and an adequate summary of the ordinance, and the date upon which a public hearing will be held on such ordinance by publication at least once in the Reno Gazette-Journal, i.e., a newspaper published and having general circulation in the County, at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for such hearing, i.e., at least fifteen (15) days before the 18th day of June, 2024, such publication to be in substantially in the following form:

(Form of Publication of Notice of Filing of Bill for an Ordinance)

Bill No. 1915

Notice of Public Hearing Before

The Washoe County Board of County Commissioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, will hold a public hearing at the Commissioners' Chambers, Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, the 18th day of June 2024, for the purpose of hearing objections to the adoption of a proposed ordinance. At such hearing, interested persons may present their views. The ordinance is entitled:

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(of Washoe County, Nevada)

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An adequate summary of the ordinance is as follows:

The preambles of the ordinance recite that the Board of County Commissioners has created Washoe County, Nevada, District No. 24 (the "District") for the purpose of remediating the quality of water and various other matters in connection therewith, and recite the costs anticipated to be incurred therefore and the appropriation of those costs on the various parcels of land in the District, and make certain findings.

The ordaining clause is then set forth.

Section 1 ratifies the action previously taken and Section 2 imposes and apportions a fee for remediation on each parcel of land in the District except parcels owned by the Federal Government.

Section 3 provides for collection of the fee with general taxes.

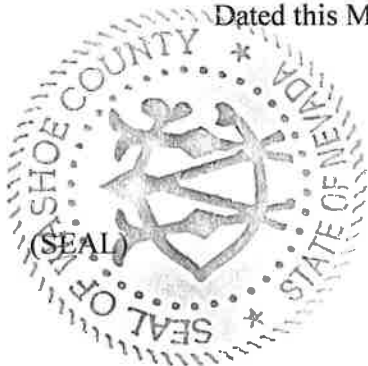
Sections 4 and 5 authorize the County officials to take any action necessary to effectuate the ordinance; and provide a repealer clause for conflicting provisions.

Sections 6, 7 and 8 provide for notice by publication of the June 18, 2024 hearing on the ordinance, and for this summary of the provisions of the ordinance; provide that the ordinance shall be in effect from and after its publication for two weeks following its final adoption on June 18, 2024; provide the form for such publication which includes the names of the Commissioners voting for and against the adoption of the ordinance; and provide a severability clause.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are on file in the office of the Washoe County Clerk at the Washoe County Administrative Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street,, Reno, Nevada, for public examination. The Board shall adopt or reject the ordinance (or the ordinance as amended) within 35 days after the date of the final public hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, has ordered this notice to be published.

Dated this May 14, 2024.



/s/ Jan Galassini
County Clerk

(End of Form for Publication)

Section 7. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its publication as hereinafter provided, and after this ordinance is signed by the Chairman of the Board and attested and sealed by the County Clerk, this ordinance shall be published by title only, together with the names of the Commissioners voting for or against its passage, and with a statement that typewritten copies of said ordinance are available for inspection by all interested parties at the office of the County Clerk, such publication to be made in the Reno Gazette-Journal, a newspaper published and having general circulation in the County, at least once a week for a period of two (2) weeks by two (2) insertions, pursuant to NRS § 244.100 and all laws thereunto enabling, such publication to be in substantially the following form:

(Form for Publication After Final Adoption of Ordinance)

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that typewritten copies of the above-numbered and entitled ordinance are available for inspection by the interested parties at the office of the County Clerk of Washoe County, Nevada, at her office at the County Administrative Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street,, Reno, Nevada; and that said ordinance was proposed by Commissioner Garcia on May 14, 2024, and following a public hearing, was passed and adopted without amendment at a regular meeting held not more than 35 days after the close of the hearing, i.e., at the regular meeting on June 18, 2024, by the following vote of the Board of County Commissioners:

Those Voting Aye: Hill, Herman, Clark, Garcia, Andriola.


Those Voting Nay: NONE.

Those Absent: NONE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after June 30th, 2024, i.e., the date of the second publication of such ordinance by its title only.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, has caused this ordinance to be published by title only.

Dated June 18, 2024.

/s/ 
Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Washoe County, Nevada

(SEAL)

Attest:


/s/ Jan Galassini
County Clerk



The seal is circular with a double-lined border. The outer ring contains the text 'SEAL OF WASHOE COUNTY' at the top and 'STATE OF NEVADA' at the bottom, separated by a small star on the right. The center of the seal features a stylized mountain range with a river winding through a valley.

(End of Form of Publication)

Section 8. If any section, paragraph, clause or other provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or other provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Proposed on the 14th day of May, 2024.

Proposed by Commissioner Garcia.

Passed the 18th day of June, 2024.

Those Voting Aye: Hill, Herman, Clark, Garcia, Andriola.

Those Voting Nay: None.

Those Absent: None.



Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Washoe County, Nevada



This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 30th day of June 2024, i.e., the date of the second publication of such ordinance by its title only.

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

I, Jan Galassini, am the duly chosen and qualified Clerk of Washoe County, and in the performance of my duties as Clerk do hereby certify:

1. The foregoing pages are a full and correct copy of an ordinance introduced and read by title at the Board of County Commissioners of the County (the "Board") held on May 14, 2024 and adopted on June 18, 2024 which relates to District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation). Minutes of the meeting on such District held on May 14, 2024 and of the hearing on the Ordinance held on June 18, 2024 are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively. Except as recited in this paragraph, no actions were taken concerning such District at such meetings. The copy of such ordinance is true, correct, compared copy of the original proposed and adopted at such meetings.

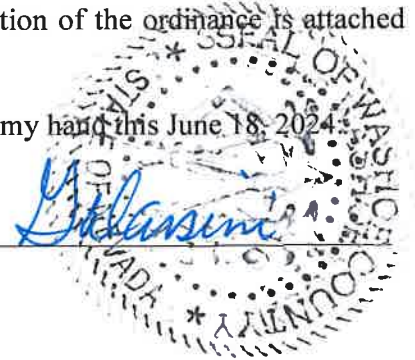
2. The members of the Board voted on such ordinance as set forth in the ordinance.

3. An affidavit evidencing notice of filing of such ordinance is attached as Exhibit E and an affidavit of publication of the notice of adoption of the ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this June 18, 2024.



County Clerk



The undersigned does hereby certify:

1. All members of the Board were given due and proper notice of the meetings held on May 14, 2024 and June 18, 2024.

2. Public notice of such meetings were given and such meetings were held and conducted in full compliance with the provisions of NRS 241.020 and NRS 540A.262. A copy of


the notices of meeting and excerpts from the agendas for the meetings relating to the ordinance, as posted no later than 9:00 a.m. at least 3 working days in advance of the meetings at the Board's office, the County's website, the Nevada Public Notice website, and three other locations, i.e., at:

- (i) Washoe County Administration Complex
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada
- (ii) Washoe County Courthouse
75 Court Street
Reno, Nevada
- (iii) Washoe County Library
301 South Center Street
Reno, Nevada
- (iv) Justice Court
1675 E. Prater Way #107
Sparks, Nevada

are attached as Exhibits "C" and "D."

3. No later than 9:00 a.m. at least 3 working days before such meetings, such notices were mailed to each person, if any, who has requested notice of meetings of the Board in compliance with NRS 241.020(3)(b) by United States Mail, or if feasible and agreed to by the requestor, by electronic mail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of Washoe County, Nevada, this June 18, 2024.



County Manager (or representative thereof)
Washoe County, Nevada

(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

**(Attach Copy of Minutes of May 14 Meeting on
District No. 24 Boundary Amendment)**

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 14, 2024

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Chair

Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair

Michael Clark, Commissioner

Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner

Clara Andriola, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk

Eric Brown, County Manager

Nathan Edwards, Assistant District Attorney

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, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

24-0268 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

Mr. Charles Albright advocated for stewardship and enjoyment of the Truckee River. He spoke about a rafting event that had remaining space for additional participants. He encouraged Commissioners to go see the river from that perspective and support the efforts of the nonprofit organizations One Truckee River and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB). He said his goals were to ensure safe rivers that were free of dams. He recalled information from the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) about dams not paying for themselves, and he remarked the effect dams had on the river was negative. He stated they needed to be removed since they were no longer useful. He mentioned the dams, with the exception of the dam at Ambrose Park, were associated with the County. He thought a free-flowing river would be healthier and deliver cleaner and better water to people downstream. He was especially concerned about getting high-quality water to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. He suggested TMWA had a lot of land that they could use for solar and wind power generation, and the money raised from that could be used to pay for their bills instead of using power generated from dams.

Mr. Terry Brooks read an original poem about the difficulties of poor mental health during circumstances of homelessness.

Mr. Jonathan Boulware provided updates about the Downtown Reno Partnership (DRP). He informed he had served on the DRP Board since its creation in 2018. He applauded the work of their Executive Director, Ms. Neoma Jardon, and the whole team. He thought their efforts to increase awareness of the work of the ambassadors were

especially remarkable. He explained the focus of the DRP was on maintaining a clean and safe downtown, and he added they were growing the program in the upcoming fiscal year by adding eight licensed security ambassadors to the 20 ambassadors they already had. He reported the DRP worked closely with the maintenance and operations team of the City of Reno. He disclosed that in April 2024, the ambassadors picked up 21,000 pounds of trash, including bulky items like couches. He recounted they made up to five dump runs each day. He shared that the ambassadors gave 106 rides to services like the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Social Security Office and also gave 43 rides to homeless shelters. He said they returned 160 shopping carts to owners and completed 184 pressure washes. He described, as an employee of Jacobs Entertainment on 4th Street, he witnessed the ambassadors at work. He remarked on the connections they were able to make over time by building trust with vulnerable residents of the area. In conclusion, he mentioned a number of entertainment events taking place at the J Resort over the summer.

Mr. Gary Mifsud recalled an event he orchestrated in 2019 for senior citizens. He reported engaging three bands, booking a space with the help of Chair Hill, and planning for 200 attendees, but he was ultimately disappointed by the turnout on the day. He attributed the sparse attendance to a broken promise about an anticipated funding source and bad publicity from that individual before the event. He thanked the Commissioners for their service.

Mr. Luis Fain thanked the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the opportunity to speak. He divulged that he had become an American citizen two weeks prior, and felt it was his duty to share his ideas about solutions to what he believed was the most important problem in the world. He quoted former President John Adams, saying the true source of our suffering has been our timidity and we have been afraid to think. He added a quote from Mr. Benjamin Franklin regarding the love of liberty and the knowledge of rights. He spoke about a nonprofit organization he opened with his partner, which aimed to provide an opportunity for every American to pursue happiness as outlined in the Constitution. He wanted to speak to each Commissioner to explain how Washoe County could become the first county in the Nation where those issues would no longer be in crisis. He concluded by reading the poem *I Dreamed in a Dream* by Mr. Walt Whitman.

Ms. Elise Weatherly talked about a song from the 1960s titled Alfie, which considered the question of what was meaningful in life. She said she found the words increasingly impactful as the years went by. She recalled other songs she found relatable and divulged plans she was developing to record her own version of a song called Autumn Leaves, which she theorized could be the theme song for homeowners associations (HOAs), given their perceptions of urgency regarding leaves. She spoke about the difficult and important work of the District Attorney (DA). She mentioned insight and guidance she felt she received in dreams.

Mr. George Cavros provided documents, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He described his work with the clean energy and conservation nonprofit agency Western Resource Advocates. He expressed concern about a proposed rate increase from NV Energy, which he acknowledged was outside the

usual purview of the BCC but deemed was still potentially of interest to the Commissioners. He specified NV Energy was not asking for additional dollars or an increase in the return on equity for their shareholders, but he found the rate proposal unusual. He explained that it would significantly restructure residential bills for Northern Nevada families. He said families would pay a higher fixed charge, which would triple from the current rate of \$16.50, and go up to \$44.40 per month and would not be reduced regardless of how much energy was used. He determined that was problematic because it disincentivized energy conservation and would impact low-income customers the most. Mr. Cavros claimed it was well-established that lower-income customers used less energy; thus, changing the structure of the bill to a higher fixed charge upfront would disproportionately impact low-income households. He stated it also sent the wrong price signal on saving energy and doing the right thing and undermined efforts people made to improve energy efficiency in their homes. He offered to continue discussions on the issue if there was interest and hoped that if the Commissioners were inclined to have their voices heard, they would submit letters of concern to be included in the docket.

Mr. Drew Ribar divulged his candidacy for Assembly District 40 and said the Commissioners encouraged his decision to run for office due to the bad decisions he watched them make. He expressed unease about the funds used for the assistance of unhoused residents, most notably the Cares Campus. He questioned what he understood to be a lack of fiscal accountability and transparency. He stated concern about the quality of meals being provided to senior citizens. He hoped the two Commissioners running for reelection would not retain their seats, and he asserted that if he won the election in his race, he would use every opportunity he had to advocate for greater government accountability. He asked the Commissioners to leave the government open and accountable and to refrain from approving anything that would restrict access to information. He communicated his intent to look further into details of where funds were ultimately channeled and spent. He emphasized the importance of public servants being accountable.

Ms. Carla Parra expressed gratitude on behalf of the JUSTin HOPE Foundation for the disbursement being considered in Agenda Item 8E3. She said the BCC's support directly enabled the organization to continue its mission of fostering inclusion, empowerment, and support for the individuals they served. She stated they hoped to continue providing essential services and programs that promoted independence, helped build skills, and created opportunities for meaningful engagement in the community. She explained the JUSTin HOPE Foundation was dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of those they served, and they appreciated being joined by the BCC in championing the cause of working towards a more inclusive, compassionate society.

Ms. Janet Butcher recounted her attendance at the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting the prior day. She was unsure how the CHAB meeting schedule was established and did not know why meetings were not held more often. She pointed out that evictions were not always a result of unpaid rent, but were sometimes a punitive reaction to tenant complaints about habitability, which landlords could reframe as lease violations. Ms. Butcher stated concerns about upcoming elections and opined she had been waiting years for known election issues to be addressed and

resolved. She was concerned about the way elections were overseen and the funding of groups that influenced the way voting was conducted. She felt the opinions and observations of citizens were discounted in favor of supporting the existing system. She wondered how other counties of similar size across the United States were able to conduct elections on a single day, in contrast to the extended voting window available in Washoe County. She thought those single-day elections were run fairly and without complaint, which she admired.

Mr. Scott Finley read from a document and displayed images, which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Kelly Stevens related her experience attending the CHAB meeting the prior day. She was alarmed that the BCC engaged the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). She described her concerns about CSH funding sources and wondered how County taxpayers might be impacted by suggestions from CSH. She expressed deep concern about the lack of fiscal transparency from the County, and warned about possible consequences of mismanagement and corruption. She mentioned a special investigations team had watched and documented Commissioners, DAs, and their office staff for the past three years and she suggested Commissioners take note and prepare for future discomfort.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon provided a document, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He stated Board members were under a private, commercial contract. He summarized his intent to serve a Notice of Breach of Contract to Chair Hill and expressed frustration that the document he provided was placed on the permanent record according to standard procedure rather than being passed along to Chair Hill as he wanted. Chair Hill reminded Mr. St. Jon of the requirement for public commenters to address the Board as a whole in that venue. He spoke about a sign he made and brought into Chambers, and objected to camera angles being changed during the meeting in ways that did not maintain visibility of his sign. He recalled demanding a town hall meeting that was not scheduled. He outlined his understanding of appropriate procedures for redress. He demanded that discussion of a resolution for a Second Amendment sanctuary county be added to a future agenda, and insisted the metal detectors used outside of Chambers for BCC meetings be removed. He theorized that they were illegal.

Ms. Penny Brock displayed a document, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. She divulged she found it difficult to decide whether to comment about taxes or about voting because she had concerns about both, and felt a lot occurred in the prior week. She informed she decided on elections and outlined her concerns about the Registrar of Voters (ROV) office. Ms. Brock asserted that according to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), the ROV was to have submitted a plan for public observation of elections by April 15. She reported she had not yet seen that plan. She stated she could not find any definition for observation or observers, and she believed the placement of observers in what she termed the fishbowl was inappropriate. Based on her research, she understood observers had the right to be on the floor, to stand behind an election worker, and to observe the signature verification and the date of the postmark. She acknowledged revised plans for room layout that were created by the ROV, but she found them insufficient to address

the problem. She theorized observers would be unable to exercise rights enshrined in the Constitution and in NRS. She referenced an article written by Mr. Robert Beadles, who expressed numerous concerns about election processes in Washoe County. Ms. Brock cited observation practices in California that she deemed superior. She perceived things were getting worse in the County.

Mr. Cliff Nellis displayed a document and an image, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He spoke about meaningful voting observation and outlined examples of what it was not. He said without transparency, there was tyranny, not democracy. He suggested alternate arrangements to improve signature verification, including different placement of signature check stations and a method for displaying the signatures near computer screens to ensure congruence. He reasoned adjudicator stations and scanning stations also needed to be observable to ensure ballots were not being run through more than once. He commented observers should be free to walk around the floor and see everything that went on. He avowed if the lights went out, as they did in the last election, the whole election should be declared invalid and redone. He thought if any candidate challenged the outcome of an election, or if any organization challenged the outcome on one of the questions, the County should pay for an audit of that race. He supported hand counting of ballots and of the voting machine tape. He did not believe the machine tape was counted under existing procedures, which he disagreed with. He theorized the machine tapes needed to be counted to ensure a reasonable degree of accuracy and trigger a full hand recount if discrepancies in the results exceeded the predetermined threshold.

Mr. Donald Fossum displayed images, copies of which were placed on file with the Clerk. He supposed many people no longer attended BCC meetings because trust was broken, and they no longer felt heard. He was grateful that public comment was restored at the beginning of meetings for people who wanted to be able to participate and then get to work. He said his main reason for attending that day was to express his concern about election observers being kept out of a range where they would truly be able to see what was going on. He divulged his frustration with how some Commissioners were representing their constituents, which he felt had, in some cases, diverged from the platforms on which they were elected.

Ms. Valerie Fiannaca requested a parallel hand count for the upcoming election. She thought many community members were becoming aware of the problem. She opined that doing the right thing required having a backbone and was not always easy. She stated only about 3 percent of American colonists wanted freedom from England, and she said they gave their money, status, and even their lives in some cases in pursuit of what they believed in. She disputed the claim by some that the founding fathers were old white men, and she asserted they were, in fact, in their mid-twenties and thirties. She announced it was time for people to grow a spine, no matter what the consequences were. She warned that trust had been broken, and people across the United States had lost confidence in the systems and people in place.

10:51 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:00 a.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

24-0269 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Andriola extended appreciation for the work that went into the two in-person meetings and the online informational overview meeting pertaining to the review of sections of the Washoe County Code (WCC) that governed equine business. She thanked attendees for their participation and investment in the process. She divulged extensive meetings on the subject, which she said had resulted in the recognition that WCC related to equine business had not been comprehensively reviewed since the 1990s. She said many people were impacted by the Codes, and she theorized the financial impact of WCC compliance was excessive. She explained her choice to help by allocating her discretionary funds to support revision efforts as outlined in the January 23, 2024, Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) meeting and noted the revisions would take time. She requested a future agenda item to pause enforcement of WCC related to equine business, provided the activities undertaken were not a safety concern for livestock or the public. She recalled making a similar request in the past, which led to the review being undertaken.

Commissioner Andriola mentioned a mistake made by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) on the sound panels lining Pyramid Highway. She reported that she was in discussions with NDOT and that work on a remedy was underway. She added she also reached out to the Governor's office and hoped a resolution would be seen and heard soon.

Commissioner Clark urged citizens to review the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting held the prior day. He summarized his understanding of the information, saying deaths in the homeless community had increased over the prior year, the total number of homeless people had increased over the prior year, and \$300 million had been spent over the past five years. He theorized that with the count of approximately 1,700 homeless people, the money spent was equivalent to \$176,470 per person, which he speculated could have been a downpayment on 1,700 homes instead. Although he did not think the funds went into the pockets of officials or employees, he affirmed they were spent. He contended there were numerous other ways those funds could have been used. He wanted to see an external audit of where all funds were used and how people were being helped. He stressed the audit should not be conducted by the County; he preferred the impartiality of an external agency. He discerned the outcomes reported did not align with stories in the media, and he drew a parallel to the folktale of The Emperor's New Clothes. He spoke about the negative effects on the area he observed from the Cares Campus. He mentioned an upcoming trip to Miami to look at how homelessness was being addressed there. He hoped the City of Miami had some good ideas, and he said he would provide a report to the BCC about what he learned upon his return. He surmised the public was interested, but he wondered if people had become somewhat desensitized to the issues.

Commissioner Clark restated his requests for a number of BCC agenda items. He expressed frustration about some items he previously requested not being agendized. He asked specifically about Vice Chair Herman's single-item election integrity

resolution, which he reported was submitted on February 27, 2024, to Chair Hill and County Manager Eric Brown. He pointed out it was not agendaized as stipulated by Section 5.5 of the BCC Rules of Procedure Handbook. He objected to the rule not being followed and demanded the item be placed on the agenda of the May 21, 2024, meeting under Agenda Item 5. Vice Chair Herman stated she would second that if it was a motion, and Commissioner Clark affirmed it was a motion. Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Nathan Edwards advised that no motion or vote was possible for items that were not on the agenda. He noted that Commissioner Clark had made a request, which was the extent of what was possible at that time. Commissioner Clark disclosed he viewed the accountability of holding a vote on the item as more important than the outcome. He said the public wanted to know how each Commissioner felt about the item, and he thought it was possible some Commissioners did not want their vote on the item to be on record. He recalled that during his time in the Assessor's Office, an audit from the State was conducted on a regular basis. He said he was trying to get the Registrar of Voters (ROV) a sample of the vote, and that was the basis of the resolution he wanted agendaized.

ADA Edwards added an analysis of the resolution was completed by the DA's office immediately after it was submitted, and the results of that analysis were known by Commissioners.

Vice Chair Herman mentioned information she heard about County employees from departments outside the ROV providing support during upcoming elections, which she was concerned about. She wanted to ensure everyone remembered that all persons engaged in election support activities like ballot sorting, counting, or observation were subject to the rules outlined in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). She speculated that the use of County employees outside the ROV might be an overstep.

Commissioner Garcia wished all types of mothers a happy Mother's Day. She opined that motherhood was the hardest job in the world, and she supposed the most difficult thing about motherhood was juggling family and career. She spoke about the upcoming trip some Commissioners were taking to Miami, which she noted meant they would miss the May 21, 2024, meeting. She reported they were scheduled to learn about the sequential intercept model and how mental health and substance abuse tied in with the criminal justice system. She hoped to bring back exciting information and innovative ideas to tackle issues the County was facing. She talked about filling in for Chair Hill at the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. She was excited about how much Washoe County was doing and how much was being coordinated. She mentioned Behavioral Health Administrator Julia Ratti was a highly-respected champion for the causes being considered, and a major asset to the County for the work ahead. Commissioner Garcia felt the needle was being moved in the right direction, though she said a lot more work and collaboration would be needed. She thought Ms. Ratti's new position was ideal for that upcoming collaborative work. She said one of the best parts about being a County Commissioner was being a part of many different regional boards. She said two of her regional boards, Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) and the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), highlighted and celebrated May as Bike Month. She welcomed the community to attend an upcoming Bike Month event, which she

described. A flyer with details of the event was placed on file with the Clerk.

Manager Brown shared information about two upcoming Board openings. He informed one was with the Nevada Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) and closed on Friday, May 17, 2024. Another was for a partial term through June 30, 2026, with the Washoe County HOME Consortium (WCHC), which also closed Friday, May 17, 2024. He divulged that he was in attendance at the CHAB meeting the prior day and heard the consultant say that the region needed to be prepared to spend \$300 million on housing, specifically affordable housing. Chair Hill affirmed that she heard the same thing. Manager Brown said he was happy to provide another update to the BCC with detailed reports of the Cares Campus spending, and clarified the \$300 million figure was an estimate of future capital spending that would be needed to make affordable housing available.

Chair Hill asked for confirmation that the County was audited by an outside firm every year, which Manager Brown provided.

11:23 a.m. **ADA Edwards left the meeting.**

PROCLAMATIONS

24-0270 **5A1** Proclaim May 14, 2024 and the week of May 12 through May 18, 2024 as Peace Officer Memorial Day and National Police Week. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Andriola read the proclamation.

Sheriff Darin Balaam, on behalf of all the men and women in law enforcement, thanked the Commissioners for attending the recent memorials and expressed appreciation for the recognition they received with the proclamation that day.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

24-0271 **5A2** Proclaim the month of May 2024 as International Internal Audit Awareness month. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill read the proclamation.

Internal Audit Manager Katelyn Kleidosty thanked Commissioners for acknowledging the importance of internal auditors to the County and for recognizing International Internal Audit Awareness Month.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Chair Hill, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 5A1 and 5A2 be adopted.

24-0272 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation by Maurice Page, Executive Director Nevada Housing Coalition, to provide updates on Nevada Housing Coalition and Housing in Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.)

Nevada Housing Coalition Executive Director Maurice Page conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Nevada Housing Coalition Presented to: Washoe County; About Us; Elevate NV Affordable Housing; 2023 Nevada Legislative Session; Housing Affordability Varies Across the Housing Spectrum; Key Facts; Nevada's Affordable Housing Supply; Housing Affordability - Washoe County; Housing Affordability – Reno; Homeownership Affordability – Reno; Cost Burdened Renter Households – Washoe County; Stay in Touch!; Thank You.

Mr. Page summarized that recognizing the challenges faced by many Washoe residents in recent years, the County took proactive steps to tackle the housing affordability issues in the community. He commended the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for their focus and determination to improve circumstances for residents suffering from the housing shortage. He advised the discussion that day would confront a stark division, with people on one side living in the midst of a housing crisis and people on the other side observing from the sidelines. He said the role of the Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC) was to understand, advocate, and work towards solutions that bridged the gap, ensuring understanding was translated into meaningful action. He asked Commissioners to keep that objective in mind during the presentation and discussion that day.

Mr. Page described the NHC as a Statewide, member-based, nonprofit organization. He disclosed he had been the Executive Director of the organization for seven months, and shortly after he assumed the directorship, the Board of Directors informed him circumstances were changing in Nevada, and they needed to be able to focus on housing as a whole. He reported the NHC updated its mission statement to promote the development and preservation of affordable housing for all Nevadans through collaboration, education, and advocacy. He said they also created a vision statement, which described a Nevada where all residents had access to an affordable place to call home. He stated it was commonly understood that housing was fundamental to personal and community well-being. He proclaimed stable and affordable housing formed the cornerstone of thriving communities. He communicated that, in collaboration with industry leaders, educational bodies, and community organizations, the NHC aimed to build an ecosystem that not only supported housing development but also empowered Nevadans to engage in sustainable living practices.

Mr. Page explained a program the NHC developed called Elevate NV, which aimed to educate the public about affordable housing. He said the program included collaboration with other nonprofits and emerging developers within the State. He described that they provided technical assistance and support for capacity building to help others learn about affordable housing, which he acknowledged was not something most people studied in school. Mr. Page believed the education they were able to provide helped build the next generation of developers within the State. He informed one of the largest components of the work done by the NHC was advocacy, particularly for creating more

affordable housing within the State. He cited the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 310 during the 2023 Legislative session as a huge accomplishment for them and said the \$32.2 million designated in the newly created Supportive Housing Development Fund would go towards development and support for people who were struggling to maintain housing. He listed some hurdles people faced in achieving the stability needed to maintain housing. He suggested housing should be talked about not only from a perspective of homelessness, but also as a broader view of the entire field of available housing options and needs. He stated affordable did not exclusively mean low income. He reasoned it also should include people like firefighters, school teachers, casino workers, and grocery store employees, who he postulated were all struggling. He emphasized more affordable housing needed to be developed so individuals could maintain and sustain their housing going forward. He invited Commissioners to imagine the security generated by a person having their own bed to lay in, knowing their children were safe and could attend school well-rested. Similarly, he advocated for the importance of people having a roof over their heads and being able to go to work focused on their jobs. He reported the NHC provided assistance with legislation beyond AB310, including advocacy for AB62, AB448, and AB396.

Mr. Page proposed that the conversation about housing affordability varied across the housing spectrum. He outlined the three tiers of affordable housing defined by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 278.01902, NRS 278.01904, and NRS 278.01906. He reviewed data recently provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) and pointed out trends evident through data comparisons from prior years, which included significant cost increases and much more modest wage increases. He mentioned his office was in the process of updating the statistics showing Nevada's affordable housing supply, and the figures displayed on that slide of his presentation were from 2022. He observed significant shortfalls in some housing inventory, especially the available units for households at 30 percent to 35 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), which numbered 1,118 statewide. He discerned it was important to create and implement long-term funding strategies since the area of shortfall was not the most appealing opportunity for developers. He talked about the Home Means Nevada Initiative (HMNI), which allowed the addition of 4,000 new homes to the pipeline for increased inventory. He commented there were additional funds, including the Community Housing Fund, which he noted Clark County was also using. He said the goal was to address the crisis, and NHC knew there were no immediate solutions. He encouraged continued partnerships and conversations about solutions and best practices.

Mr. Page stated that looking at basic numbers for housing affordability revealed a mismatch between salaries and costs for both home purchase and home rental. He indicated it was a disparity that needed further consideration. He suggested wages needed to be increased to maintain balance. He reasoned the situation boiled down to supply and demand, and an increased supply of houses would drive prices down. He said he had spent his time as the Executive Director meeting with individuals in the community, including elected officials and community leaders. He worked to understand the current status of housing in the State and where the NHC could guide toward a better overall position. He reported they created a Policy Committee that would craft possible solutions with the goal of creating more long-term funding strategies for affordable housing. He

informed there would be a policy forum on July 25, 2024, at the Nugget in Sparks, followed by the Annual Nevada Housing Conference on October 16 and 17, 2024, also at the Nugget. He expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for listening to his presentation and invited them to ask any questions.

Chair Hill commended Mr. Page on the HMNI, which she noted changed what was possible on the local level and was entirely the work of the NHC. She asked Mr. Page if he had any ideas on the legislative solutions he intended to carry forward. He responded the Policy Committee was still new, and he was not yet sure of the specific recommendations they might make. He disclosed the committee was scheduled to have their first meeting that week, and added he already had a foundation in place based on the conversations he held with leaders statewide over the prior months. He theorized the biggest concern was long-term funding, especially with HMNI funds going away in the next couple of years. He said without additional funding, it would not be possible to build as rapidly as they had in the last two years. He warned that to not fall further behind, it would be essential to work with the Governor and State and Federal delegations to create funding streams to preserve momentum and continue to build. Chair Hill recalled a recommendation made at the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting the prior day, which was to bring local jurisdictions together to develop laser-focused alignment on the issue. She welcomed any help the NHC could provide to convene and encourage local governments to work together and secure funding. Mr. Page reiterated the importance of addressing the full spectrum of housing and offered the NHC would love to be the convener to bring jurisdictions together. He reasoned having accurate data was a priority, and wanted to better understand the broader impact on infrastructure when new units were added to the inventory.

Manager Brown acknowledged the efforts of Mr. Page and applauded his success in quickly getting the attention of the right stakeholders. Manager Brown said he had attended multiple sessions with Mr. Page where developers were present alongside representatives from other jurisdictions. He reported those convenings led to productive conversations. He asked Mr. Page to return to a slide in his presentation, titled Nevada's Affordable Housing Supply, that used an annotated bar graph to depict the housing supply. He pointed out the figure at the bottom of the slide, which indicated a total of 1,118 units in the whole State for individuals between 30 percent and 35 percent AMI. He stated that was the category of housing the County was focused on as they tried to transition people out of shelters and into housing. He shared that most of those people could not afford the higher-cost units where there was more available inventory. The supply of housing that was affordable to them was severely limited, which caused problems. He wanted people to start thinking about the observed increase in the number of residents who worked and had incomes, but were priced out of housing and were turning to shelters. He theorized the problem was not going to go away, and both he and Chair Hill observed rental assistance would soon end. He thought staff needed to return to the BCC with an update and perhaps give some recommendations because the situation was constantly changing and evolving. Manager Brown emphasized the problems could not be ignored.

Mr. Page noted that his organization was working with the Kenny Guinn

Center for Policy Priorities, which was conducting an assessment of housing needs throughout the State. He hoped a report on their findings would be ready to share by October 2024.

11:38 a.m. Assistant District Attorney Nathan Edwards returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Andriola wondered about housing stability trends nationally. She was especially curious about increased economic disparity, where housing costs outpaced wage increases. She questioned how Washoe County and Nevada compared to other similarly-sized counties and states. Mr. Page responded that he did not have specific information about counties at that time, but he affirmed the gap was huge across the Country. He said all the states he researched were experiencing the same challenges as Nevada, though he noted Arizona was in a slightly better position. Commissioner Andriola asked since the problem seemed to be the same in many different areas if there were common economic trend factors like inflation contributing to the problem. Mr. Page confirmed inflation was a significant contributor. He informed people were looking for places to retire where housing was less expensive. He described conditions in Texas, where there was a tax structure similar to Nevada and land available to build, which led people to move there. He explained that with the increase in people moving to Texas, people were starting to get priced out, and they increasingly had to move to the suburbs of cities like Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio, which further drove costs up. He advised Texas did not have the right infrastructure to absorb that growth, and was starting to experience challenges similar to what Nevada was experiencing.

Chair Hill thanked Mr. Page for his time and presentation. She added she looked forward to future collaborations.

24-0273 **AGENDA ITEM 7** Appearance, presentation and update by Tracy Moore, Washoe County School District, and Quinn Korbolic, Washoe County Technology Services, on the development, construction, and implementation of Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS). Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Washoe County School District (WCSD) Chief of Police Tracy Moore stated that in addition to his position as Chief of Police for WCSD, he had also been the Chairman of the Joint Operating Committee for the radio system for six years, and had served on that committee since the start of his career with WCSD in 2005. He summarized the purpose of the presentation that day was an update on the construction of the new public safety radio system. He recalled communication problems he observed many years prior during his work with the volunteer fire service. He informed the Radio System Joint Operating Committee was developed in 1999 to solve the communications problem. He reported the current public safety radio system was implemented on the advice of a consultant. He described through that process, it was found that the State of Nevada had experienced similar limitations in efforts to communicate with statewide stakeholders in emergency management. The Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) was established to address the need for statewide radio coverage. He advised the system included private and

government entities and Washoe County was a partner. He recalled that inclusion was a hurdle because the system was primarily designed for public safety government agencies. He explained they were able to work out an agreement that resulted in NV Energy, federal agencies, and tribal agencies being included in the system.

Mr. Moore said the system was necessary for public safety emergency events, active assailant events, special events, community evacuations, and daily operations. He articulated it allowed radio communication across agencies and departments, but they were encountering an issue with the age of many system components. He specified replacement parts had become more difficult to obtain and, despite their best efforts, the system was reaching the end of its life. He divulged unforeseen high construction costs they had encountered as they worked to update the system, which necessitated critical spending decisions. He disclosed that moving forward with the system update as planned would put them \$6 million over budget, which he explained would be shared amongst participating agencies and jurisdictions. He stated that in addition to the infrastructure costs, there would also be equipment costs, including new radios for patrol cars. He cautioned the update was an investment that could not be overlooked or put on the back burner.

Washoe County Information Technology Manager Quinn Korbolic conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Nevada Shared Radio System (NSRS) Overview & Update; Nevada Shared Radio System (1); Nevada Shared Radio System – P25 Upgrade; P25 System Implementation Schedule; Nevada Shared Radio System (2); Washoe County Progress; Project Update; Thank You.

Mr. Korbolic said the NSRS project had been on the strategic plan and in progress since 2018. In that time, he thought only one update had been provided to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and the only Commissioner who was on the Board at that time was Commissioner Herman. He reasoned it was a good time to provide an update and talk about some of the issues brought up by Mr. Moore. He summarized NSRS was a public safety radio system that supported over 40 different agencies across the State. He advised the system was primarily used for public safety communications including dispatch, law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical response agencies. He provided examples of its use by agencies outside of Washoe County, including the Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP), the Department of Corrections (DOC), Nye County, Storey County, Mineral County, Elko County, and the Nevada Capitol Police.

Mr. Korbolic recounted that Washoe County had worked with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and NV Energy since the 1990s to operate and manage the NSRS, and he viewed it as a true public and private partnership. He highlighted information on a map displayed in his PowerPoint, which contained dots indicating radio sites. He explained the color coding of the dots and pointed out that both NV Energy and NDOT had sites in Washoe County, which directly benefitted the County through increased radio coverage. Mr. Korbolic echoed Mr. Moore's remarks about the age of the system and the lack of vendor support to maintain the infrastructure, which was the primary reason for the upgrade. He added that the upgrade would utilize new Project 25 (P25) technology,

which would be a secondary benefit. He disclosed they also planned to expand coverage, increasing from 115 sites to 135 sites, which would increase radio coverage across the State. He reported they would upgrade from a proprietary system to P25 open standard technology. He explained that P25 was an open standard set by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO). He said the open standard meant that any P25-compliant radio from any manufacturer could operate on their system. He advised the system currently operated only with Harris brand radios, and there was only one vendor to work with, which was limiting.

Mr. Korbolic conveyed the new system would improve communications and statewide coverage, and would increase capacity in two ways. He explained one way was a higher capacity for emergencies. He provided a theoretical example of a large fire or school shooting that generated high traffic on the radio system. He divulged that high traffic sometimes created difficulties with the current system, and messages did not immediately get through as intended. He said with the new system, there would be enough capacity to cover large incidents. He advised the current system was limited to 16,000 users, but the new system effectively allowed for unlimited users, which he stated would also help with capacity. He shared there was significant pent-up demand for new radios and predicted when the switch to the new system was made, they would be able to meet that demand.

Mr. Korbolic informed NSRS currently had a contract with the Harris Corporation, now called L3Harris. He described they worked with NDOT and NV Energy in 2017 and selected Harris through a request for proposal (RFP) process administered by NDOT. He related the contract was signed in 2018 and the project got underway. Mr. Korbolic showed how the project was divided into three implementation regions. He described the first region was southern Nevada, which started immediately in 2018. He said Region 2 was the northwestern portion of the State, and Region 3 was the northeastern part. He stated Region 1 was almost complete, and they were working to verify and validate coverage. He advised once L3Harris completed that validation and met a number of other requirements, Region 1 would fully move over to the new system, likely in August 2024. He expected Region 2 would undergo the same process in May 2026, and the full system was projected to be functional in the summer of 2027. He talked about the Washoe County Regional Communications System (WCRCS), details of which were shown on a slide in the PowerPoint. He said a primary benefit of the new system was that everyone would be able to communicate across agencies, which was essential for effective emergency response. He pointed out parallels between NSRS and discussions about regional computer-aided dispatch (CAD) implementation. In both cases, no information would be lost when calls were transferred among agencies. He reported there were interlocal agreements in place between all agencies that covered operations, administration, and a fee structure.

Mr. Korbolic referred to a map in his PowerPoint to indicate system progress in different areas of Washoe County. He described the blue dots as completed sites, the yellow dots as in progress, and the red dots as delayed. He pointed out that not all of the sites shown on the map were existing sites and highlighted some that still needed to be built to reduce existing gaps in coverage for public safety communications. He spoke

about permits and leases related to some of that additional construction. He disclosed a year-long delay at the beginning of the project due to performance issues with L3Harris but reported they were back on track with the rest of the schedule.

Mr. Korbolic cautioned that construction costs had risen significantly since the original contract was signed in 2018, which impacted the budget. He said NSRS was working with the partner agencies to arrive at the most equitable solution for sharing the increased costs. He advised additional funds were not needed until the summer of 2025. Mr. Korbolic shared they were working on an addendum to an interlocal agreement, and he anticipated the revised agreement would be completed before construction began in 2025. He added they were actively pursuing grant funding sources and had hired a consultant through Lexipol to help with that. He concluded by acknowledging the staff for the radio system, who were doing their regular jobs and helping build the new system. He appreciated their dedication, pride, and alignment with the mission. He thanked the Commissioners and offered to answer any questions.

Chair Hill asked Mr. Korbolic if he knew what the projected budget overrun was. She also wanted to know if the revised interlocal agreements would go to the BCC for review prior to being finalized. Mr. Korbolic affirmed the agreements would go to the BCC. He noted construction plans were being adjusted to allow for prioritization, and depending on decisions made in that regard, the cost could be anywhere between \$3.2 million to \$6 million over budget. Chair Hill asked if infrastructure bonds through the State were being considered as part of the funding plan, and Mr. Korbolic confirmed they were. She thanked Mr. Korbolic and his team for their great work and dedication. She said she looked forward to getting future updates and supporting efforts to get the new system online.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8H1 EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEM 8D1 HEARD SEPARATELY

24-0274 **8A1** Recommendation to approve the reappointment of Rob Pierce to the Washoe County Board of Adjustment to represent Commission District 5 (unincorporated County area of District 5 (generally includes the areas of Verdi, North Valleys, Cold Springs, Warm Springs, portions of Sun Valley, and all of the High Desert Planning Area extending to the Oregon border), to fill a term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Mr. Pierce no longer serves on the Board of Adjustment or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

24-0275 **8A2** Recommendation to adopt resolution R24-28 accepting real property for public recreation use described as Common Area Parcel A of the Reserve at Monte Rosa Unit 2, Tract Map No. 4836, Document No. 3598845, recorded on November 30, 2007, Assessor's Parcel Number 142-400-02, totaling 10.01-acres; and if approved, direct the Clerk's Office to record the resolution in the Office of the County Recorder. Community

Services. (Commission District 2.)

- 24-0276** **8A3** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040, the appointment of Amy Owens to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing Commission District 3 (generally includes portions of Panther Valley south of Sagehen Lane; and Sun Valley generally north of Dandini Boulevard, south of 7th Avenue and west of a boundary extending along Leon Drive to Wall Canyon Drive to Lupin Drive to Klondike Drive); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as Ms. Owens no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Eligible applicants include: Carol A. Burns and Amy Owens. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)
- 24-0277** **8B1** Recommendation to certify charges, levy and direct the Treasurer to collect \$275,404.34 in special assessments for fiscal year 2024/2025 as requested by the State Engineer of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for Black Rock Desert Groundwater Basin (\$68.91), Honey Lake Valley Groundwater Basin (\$5,237.65), Hualapai Flat Water District (\$8,704.30), San Emidio Desert District (\$4,736.29), Warm Springs Valley Groundwater Basin (\$9,358.59), Washoe Valley Groundwater Basin (\$3,298.60), Warm Springs/Winnemucca Creek Basin (\$4,000.00), Cold Springs Valley Groundwater Basin (\$8,000.00), Lake Tahoe Groundwater Basin (\$10,000.00), Lemmon Valley Water District (\$20,000.00), Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin (\$6,000.00), Spanish Springs Valley Groundwater Basin (\$30,000.00), Tracy Segment Groundwater Basin (\$4,000.00), Truckee Canyon Segment Groundwater Basin (\$12,000.00) and Truckee Meadows/Sun Valley Groundwater Basin (\$150,000.00). Authorize the Treasurer to remove uncollectible assessments and/or correct assessments on the tax roll as requested by the Division of Water Resources; direct the Clerk to execute the State of Nevada Division of Water Resources certification letters and send them back to the Division pursuant to NRS 533.285; and direct the Comptroller to pay to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the requested funds. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0278** **8C1** Recommendation to accept the FY24 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Caseworker Visits subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support caseworker visits in the amount of [\$20,015.00; \$5,854.00 county match] retroactive to October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0279** **8E1** Recommendation to approve agreement with the Community

Foundation of Northern Nevada, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to act as fiscal agent for the Regional Behavioral Health Initiatives Fund which will accept donations and contributions to be designated to support the region's efforts to build out an improved behavioral health Crisis Response System. Future contributions would be used to support other regional behavioral health initiatives. Per section 6 of the fund agreement, an administrative fee will be deducted from the fund balance and allocated to the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada to perform administrative oversight of the fund. The administrative fee is \$400 annually or 1.5% of the average daily balance of the fund to be paid annually, whichever is greater. There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County, administrative fees will be paid directly by the fund. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts).

24-0280 **8E2** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$3,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$3,000.00] grant to FIRST Nevada - a non-profit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - to support the Clawbotics robotic team; approve Resolution necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 2.)

24-0281 **8E3** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$10,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 3 Commissioner Mariluz Garcia recommends a [\$5,000.00] grant to JUSTin Hope Foundation - a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - for the purpose of supporting families and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Note-Able Music Therapy Services - a nonprofit organization, created for religious, charitable or educational purposes - for the purpose of supporting individuals with disabilities through a range of adaptive and neurologic musical therapy services; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 3.)

24-0282 **8E4** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$5,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 5 Commissioner Jeanne Herman recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the program's caregiving support; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Great Basin Chaplain Corps -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting its mission of providing support and comfort in the time of grief, trauma, and loss; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the

Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursements of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 5.)

- 24-0283** **8F1** Recommendation to accept the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Grant Management Unit grant award DO 1438 [amount not to exceed \$199,802.00] to be used to pay for one current Regional Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEAT) Unit Victim Advocate position, travel, operating expenses and victim services expenses for the retroactive grant period of January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025, and if approved authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents; direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0284** **8F2** Recommendation to acknowledge Receipt of Status Report of Commissary Fund set up per NRS 211.360 to be utilized for the welfare and benefit of the inmates for items such as counseling, chaplaincy services, vocational training, and certifications programs for inmates in the jail, submitted by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Commissary Committee for Fourth Quarter for Fiscal Year 2023. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0285** **8F3** Recommendation to retroactively approve the Law Enforcement Funding Agreement between the University Police Department (UPD) of the University of Nevada and Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) to provide reimbursement for extra staffing/patrol services [up to \$5,000.00 per game for 2024 and up to \$5,500.00 per game for 2025] needed in Reno, Nevada for the University of Nevada football games During 2024 and 2025 seasons. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0286** **8G1** Recommendation to approve and sign a lease agreement between Washoe County and Desert View Commercial Properties, LLC, for Washoe County to rent real property known as East Red Peak (APN 502-250-07) for the purpose of constructing, installing, and operating a communications site for the Nevada Shared Radio System for a period of ten (10) years beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2034, with the option to renew for one additional term of ten (10) years; for an initial cost of \$2,000.00 per month and subsequent cost increases to the monthly rent each year beginning on January 1, 2025, equal to the effective interest rates earned by the invested assets of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI) trust funds combined, not to exceed 10% annually. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0287** **8H1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending April 30, 2024, of payment of refunds and interest since last update in the amount of \$10,451.43 on certain property tax overpayments for

residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Clark asked to pull Agenda Item 8D1 from the Consent Agenda.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Amy Owens introduced herself as an applicant for the Washoe County Planning Commission for District 3. She disclosed she was a native Nevadan, had lived in District 3 intermittently for 20 years, and had been a resident of Sun Valley for the past nine years. She informed she had an associate's degree in biology and was currently employed with the State in the Research and Analysis Bureau. She reviewed experiences that she thought indicated her suitability for the open position. She articulated her desire to do more for her community and thought this board appointment would enable her to make meaningful and lasting changes.

Ms. Andrea Peltó expressed gratitude on behalf of herself and Chaplain Chaz Blackburn for the special fund disbursements recommended in Agenda Item 8E4 to support the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation and the Great Basin Chaplain Corps. She advised both organizations and their projects were nonpartisan and important to all people. She believed people needed to continue to get involved in work of this kind because there was a growing need at all levels of the community. She divulged she recently accepted the position of Treasurer for the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation and said being a local senior advocate, she heard stories daily about seniors suffering from both isolation and unstable housing. She stated the importance of the hospice house model used by her organization, which gave the dying a place to be cared for with dignity during their final days.

Commissioner Garcia disclosed, regarding Agenda Item 8F3, that she was an employee of the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). She indicated her work was in education and had no relation to the Law Enforcement Funding Agreement, and she intended to vote on the item.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8H1, excluding Agenda Item 8D1, be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8H1, with the exclusion of Agenda Item 8D1, are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0288 **8D1** Recommendation to approve a payment of \$752.56 per day, retroactive to July 1, 2023, to Sparks, Wadsworth, and Incline Justice Court judges who preside over pretrial detention hearings on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays and to authorize Budget, Comptroller, and Human Resources to make the necessary amendments. [Net fiscal impact of \$70,741]. Sparks Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Clark stated for the record that this issue was previously addressed for other courts. He wondered if there were compelling reasons for now considering payments to the additional courts listed in the item, or if they were just missed the first time.

Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Nathan Edwards recalled that the item considered previously was for the Reno Justice Court, which Chair Hill affirmed. Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas confirmed that Agenda Item 8D1 was being considered individually because different courts operated as separate branches of government, and after the Reno Justice Court led the way, other courts brought similar items forward on their own behalf, which she advised was typical for courts.

Commissioner Clark said it appeared as though it was initially missed, and then other people wanted extra pay.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8D1 be approved.

BLOCK VOTE – 9 THROUGH 12

24-0289 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to approve the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security “Lemmon Valley Home Acquisitions Phase I” grant award budget adjustment in FY24 [in the amount of \$352,570.32 with a Washoe County cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$117,523.44] for the purpose of purchasing certain residential properties located in the Lemmon Valley area of Washoe County, removing all existing structures, buildings, materials and debris, thereby returning these parcels to vacant open space that are further deed restricted to prevent any future development; (2) direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and (3) designate the County Manager as the authorized representative with the authority to enter into and execute all necessary construction and purchase agreements for the properties. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Penny Brock expressed her objection to Block Votes. She pointed out she had comments on multiple items within the Block Vote, and felt the rights of taxpayers to comment were curtailed when items were grouped together. Regarding Agenda Item 9, she was concerned about not knowing the extent of the project in Lemmon Valley. She observed the item summary referenced a Phase I, but she could not discern how many properties were involved or who the owner would be. She surmised the County would be the owner, but could not be sure. She noted the item indicated deed restrictions would prevent future development, but she wondered if there

was a plan to build a shelter or affordable housing for the homeless. She recalled hearing at the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting the prior day that available land was limited in Sparks and Reno.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be approved, directed, and designated.

24-0290 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Jail Security Control System and Inmate Communication Project - PWP-WA-2024-089, located at 911 East Parr Boulevard, Reno, Nevada [staff recommends James F. Thomson, Jr. dba American Southwest Electric, LLC, in the amount of \$5,243,583.00]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$471,922.47] for the total construction cost not to exceed \$5,715,505.47. The project will upgrade the existing door controls, communication, and integration of the security camera systems at the Washoe County Regional Detention Facility, Reno Justice Court and the Second Judicial District Court. Community Services. (Commission Districts 1 and 3.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be awarded and approved.

24-0291 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2024 recognizing a total funds balance increase of \$93 million year-to-date and \$14 million year over year. This unaudited interim financial report is provided quarterly, in addition to the audited annual comprehensive financial report, to provide information on Washoe County's primary operating fund and accounts and identify significant variances between the years. - Unaudited Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Ms. Penny Brock observed the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget was over \$1 billion, which she thought was already high, and said she did not understand requests for increases beyond that. She disclosed her past employment with a defense contractor funded by the federal government. She recalled when the time came for budget creation and approval, her boss would ask employees in the department to think of ways to ask for more money. She theorized it was common practice in government to find ways to request and spend more money. She looked forward to seeing the budget in more detail in the coming weeks and predicted increases.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be acknowledged.

24-0292 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to accept a subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Child Care Licensing in the amount of [\$720,000.00; \$0.00 county match] retroactive to July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 to provide American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds to support child care provider training/technical assistance, quality improvement, and capacity building by assisting new child care center applicants and new family home-based child care applicants with start-up costs; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to retroactively execute the subaward and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

24-0293 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Declaration of Canvass of Vote and Order for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker, as required by NRS 293.387. "Canvass" means a review of the election results by the Board of County Commissioners, by which any errors within the election results are officially noted and the official election results are declared. The canvass shall separately note any clerical errors discovered and take account of the changes resulting from the errors discovered, and the results declared must represent the true vote cast. As soon as the Board declares the results, the Registrar of Voters shall certify the abstract of the results, which must contain the number of votes cast for the recall and against the recall and enter it in the record of the Board. The Board shall order the Registrar of Voters to transmit a copy of the certified abstract, as well as a mechanized report of the abstract in accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of State within the time required by NRS 293.387. Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

Deputy Registrar of Voters (ROV) Andrew McDonald canvassed the vote for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District (PVGID) recall special election for Mr. Thomas Baker. He reported one day of in-person early voting took place at the Spanish Springs Library on May 2, 2024. He stated a single day of in-person voting was held on Election Day, May 4, 2024, at the Spanish Springs Library. He informed there were 1,288 active, registered voters in the PVGID who were given the opportunity to vote in the

election, either by mail or in person. He revealed the ROV received 343 ballots cast, which represented 27 percent of the active, registered voters in the election. He described that of those, 234 were mail ballots, 50 were in-person early voting ballots, and 59 were in-person Election Day ballots. He summarized there were 233 votes for a recall and 107 votes against a recall, including 3 undervotes. He defined an undervote as a ballot cast by a voter that showed no legal, valid selection for any candidate for a particular office or ballot question. Lastly, he reported there were no clerical errors discovered, and the results presented were the true votes cast. He said he was available for any questions.

Commissioner Clark observed it was rare for a recall to be carried through so many steps of the process. He commended the efforts of the citizen, Mr. Larry Chesney, who put it together, and the ROV for carrying the recall through.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the Declaration of the Canvass of the Vote for the Palomino Valley General Improvement District Recall Election of Trustee Thomas Baker be approved and the Registrar of Voters was directed to transfer the abstract to the Secretary of State.

24-0294 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Request by the Department of Alternative Sentencing to initiate, pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030 and 2.040, and conduct a first reading of an amendment to Washoe County Code 11.090 (Fees for cost of supervision; Imposition; waiver or reduction) to allow the Board to adopt a fee schedule through resolution rather than requiring code change. If supported, set the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for May 28, 2024. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1912.

Chair Hill noted she had been in contact with the Department of Alternative Sentencing. They indicated they were keeping the fee schedule and the portion of the ordinance that allowed the Chief Alternative Sentencing Officer to waive or reduce the imposition or reduce the amount of the fee in the case of economic hardship.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1912 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0295 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code chapter 15 (County Finances; Purchasing) by modifying and updating language for audits and the Audit Committee. These updates include clarifying functions and authority for independent

external auditors; changing the appropriation of monies from the county manager to the comptroller for audits by independent external auditors; updating requirements for audit committee membership; clarifying that the County Manager sits as a non-voting member; adding quorum requirements and reasons for a committee member's removal from the audit committee; combining and modifying sections about the audit committee's code of ethics and charter; removing language governing consent and approval from elected officials for audits into the officials' statutory duties and responsibilities because the provision conflicts with the Board of County Commissioners authority to order an audit of an elected official's department; modifying language related to the audit schedule; modifying language related to audit schedule; modifying language related to special audits; modifying language related to an auditor's access to records; modifying language related to the written response to an audit; and changing audit retention for three years instead of permanent retention; and all other matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. If supported, set the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for May 28, 2024. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1913.

Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Nathan Edwards mentioned he and Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras reviewed the ordinance and questioned the wisdom of the proposed Section 15.540 subsection 5. They thought subsection 5, which addressed the removal of a member, should not be included. They reasoned it would be better to have Audit Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), and they advised wording to that effect could be added at the end of subsection 2. They also identified a potential concern over the independence of separately elected offices. He pointed out the last sentence of the provision in section 15.550 stipulated audits that infringed on the statutory duties and responsibilities of elected officials would not be conducted without the consent and approval of the elected official. He said that sentence was proposed to be stricken. He noted similar provisions in sections 15.560 and 15.568 that addressed the same type of issue. He and CDDA Kandaras suggested those provisions all remain untouched to preserve an appropriate balance of authority between the BCC and other elected offices.

Chair Hill sought assurance that audit compliance, as outlined in section 15.566, was still required, which ADA Edwards affirmed. He clarified the language being considered was about exceptions. He said the general rule was that departments comply with audits, and these provisions addressed situations in which audit compliance created a conflict with statutory duties.

Chair Hill recalled a public commenter having concerns about the proposed change to three-year record retention instead of permanent retention. She asked for confirmation about what State law required for records retention, and whether there had

also been a change at the State level.

Internal Audit Manager Katelyn Kleidosty explained audit work papers were kept in adherence to the retention schedule designated by the Nevada State Library and Archives, which informed the three-year retention period. She clarified their audit reports were retained in perpetuity through the Clerk's Office because they were submitted to the BCC.

Vice Chair Herman wondered if a version of the ordinance, including changes and suggestions from the meeting that day, would be brought back to the BCC in a revised form. Chair Hill confirmed the changes would be incorporated prior to the second reading and possible adoption. Vice Chair Herman said she would prefer for a revised version to be presented as a new first reading. ADA Edwards advised it could be brought back as either a first or second reading. He affirmed it was appropriate for it to come back as a second reading, and if anyone had concerns or objections at the time of the public hearing, those could be stated.

Chair Hill asked if there was any particular rush to approve the ordinance. Ms. Kleidosty replied she hoped to have it done before the next Audit Committee meeting on June 13, 2024.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Penny Brock theorized the number of changes warranted fresh reconsideration by the Commissioners once everything was in writing. She was also concerned about the change to the retention policy and preferred permanent retention. She wanted to see everything clarified in writing at a new first reading.

Bill No. 1913 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0296 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Public Hearing and possible action to hold the first reading of an ordinance: (1) amending Ordinance No. 1000 in order to change the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation); (2) providing for a notice of a public hearing and other matters relating thereto; and (3) setting the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption on June 18, 2024; AND, Possible action to hold the first reading of an ordinance: (1) imposing a fee on the parcels of land in Washoe County, Nevada District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation; (2) providing for a notice of a public hearing and other matters relating thereto; and (3) setting the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption on June 18, 2024. The Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District was formed in 1997 to address the tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area. The District is tasked with remediating PCE contamination and annually updates both the Service Area boundary and Contaminant Area boundary based on continuous analysis

and modeling efforts. There is no impact to the General Fund. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1914.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1914 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1915.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1915 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0297 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 110 (Development Code), Article 222 Truckee Canyon area, to add a new section for the Sutcliffe Community Area Modifiers which: designates parcels subject to the modifier, specifies exceptions to the development standards for the neighborhood commercial regulatory zone for the Sutcliffe Community Area, provides for additional residential uses which shall be allowed by right in the Sutcliffe Community Area, and provides for additional commercial uses which shall be allowed with a special use permit in the Sutcliffe Community Area; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1718, Bill No. 1910.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1718, Bill No. 1910, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0298 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) in Article 216 Spanish Springs Area, to add the Village Green Community Area Modifiers, to include provisions related to: applicability, exceptions, setbacks, building height, truck delivery areas, utilities, architecture, lighting, exterior sign lighting, parking lot lighting,

landscaping, Calle de la Plata and Pyramid Way streetscapes, buffer yards, transportation improvements, and public trail easements; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. The adoption of this development code amendment will sunset the Village Green Commerce Center Specific Plan located on the south side of Calle de la Plata, east of Pyramid Highway in Spanish Springs (APNs 534-561-01, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 and 10). The Village Green Commerce Center Specific Plan was incorporated into the Development Code via Ordinance No. 1709, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 12, 2023. This proposed development code amendment incorporates standards from the Village Green Commerce Center Specific Plan directly into the development code. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1719, Bill No. 1909.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1719 , Bill No. 1909, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0299 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance 1535, Washoe County's Requirements and Schedule of Rates and Charges for Provision of Reclaimed Water Service, to remove rates and charges for reclaimed water irrigation service, charges for bulk reclaimed water service (subdivision construction), water rights fee, connection privilege fee for new connections, and associated deposits, and other matters properly relating thereto. The rates and charges for reclaimed water irrigation service will be removed, currently as \$1.16 per 1000 gallons used each month in Zone 1 and \$1.74 per 1000 gallons used each month in Zone 2, including removal of the monthly base rate. The charge for bulk reclaimed water service will be removed, currently \$2.00 per 1000 gallons used monthly with a minimum charge of \$50 per month per temporary connection, and the removal of the water rights fee, currently \$3,500.00 for each acre-foot of demand, and removal of the connection privilege fee for new connections, currently \$2,500 in Zone 1 and \$4,135 in Zone 2, per acre-foot of estimated annual water demand, as recommended at the November 14, 2023 Washoe County Commission meeting and supported by the 2023 Utility User Rate and Connection Fee Study, thereby encouraging the continued and increasing use of reclaim water for irrigation, construction and other allowed purposes and reducing regional dependency on potable water that is currently sourced from the Truckee River and Nevada groundwater sources. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1720, Bill No. 1908.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1720, Bill No. 1908, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0300 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Public hearing, second reading, and adoption of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 65 (Safety and Disaster Services) by repealing the definition of “division”; by repealing sections related to the county risk manager and transferring the former risk manager’s duties to the risk management division of the comptroller department; by amending provisions to: expand the risk management division’s authority to settle claims related to damage and repair of county property (with no related third party claims) from \$1,000 to \$2,500; expand the risk management division’s authority to settle any claim or suit for damages from amounts less than \$10,000 to amounts up to \$25,000; expand the county manager’s authority to settle any claim or suit for damages from amounts between \$10,000 but less than \$25,000 to amounts greater than \$25,000 but no more than \$150,000; expand the board of county commissioner’s sole authority to settle any claim or suit for damages from \$25,000 or greater to \$150,000 or greater; and by revising provisions related to: the county’s safety program; the county safety officer; posting of safety notices; reporting requirements for occupationally related injury or illness; reporting requirements in the event of a fatality or catastrophic event; reporting requirements by officers, employees, volunteers and department heads following an accident, incident or injury; written documentation of accidents and incidents; investigation and evaluation of accidents and incidents involving county officers, employees or volunteers and the safety committee’s review of such investigations; and by amending provisions related to the safety committee’s powers and duties, membership, terms of office, and meeting schedule; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. Manager’s Office. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1721, Bill No. 1911.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Penny Brock recalled a comment she made on the first reading of the ordinance, which she wanted to add to the record again on the second reading. She stated her concern about the proposed expansion of the spending authority of the County Manager. She reasoned at least one County Commissioner should be part of those approvals to improve accountability. Additionally, she was confused about the provision that expanded the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) sole authority to

settle any claim or suit for damages from \$25,000 to \$150,000 or greater. She wondered what the process would be for those cases, and thought the conflicting language should be cleared up before the ordinance was voted on.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Vice Chair Herman and Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1721, Bill No. 1911, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0301 AGENDA ITEM 21 Public Comment.

Ms. Penny Brock talked about her attendance at the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting the previous day and posed the question of why homelessness was increasing in the County. She recalled Chair Hill reporting at the CHAB meeting that Washoe County was the only county in Nevada that used the Built for Zero approach to housing affordability. Ms. Brock cautioned that it sounded like Marxism when the government stepped in to take care of everybody. She objected to the hiring of a consultant from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and did not recall that expense being discussed or approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). She was concerned about how programs would be funded long-term since the initial infusion of money awarded during the COVID-19 (C19) pandemic had been spent. She theorized there was a disconnect between the expenditure priorities of the County government and what taxpayers were able and willing to pay.

24-0302 AGENDA ITEM 22 Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown reminded Board members that he and two of the Commissioners would be in Miami the following week. He advised that, despite the planned travel, a meeting still needed to be conducted on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, to take action on the budget and meet deadlines. He informed them that arrangements would be made for virtual participation.

Commissioner Clark spoke about projections shared at the Community Homelessness Advisory Board (CHAB) meeting regarding upcoming costs that he heard differently from Manager Brown and Chair Hill. He said he heard \$300 million, and read from an item in which an Our Town Reno reporter quoted the same figure. Commissioner Clark requested totals for a number of budget items related to the Cares Campus, starting with County, State, and Federal allocations. He also asked for totals of construction contracts, grants, donations, goods and services, and partnerships with Volunteers of America (VOA) and other organizations. He sought a comprehensive, detailed account of all costs related to the Cares Campus since its inception in 2021. He expressed frustration about not knowing the grand total of expenses to date. He wanted a fair market value of the land and the 60-year, \$1 lease of land for the next phase of the Cares Campus to be factored in, along with an estimate of the loss of real estate taxes if that land had been in the private sector. Commissioner Clark reflected on the reduction in property values for parcels surrounding the Cares Campus and theorized about the effect on taxes collected.

Vice Chair Herman mentioned her attendance at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast earlier in the month. She stated the importance of prayer, which she thought the County and State needed.

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1:01 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.



ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:



JANIS GALASSINI, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Heather Gage, Deputy County Clerk*

EXHIBIT "B"

(Attach Minutes of June 18 Hearing on Ordinance)

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 18, 2024

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Chair*

Jeanne Herman, Vice Chair

Michael Clark, Commissioner

Mariluz Garcia, Commissioner

Clara Andriola, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk

Eric Brown, County Manager

Mary Kandaras, Chief Deputy District Attorney

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, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

24-0363 AGENDA ITEM 3 Invocation.

Mr. Rob Pierce provided the invocation.

24-0364 AGENDA ITEM 4 Public Comment.

Mr. Geoffrey Knell introduced himself as the Nevada Director of Mass Resistance, an organization that fought against the LGBTQ+ community. He read from the Bible and discussed communist literature and ideologies.

Ms. Janet Butcher spoke about Agenda Item 8E1. She pointed out that the Library Board of Trustees (LBT) had three members from District 1 and no members from Districts 4 or 5. She requested that the incumbent not be reinstated for the open LBT position. She mentioned Agenda Item 8E2 and wondered why the County needed another tax. She asked for details on costs related to special events hosted at the libraries. She discussed elections and declared she was unable to check online to see if her vote was counted. She remarked that the Registrar of Voters (ROV) Office informed her the website would be updated after the Canvass of the Vote, which she speculated was inconsistent with previous elections. She said that the County spent \$400,000 to improve the election process and opined there had not been an improvement.

Mr. Terry Brooks read an original poem about social interaction helping people adapt to situations of homelessness.

Mr. Roger Edwards mentioned the decommissioned Golden Valley water recharge program. He divulged he had an outstanding bill for the program because he refused to pay for a non-operational service. He spoke about elections and wondered who was responsible for the 24,000 duplicate ballots that were mistakenly mailed out. He alleged the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) was the most powerful governing body in Washoe County and declared election integrity should be its paramount concern.

Chaplain Chaz Blackburn said he served on the command staff for the Great Basin Chaplain Corps (GBCC). He thanked Chaplain Pierce for his invocation. He declared he was the Vice President of the board for the Circle of Life Hospice Foundation (COL). He expressed appreciation for the discretionary funds the Board allocated to the foundation and encouraged continued support. He announced the COL guesthouse had officially opened and was Nevada's first social model hospice guest house. He asserted the program serviced patients of all ages and had a positive impact on their lives. He thanked the Board and the community for its support of the program.

Mr. Bruce Parks provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He thanked Vice Chair Herman for the honor of leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the document he distributed concerned Agenda Item 8E2 and expressed consternation that it was on the Consent Agenda. He asked the Board to pull the item for discussion and opined it contained disingenuous language. He alleged the item was a new tax and should be introduced as such. He thought a library tax was unnecessary and believed the libraries were already adequately funded by the Commission. He suggested the Board consider the potential consequences of the implementation of a new tax during an election year.

Mr. Nicholas St. Jon provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He noted his name was spelled incorrectly for the record as he wished to be referred to as Nicolette and asked the Board to address him by his proper pronouns. He read from his distributed document. He asked the District Attorney (DA) to point out where the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) indicated that County Commissioners were exempt from having a bond.

Mr. Troy Regas of the Northern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (NNVCOC) discussed the Reno Toy Run. He recalled that the event began in 1980 when a motorcycle club traveled through Reno and Sparks to distribute toys to children who could not afford them. He remarked that in 1996, his chapter of the Hells Angels took over the event and subleased it to the NNVCOC so all the motorcycle clubs in Northern Nevada could come together to participate in the toy run. He said the first year that the NNVCOC was responsible for the toy run, it raised about \$2,000 and it had grown since. He thought the event was efficient and helped a lot of families.

Mr. Derek Shawk mentioned the Reno Toy Run. He remarked that in 2019, the Reno Toy Run became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. He noted the initial goal for the nonprofit was to donate \$50,000 within five years; however, the target was met in the first year. He reported the second year as a nonprofit, the Reno Toy Run donated \$75,000,

and in 2023, the organization donated over \$120,000. He declared the Reno Toy Run was a volunteer-based program, and any money not put towards expenses was given back to the community. He asserted the organization was the sole reason some families were able to have Christmas presents.

Mr. Dan Lewis thanked Commissioner Clark for inviting the NNVCOG to speak during the meeting. Mr. Lewis asserted he was the Treasurer of the NNVCOG. He declared that since the Reno Toy Run became a 501(c)(3), it had donated over \$50,000 and benefitted at least 10,000 families in Northern Nevada. He claimed the organization had donated \$355,000 back to the community and read a list of the different organizations the Reno Toy Run had donated to.

Mr. Nick Martin provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He declared government spending was out of control and asserted that at \$1 million per day, it would take 96,000 years to pay off the Country's \$96 trillion debt. He thought political leaders were allowed to stay in office for too long, which allowed them to amass copious amounts of power. He opined power had been taken from the states and vested in the federal government, which could be reversed if states banded together to create a convention of states. He remarked Article 5, Section 2 of the United States (US) Constitution allowed for such a convention if two-thirds of the states joined. He stated the document he submitted was a boilerplate item the Board could send the State Legislature to request Nevada join the convention of states movement.

Ms. Katie Knepper displayed a document that was placed on file with the Clerk. She expressed her appreciation for the security personnel outside the Commission Chambers who helped her husband, who used a mobility scooter. She noted it had been six months since the Board awarded a special use permit (SUP) to Safe Embrace. She claimed that Safe Embrace sued the neighbors for attorney fees, but the case was dismissed by a judge. She alleged Safe Embrace had not made efforts to comply with County code requirements or weekly neighborhood meetings, despite reminders from Commissioner Clark. She pointed out several issues with the property. She speculated the Board approved the SUP because it would have been political suicide to do otherwise.

Ms. Brooke Westlake spoke about Agenda Item 8E1. She remarked that she had served on several government boards that she was appointed to by three different Nevada governors. She requested the Board not reappoint the incumbent and allow a new person to serve on the LBT. She declared there were many people who wanted to serve the community, as made apparent by the last appointment to the LBT, which received over 80 applicants. She appreciated the members who volunteered to serve on the LBT and opined the opportunity should be shared with others in the community.

Ms. Beck Marko said she was a volunteer at the Cold Springs Family Center (CSFC) and thanked the Board for its donation to the CSFC's senior outreach program.

Ms. Joni Hammond expressed opposition to any tax dollars being spent on Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH), Rainbow Fest, or any other special interest groups. She

remarked that on June 15, 2024, the North Valleys Public Library was only accessible for the scheduled Rainbow Fest event. She said it was advertised that no County money was used for the event, which she alleged was untrue because there were County employees and extra security present. She wondered why such events could not be held at private locations rather than public libraries. She mentioned she was a poll worker and reported that numerous people came in with ballots for deceased spouses, duplicate ballots, and ballots addressed to people who did not live in their households. She asked the Board to clean the voter rolls.

Mr. Matthew Wilkie expressed support for the donation to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). He pointed out there was only one week left in the second fiscal quarter and recalled a Commissioner's request for quarterly progress updates after approving the urban camping ordinance. He hoped an update would be placed on the next BCC agenda.

***10:44 a.m. Chair Hill arrived at the meeting and assumed the gavel.**

Mr. Cliff Nellis read from a document he distributed to the Board that was placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett displayed a document that was placed on file with the Clerk. She requested Agenda Item 8E1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. She spoke about an email she sent to Board members with information about Mr. Al Rogers's initial appointment to the LBT. She discussed elections and alleged the chain of custody was broken when poll workers dropped off the ballots to the County. She declared the ballots were not removed from the transportation bags and counted in front of poll workers, and certain forms were not filled out completely. She alleged the voting machines at the North Valleys Library were hooked up to Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi). She remarked that County Manager Eric Brown was at the polling location with his laptop to inquire about the number of ballots received, and she wondered why he needed that information. She reported that patrons of a recent DQSH event at the North Valleys Library were locked inside for the duration of the event. She said the fire department was called and deemed it was safe because someone was stationed at the front doors. She stated her granddaughter and another child were unlawfully denied exit from the building because there was not an adult to go outside with them even though their grandfather was outside waiting for them.

Mr. Jake Maynard discussed the Community Assistance Center (CAC) building on Record Street. He stated the City of Reno's 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) did not mention the CAC. He recalled the City's 2020 AAP indicated it planned to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds toward the CAC. He asked the County to revive the building and its services. He stated the facility was built specifically to support the unhoused community and opined it had great potential. He declared the Cares Campus could not support the growing unhoused population on its own.

Ms. Lily Baran spoke about the CAC. She pointed out that the facility was supposed to reopen after COVID-19 (C19). She noted the building had a known roof leak

that was not addressed. She said the Reno City Manager released a memo in September of 2023, that indicated it would cost \$2.75 million to repair the CAC. She stated more recent reports estimated closer to \$10 million to fix the structure. She displayed photos of the CAC that were placed on file with the Clerk. She noted the facility had medical stations and staff prior to its closure. She did not think the building was irreparable. She asserted the other shelters in the community were regularly at capacity and opined the CAC could be an asset to people in need of permanent supportive housing and wraparound services.

Ms. Lillian Henry of the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association (VRWPA) thanked the Board for its consideration of a donation to the organization. She said the VRWPA worked to control birth rates of local wildlife and performed range clean-up. She remarked the organization would put the donation funds to good use.

10:57 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

11:10 a.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

24-0365 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown reminded that the Canvass of the Vote would occur on Friday, June 21, 2024, in the Commission Chambers at 10:00 a.m. He asked that Items 13 and 20 be pulled from the Agenda.

Commissioner Garcia wished everyone a happy Father’s Day. She announced that the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) offered a program from June 8 through August 11 for anyone 17 years old and younger to ride the bus for free. She noted children aged six and younger must be accompanied by an adult. She spoke about the RTC Ed-Pass, which allowed college students and faculty to ride certain routes for free if they provided identification from their university.

Commissioner Clark provided a list and brief descriptions of the organizations to which he intended to donate discretionary funds. He spoke about elections and disclosed that he received a ballot from an individual who no longer lived at his address; however, he did not receive his own ballot. He wondered if there was any language in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) that limited the number of people who could be registered to vote in each household. He discussed methods in which people could commit voter fraud. He expressed consternation that the sample ballots were printed with all the candidates for all districts because he thought it could be confusing to voters. He reported there were 25,000 ballots returned to the Registrar of Voters (ROV) because the addressee no longer lived at the address the ballot was sent to. He inquired about the cost of mailing 25,000 sample and mail-in ballots. He recalled in previous election years, the ROV provided periodic updates on the vote tallies, and he wondered why that had not happened for the most recent election. He asked how the Board could canvass the vote when there had been so many problems. He referred to Mr. Roger Edwards’s public comment and wondered when the County would stop billing for a decommissioned program.

24-0366 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Presentation by Commissioner Support on a wrap-up of the 2023-2024 Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA) and the WCLA Class of 2024 participants on their class project, which focuses on increasing and retaining foster care families through business resource recruitment. (All Commission Districts.)

Washoe County Manager's Office (WCMO) Community Outreach Coordinators Candee Ramos and Alexandra Wilson conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Washoe County Leadership Academy; Mission; About; Year 2 Results; A Look Ahead (Year 3); Applications are now open through June 21; Foster Connect; Did you know...; Challenges of Fostering; WCLA, in partnership with Have a Heart Washoe, Our Vision; Our Mission; Making a Difference; Engaging Business Partners; Outreach Card; Business Welcome Kit; Educating Foster Families; Foster Family Outreach; Project Launch Event; Media Coverage; Foster Connect Update; Project Sustainability; Measurement & Evaluation; Washoe County Leadership Academy 2024 Team Members; Thank You!

Ms. Ramos provided an update on the Washoe County Leadership Academy (WCLA). She acknowledged that she and Ms. Wilson were part of the Commissioner Support Team that facilitated the WCLA, which she advised was in its third year. She noted that the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) Community Development Specialist Dr. Marlene Rebori and WCMO Office Supervisor Marc De La Torre helped create the program. Ms. Ramos reviewed the WCLA's mission and the importance of the relationships that were built among the participants, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), County staff, and the community. She relayed that the program strove to instill trust in local government by inviting citizens to learn about processes that took place behind the scenes. She said applications were open until Friday, June 20, 2024, and encouraged anyone who was interested in participating to apply. She reported that the first two years of the program produced 47 graduates, which contributed to a pipeline of people who wanted to become more engaged. She informed that 15 WCLA graduates had applied to various boards and committees over the past two years, six of whom were appointed. She shared there were three new County hires from the pool of WCLA graduates.

Ms. Ramos reviewed the projects designed by each WCLA class, which were the Master Gardener program at Rancho San Rafael, an art program at Jan Evans Juvenile Justice Center (JEJC), and the Foster Connect program for the Human Services Agency (HSA). She divulged that the WCLA was offered without cost for selected non-employee residents of Washoe County. She remarked they had participants from as far away as Gerlach and Incline Village. She hoped for a lot of interest and participation in the fourth year of the program.

Ms. Wilson spoke about the successful results from the second year of the program, which resulted in new hires for the County, participation in boards and committees, and overall confidence in the expectations of the program. She reported that UNR Extended Studies facilitated a survey of all participants after every session and at the end of the entire program. She said 96 percent of all participants evaluated scored the

WCLA as having either exceeded or greatly exceeded their expectations. The remaining four percent responded that the WCLA matched their expectations. She highlighted that 100 percent of graduates expected to increase their involvement in the community as a result of participating in the WCLA. She described a partnership with Western Industrial Nevada (WIN) that was initiated based on survey responses. She informed the purpose of the WIN partnership was to provide additional networking opportunities with individuals throughout the community and elevate leadership skills training.

Ms. Wilson mentioned the program was comprised of nine days throughout 2024 and 2025, during which participants were scheduled to visit locations across the County and learn about that area. She said each day highlighted aspects of Washoe County government and helped situate how Washoe County fit in with other government entities and local jurisdictions. She added that opportunities for leadership skills training were provided through the UNR Cooperative Extension at multiple points during the WCLA program. She advised most of the work on the required class project was done after hours and was intended to be something that would give back to the community. Ms. Wilson mentioned the replication of the WCLA in other communities, which she thought pointed to the success of the program. She mentioned the County planned a Washoe Tahoe Academy for Incline Village and Crystal Bay residents. She said there was interest from Fernley, Nevada, and Papua New Guinea in replicating the County's program. Ms. Wilson introduced two graduating members of the 2024 WCLA cohort, Ms. Allison Anderson and Mr. Bruce O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien remarked that Washoe County has an average of 600 foster children and receives over 6,000 calls in an average year from Child Protective Services (CPS). He reported that foster children spend an average of 650 days in foster care and that the average age of children looking for adoptive homes is 12. He deemed there was a need to respond to those numbers and increase the number of foster families in the County.

Ms. Anderson spoke about the challenges of fostering and introduced the Foster Connect initiative of the 2024 WCLA class. She conveyed that Foster Connect was designed in partnership with Have a Heart Washoe to offset some challenges experienced by families who chose to foster children. She said the program was live, and more information could be found on the Have a Heart website. She described the vision and mission of Foster Connect as detailed in the PowerPoint slides accompanying the presentation.

Mr. O'Brien highlighted the project's focus on the basic needs of every family. He summarized how Foster Connect sought out business partnerships that could provide resources to help foster families meet those needs. He discussed the simple recruitment and application process for participating businesses. He communicated that after the signup process was complete, the business received a welcome kit with information. He reported that benefit information was then added to the Have a Heart website to keep foster families apprised of services being offered. He said the WCLA class members used a two-sided outreach card. He informed that one side contained information

to recruit businesses for participation in the Foster Connect program, and the other side was designed to help recruit foster families and mentors.

Ms. Anderson described the contents of the Business Welcome Kit, which she disclosed were designed to drive traffic to the Have a Heart Washoe website. She hoped the increased visibility of the need for foster families would positively impact the decisions of people interested in fostering, as well as create more community among individuals and families who were already fostering. She said the 2024 WCLA graduates were working with HSA on their new application (app), which would provide a centralized platform to educate foster families about the Foster Connect program, update available discounts, and create opportunities for a community of foster families who accessed offers and services. She predicted utilizing the app to evaluate and expand the program. She provided examples of companies and businesses that had already signed on as program partners.

Mr. O'Brien described that in conjunction with National Foster Families Month in May, the WCLA kicked off the Foster Connect program at Foster Families Night at a Reno Aces game. He said the Reno Aces donated 40 tickets to foster families and invited a foster child to commemorate the occasion by throwing the first pitch of the game. He noted that HSA staffed a table at the game to spread the word about the Foster Connect program and support the recruitment of foster families. He thanked the Reno Aces for their participation. He informed that the launch of the Foster Connect program was featured on all local news stations. He said over 100 local businesses were contacted about joining the program, and the 2024 WCLA graduates were excited about the receptivity and discounts offered by all the businesses they approached.

Ms. Anderson said the business partners were key to making the program a success, but ultimately the goal was to recruit and retain foster families. She reported the intent was to make the program sustainable for HSA so it could grow to fit the needs of HSA and the foster family program. She advised the program was developed in a way that would not require many resources for continued growth. She spoke about the program's evaluation tools, including website traffic and the number of families joining the program and participating.

Mr. O'Brien said the project would not have been possible without help from County staff, and he thanked everyone for their work on the project. He mentioned he had some extra recruitment cards for Commissioners to share with businesses they frequented who they thought may be good partners.

Chair Hill applauded the WCLA's efforts on their community service project. She thought the efforts helped recruit new families and made community members realize that everyone was responsible for supporting foster families.

Commissioner Garcia commended the work on the project and observed the high need in the area for foster families. She praised the efforts of the WCMO in creating the WCLA. She offered to provide support to the WCLA in any areas that proved more difficult, especially business recruitment. Mr. O'Brien said all the businesses had been very

receptive to supporting the program, but he acknowledged it took follow-up to get people to complete the signup process. Commissioner Garcia noted the website and Business Welcome Kit materials were all beautiful and asked if the County was taking over all the materials moving forward. Mr. O'Brien affirmed that HSA was taking all of that over and thanked them for their support of the program.

Commissioner Andriola stated that she was aware of the crisis in finding foster families in the County but did not think most people understood the extremity of the situation. She noted the problem existed in other counties as well. She thought the discounts were a helpful motivator to amplify the broader awareness campaign. She wondered if the WCLA had reached out to the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) and suggested they could be an excellent resource for developing additional partnerships. She said there were many organizations that supported foster children and highlighted the unique opportunity created by the WCLA. She thanked the 2024 WCLA class for putting all their talent and brainpower together to create an impactful, sustainable community service project.

Commissioner Clark affirmed the importance of supporting foster children, whom he theorized were a truly vulnerable population. He thanked the WCLA for their good work.

Chair Hill thought the County was lucky to have deeply passionate community members who were willing to give up their time to serve. She commended the WCMO staff for their creation and support of the WCLA, and the staff of other County departments for their participation in the WCLA program.

DONATIONS

24-0367 7A1 Recommendation to accept monetary donations from various donors in the amount of [\$39,119.64] and donations of dog/cat food and treats from the SPCA with an estimated value of [\$7,085.70], and recognize numerous citizens who donated animal food and various goods with an estimated value of [\$1,069.62] (see attached donor lists) to Washoe County Regional Animal Services retroactive for the period of January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024, to be used for the humane care and treatment of sick and/or injured, stray, abandoned, or at-risk animals; express appreciation for these thoughtful contributions; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Animal Services. (All Commission Districts.)

24-0368 7B1 Recommendation to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Sun Valley General Improvement District to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to be used for the removal of abandoned vehicles within the Sun Valley area. Sheriff. (Commission District 2.)

Commissioner Garcia stated that vehicle abandonment, illegal dumping, and graffiti occurred in many County neighborhoods, especially in Sun Valley. She was pleased with the donation in Agenda Item 7B1 and appreciated the strong partnership between the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO).

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7A1 through 7B1 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 5A1 THROUGH 5F1 EXCLUDING AGENDA ITEMS 5C1 AND 5D3 HEARD SEPARATELY

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 8A1 THROUGH 8K1

- 24-0369** **8A1** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Communications, Monthly Statements/Reports, and Annual Statements/Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0370** **8B1** Recommendation to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Deployment of the RTC ITS Strategic Master Plan between the Regional Transportation Commission of Washoe County (RTC), the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and Washoe County, to collaborate on the deployment recommendations contained within RTC's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Strategic Master Plan. The ITS program and strategic master planning is a regional effort to identify and enhance the safe and efficient planning of projects to support safe traffic movements in Washoe County and across individual jurisdictions. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0371** **8C1** Recommendation to accept additional funds for existing National Children's Alliance Grant (NCA) Chapter Grant to the District Attorney's Office acting as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$136,507.00, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the NCA to fund chapter activities including professional services, supplies, registrations, dues, and travel; extend the award period through to December 31, 2024; and if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the cooperative agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

24-0372

8F1 Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, Commission District Special Fund disbursement in the amount of [\$77,000.00] for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; District 2 Commissioner Mike Clark recommends a [\$10,000.00] grant to the Reno Toy Run -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission of providing toys for children in need; and a [\$10,000.00] grant to Senior ResQ -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support their mission to assist seniors with help when their rent has been raised; and a [\$7,500.00] grant to the Sanford Center for Aging-- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to enhance the quality of life and well-being among elders through education, translational research, and community outreach; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of ending hunger in Northern Nevada; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Western Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the non-profits programs to educate citizens about mental illness; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the Cares Campus project; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to Opportunity Alliance Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of building sustainable communities across Nevada to stabilize and improve the lives of individuals and families; and a [\$5,000.00] grant to the Virginia Range Wildlife Protection Association -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the cleanup efforts of the Virginia Range; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to the Lifestyle Homes Foundation -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- for the purpose of supporting the foundations programs; and a [\$4,000.00] grant to Northern Nevada HOPES (HOPES) -- a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes -- to support the mission of providing affordable, high-quality medical, behavioral health and support services for all; and a [\$3,000.00] grant to the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the future efforts of assisting working families through its food pantry and apprentice assistance programs; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the India Association of Northern Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support scholarship program for children in the community; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to Jewish Nevada -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support their mission to engage the community to invest, enrich, and ensure the vibrancy and continuity of Jewish life in Nevada; and a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Nevada Center for Civic

Engagement -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the We the People: Civil and Constitution program to promote civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Guitars for Vets, a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support the music therapy program for veterans; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to Veteran's Guest House -- a nonprofit organization created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes -- to support its mission of providing U.S. military service veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need; and a [\$2,000.00] grant to the Washoe County Human Service Agency - a government entity -- to support the Sparks Senior Center water filling station; approve Resolutions necessary for the same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds. Manager's Office. (Commission District 2.)

- 24-0373** **8G1** Recommendation to accept a grant award amendment increasing the funding by [\$36,302] for personnel and toxicology expenses to a new total award amount of \$141,060 [with no county match] from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Overdose to Action (OD2A) program (which supports the state in getting high quality, comprehensive and timelier data on opioid prescribing and mortality, and to use those data to inform the state's prevention and interventions efforts), retroactive from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, and authorize the Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner of the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office to sign the award amendment, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Regional Medical Examiner. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0374** **8H1** Recommendation to approve the reclassification of a Justice Court Division Supervisor position, pay grade J160, and a Court Clerk position, pay grade J140, to two Court Clerk Lead positions, pay grade J150 effective 07/01/24; increase overtime budget (GL #701300) by \$15,747; and authorize Human Resources, the Comptroller's Office, and Budget to make the necessary changes [Net Fiscal Impact \$0]. Reno Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0375** **8I1** Status Report of Commissary Fund set up per NRS 211.360 to be utilized for the welfare and benefit of the inmates for items such as counseling, chaplaincy services, vocational training, and certifications programs for inmates in the jail, submitted by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Commissary Committee for First Quarter for Fiscal Year 2024. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 24-0376** **8J1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending May 31, 2024, of payment of refunds and interest since last update

in the amount of \$2,808.73 on certain property tax overpayments for residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

- 24-0377** **8K1** Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed Employment Agreement in effect as of September 11, 2023 between the Truckee River Flood Management Authority, Washoe County, and Debra Crowley to perform services as the TRFMA Chief Financial Officer for a salary amount of \$139,505.60, not including benefits; and to direct Washoe County Human Resources to create the new pay grade; the new classification of Chief Financial Officer (TRFMA); and to delimit the classification of Sr. Financial Analyst (TRFMA) retroactively to implement the terms of the agreement. TRFMA. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Marc Picker thanked Commissioner Clark for his grant to the Nevada Center for Civic Engagement. He stated that the center ran the program called We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Program (We the People), as well as National History Day for elementary, middle, and high school students. He reported that teachers throughout Nevada, Utah, and Idaho were currently at an event in Carson City to learn how to teach the We the People program curriculum. The program taught fifth-grade students, seventh-grade students, and high-school students how to be more thoughtful and engaged citizens, as well as how to participate more fully in the Country's future. He pointed out that Chair Hill was an alumna of We the People, which demonstrated the program's importance as it encouraged people to become involved. He announced he was the Northern Nevada Chair of the State Board for Jewish Nevada, and he thanked Commissioner Clark for the grant to that organization. He explained that all monies received in Northern Nevada for Jewish Nevada stayed in the region, even though it was a statewide organization. He noted that Mitzvah Day occurred the prior month, which involved the performance of good deeds for others. It included park cleanups and community projects like assembling sanitary health packets for the Women and Children's Center of the Sierras (WACCS) and collecting diapers for Baby's Bounty. He commented that Jewish Nevada supported other outreach programs such as the Northern Nevada Jewish Film Festival, the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Sierra Senior Services, PBS Reno, and the Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust. He said Jewish Nevada's signature event, a cultural festival called Milk and Honey, would occur on September 15 at the McKinley Arts and Culture Center. It would be the event's fourth year. He encouraged the Board to attend and mentioned there would be food, music, and art. He stated it was a celebration of Jewish culture and an educational program that fostered a deeper understanding of the Jewish religion and its people.

Mr. Blake Vander Well announced he was the Executive Director of Senior ResQ, and he thanked Commissioner Clark for his grant to the organization. He explained Senior ResQ was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provided rental assistance to Washoe County seniors and senior veterans who experienced rent increases within the previous 12 months. Senior ResQ assisted for up to 12 months when the seniors still resided at the residence where the rent increase occurred. During that timeframe, Senior ResQ provided referrals to services such as the Opportunity Alliance, Job Opportunities in Nevada (JOIN Inc.) for seniors who wished to reenter the workforce, Washoe County services, Catholic charities, AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons), and others to provide sustainable solutions. He remarked that the 12-month timeline provided seniors sufficient time to find more affordable housing if they chose to. He said seniors and senior veterans faced a difficult time in Washoe County with rising rents, and they needed to know that organizations like Senior ResQ existed to help. He stated Senior ResQ assisted individuals who made 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) or less for a one-person household. He opined many seniors were unaware they made less than that amount. A majority of Senior ResQ's current clients were at 50 percent AMI and below, which was \$35,450 per year for a one-person household. He posited programs like Senior ResQ had to become more sustainable in the region, as they were extremely valuable to seniors. He declared that even \$40 per month could change a senior's life. Senior ResQ could not help seniors alone; it would take participation from the entire community. He encouraged each Commissioner to consider supporting Senior ResQ with their discretionary funds. He thanked Senior ResQ's board members and Mr. Mark Campbell of Southwestern Investment Group.

Ms. Michelle Hoehn announced she was with the Northern Nevada Member Assistance Program (MAP) Emergency Food Pantry. She mentioned that Northern Nevada MAP was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under the Northern Nevada Central Labor Council (NNCLC). She thanked Commissioner Clark for his donation and Chair Hill for her support. She stated the most basic way to begin work in public service was to serve the public's basic need for food, as food insecurity was unfortunately present in the community. She said the Emergency Food Pantry had no eligibility or identification requirements. All that was needed to enter the pantry was a name, birthdate, and Washoe County address. She commented that the gratitude expressed by people who accessed the services was unexplainable. She shared a story about a woman who came to the food pantry after she left an abusive relationship and was extremely grateful for the ability to pick any items she desired to cook for her children. With the support of the Board, various individuals, and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, the organization distributed 101,513 pounds of food to 4,638 households since it opened in August.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1, with the exclusion of Agenda Items 8D1, 8E1, and 8E2, be approved. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 8A1 through 8K1, with the exclusion of Agenda Items 8D1, 8E1, and 8E2, are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0378 **8D1** Request for Board of County Commissioner approval for changes made to the Washoe County Audit Committee's charter pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.545(6). Changes made to match updates to Washoe County Code. Changes include: removing the term limit for the Board of County Commissioner representative for the Audit Committee; explaining the role of the alternate member from the Board of County Commissioners; updating requirements for public members to serve; adding a provision that current Washoe County employees may not serve as public members; adding role of a vice chair; changing reviews of charter and Washoe County Code to biannual instead of periodic; adding the Chief Financial Officer as a participant; and adding professional standard that the Audit Committee complies with. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Scott Finley read from a document, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk.

Vice Chair Herman desired to postpone the agenda item until the Board discussed it with the Audit Committee.

Chair Hill believed the Board previously approved the code and asked Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras for clarification. CDDA Kandaras advised that the Board already accepted the amendments to the Audit Committee code. She referred to the agenda item as a more specific document that would be incorporated into the code. She advised that the topic could be considered separately. Chair Hill confirmed that Vice Chair Herman wished to bring the agenda item back to the Audit Committee.

Commissioner Andriola mentioned that she was unable to find the length of the term the Chair of the Audit Committee served within the agenda item.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8D1 be continued.

24-0379 **8E1** Recommendation to reappoint Al Rogers as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees for a consecutive four-year term pursuant to NRS 379.020(3) beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until a successor Trustee is appointed. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed. She clarified that Agenda Items 8E1 and 8E2 would be heard separately.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Geoffrey Knell stated he belonged to Mass Resistance, an organization that fought against the LGBTQ+ community. He claimed Mr. Al Rogers desired to follow a Communist agenda and had strongly recommended

Library Director Jeff Scott. Mr. Knell remarked that he lived in Nevada and participated in activities that fought against Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) events. He inquired about preaching the Bible in libraries and was told he could not. He declared that the agenda item was a political move, and he encouraged the Board to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment. He suggested the Board appoint an individual who did not follow a political ideology or philosophy, as he felt it was not appropriate in a library setting. He said he was responsible for preventing DQSH from occurring in his home county of Churchill County due to its political nature. He read a quote from the book *The Naked Communist* by W. Cleon Skousen. He thought Mr. Rogers did not take steps to ensure children and community members were properly considered, and he declared that Mr. Rogers did not respond to emails or calls.

Ms. Joni Hammond requested that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) examine representation on the Library Board of Trustees (LBT). She said she lived in District 4, which was not represented on the LBT. She asked the BCC to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment and to consider other applicants. She read from the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 379.022(1). She stated that NRS implied equal representation from each District was desired. She implored the Board to review the existing applicant list and select a candidate from District 4.

Mr. Cliff Nellis thanked Commissioner Andriola for pulling the agenda item for discussion. He said he previously commented that Mr. Scott was accused of burning books in California. Chair Hill advised that personal attacks were not acceptable. Mr. Nellis opined that certain LBT appointees had various political agendas and that libraries did not have proper representation within the County. He declared that libraries contained hostile environments and were not equal. He stated there were many qualified LBT candidates. He believed someone with a passion for books and learning should be appointed.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett thanked Commissioner Andriola for pulling the agenda item for discussion. She read texts between Mr. Rogers and Chair Hill from April 2023, claiming collusion had taken place. She also read an email between Mr. Scott and Mr. Rogers and said she believed Mr. Rogers should be required to reapply for the LBT.

Mr. Alan Munson thought it was important that the Board did not reappoint Mr. Rogers to the LBT, and he urged that a District 4 candidate be selected. He spoke about Mr. Roger Edwards from District 5, who he believed would reflect the concerns of certain citizens. He said he spoke to many of his neighbors who could not attend BCC meetings, and he stated there was prevalent concern about DQSH in libraries. He asserted that the Bible spoke about loving people and understanding sin. He thought DQSH supported sin and did not want his tax dollars spent on the event.

Vice Chair Herman wanted other community members to be able to apply for the LBT position. She questioned the appointment process, specifically why there was an agenda item for a reappointment instead of opening the position for new applicants.

Chair Hill clarified that the policy stated a singular candidate was considered for reappointment, and the Board could decide not to reappoint the candidate.

Vice Chair Herman moved that Mr. Rogers's reappointment be denied.

Commissioner Andriola stated it was standard practice to consider a reappointment, and if the reappointment was denied, other applicants were considered. She noted that she pulled the agenda item for multiple reasons. She observed there were four members on the LBT from District 1 and one from District 3. She remarked that her previous nominations consisted of eligible applicants from District 4. She did not think consideration of a candidate's District should be prioritized above eligibility, qualifications, and LBT balance. She said NRS granted the Board authority to appoint trustees and establish representation for the County, a premise on which she pulled the agenda item for discussion. She thought previous applicants and new applicants, including Mr. Rogers, should be considered. She stated collusion was a very serious implication and she asserted that the BCC did not hold separate meetings or participate in walking quorums. She added that those actions were illegal and that every Commissioner took responsibility for properly representing each item. She pointed out that regarding LBT and other board appointments, the Board examined the makeup of the board, reviewed candidate requirements, and considered who the most qualified applicant was.

Commissioner Andriola seconded Vice Chair Herman's motion.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras advised that the only consideration before the Board was Mr. Rogers's reappointment. She stated if the reappointment did not occur, County staff would follow the standard process of opening the position for applications and then return it to the Board.

Chair Hill announced she would not support Vice Chair Herman's motion to deny Mr. Rogers's reappointment because she felt consistency on the LBT was crucial and Mr. Rogers possessed familiarity with the Washoe County system. She clarified that she would give an opportunity to anyone who reached out to her for an LBT appointment. She consistently advised interested individuals to reach out to the Commissioners. She stated everyone in the County needed to be treated equally, and she did her best to honor that.

Commissioner Clark said he supported Vice Chair Herman's and Commissioner Andriola's positions. He was a long-time advocate of fresh ideas and new people. He thanked Mr. Rogers for his work and stated it was appropriate for the County to open the position up to new applicants.

Commissioner Garcia thanked Mr. Rogers for his service and declared it was a difficult time to be on the LBT. She thought he was extremely qualified and had proven himself to be well-rounded. She was disheartened that people who often spoke about LBT appointments claimed they did not want it to be a political or polarizing issue, but that was exactly what it became. She mentioned an agenda item from the previous year

to retroactively approve a simple library expenditure. She said the agenda item turned into a two-hour ordeal filled with hate speech. She stated that public comment became lopsided, and she did not think it accurately reflected what the entire community stood for. She believed the library system operated beautifully and provided inclusivity for many populations, so it was unfortunate that it was attacked and misrepresented in Chambers. She was saddened by the comments she heard year after year. She posited there would be more awareness of ethnically and racially diverse candidates if representation was truly the issue, but the issue was the polarization of the library system.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Chair Hill and Commissioner Garcia voting no, it was ordered that Mr. Al Rogers not be reappointed as a Trustee to the Washoe County Library Board of Trustees.

24-0380 **8E2** Discussion and possible adoption of resolution R24-62 designated as the "Renew Washoe Libraries Resolution", and thereby approve the submittal of a question to the registered voters of Washoe County at the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, concerning the imposition and effective date of a renewal of certain taxes for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, operating, and maintaining library facilities for Washoe County. Library. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Andriola believed clarification on the agenda item was necessary because a misunderstanding had occurred. She asked Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras if the agenda item asked the Board to approve a tax or to approve a procedure. She indicated that Washoe County voters would make a determination at the general election on November 5. CDDA Kandaras specified that if the agenda item was approved, it would enact a resolution that allowed a submittal of a question to registered voters regarding a tax for the library system, which she believed was 2 percent of every \$100 of assessed value. The Board could approve the resolution pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 295, which would place the question on the ballot to be decided by voters at the general election. Commissioner Andriola supported the agenda item. She thought registered voters should decide on the tax.

Vice Chair Herman said she would not support the agenda item.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Cliff Nellis declared that he did not support the agenda item and asked the Board to vote against it. He stated that property taxes were intended to pay for libraries, and he questioned why more taxes were needed. He suggested that charities be required to raise matching funds if they received Board donations in the future. He believed charities should acquire their funds from community members because that was how people voted, and he asserted that charities should not solely receive money from the Board. He stated people were overtaxed and that the federal government overspent. He posited the voting system was not honest, and he speculated the agenda item would be approved if put on the ballot.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 3-2 vote with Vice Chair Herman and Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8E2 be adopted and approved.

BLOCK VOTE – 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, AND 24

24-0381 **AGENDA ITEM 9** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the annual report of the Assessor's Technology Fund (IN20280), a fund created by NRS 250.085 and Washoe County Ordinance 1300 for the acquisition and improvement of technology in the Assessor's Office, which has projected expenditures in Fiscal Year 2025 of \$3,475,000. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 9 be acknowledged.

24-0382 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to 1) approve roll change requests, pursuant to NRS 361.765 and/or NRS 361.768, for errors discovered on the 2023/2024, 2022/2023, 2021/2022 and 2020/2021 unsecured tax roll 2) authorize Chair to execute the changes described in Exhibit A and 3) direct the Washoe County Treasurer to correct the error(s). [cumulative amount of decrease to all taxing entities \$763,837]. Assessor. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved, authorized, and directed.

24-0383 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to approve an increase in project reimbursement costs to the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA), in the amount of \$164,243.00 [total reimbursement amount of \$354,243.00], for construction and project management cost overruns associated with certain completed capital improvements associated with the Kietzke Lane and Morrill Street tetrachloroethene (PCE) remediation facilities, pursuant to the Washoe County, Nevada, District Number 24 Groundwater Remediation Agreement for Ownership, Operation and Maintenance of Certain Remediation Facilities and for Reimbursement of Certain Expenses between Washoe County and the TMWA. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be approved.

- 24-0384** **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Regional Public Safety Training Center Heating Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) Upgrade Project, PWP-WA-2024-085 [staff recommends Mt. Rose Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc., for the base bid in the amount of \$491,500.00 plus bid alternate 2 in the amount of \$54,900.00 for a total amount of \$546,400.00]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$31,317.00] for a total project cost not to exceed \$577,717.00. The Project is located at 5190 Spectrum Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, and the scope of work is to replace 27 rooftop heating and air conditioning units. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be awarded and approved.

- 24-0385** **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Savini Group, PLLC, to provide construction management services during construction of the South Truckee Meadows Steamboat Lift Station and Force Main Project, within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [in the amount of \$558,420.00 plus \$10,000.00 in project contingency] effective July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. The scope of work includes construction field inspections, preparing daily inspector reports, directing special inspection field activities and reviewing contractor pay applications for the Project. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

- 24-0386** **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services between Washoe County and Stantec Consulting Services Inc., to provide professional engineering services during construction of the South Truckee Meadows Steamboat Lift Station

and Force Main Project within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service territory [in the amount of \$690,674.00 plus \$50,000.00 in project contingency], effective July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. The scope of work allows for the necessary engineering submittal review, requests for information, change order review, work change directives, factory test witnessing and cultural resource monitoring for the Project. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be approved.

24-0387 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Information and acknowledgement of receipt by the Board of County Commissioners of contracts and purchases that have exceeded or are expected to exceed [\$300,000.00] that may include services and supplies for all County departments. Pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.490, the purchasing and contracts manager is authorized, subject to the provisions of Washoe County Code and the applicable provision of state law, to approve purchases and contracts up to [\$300,000]. As a matter of best practices, the purchasing and contracts manager will keep the Board of County Commissioners informed of all contracts and purchases for all county departments that have been previously approved that have exceeded or are expected to exceed the threshold amount. A full list of specific contracts, vendors, and amounts is viewable in the staff report. The aggregate amount of known expenditures under these contracts to date is \$1,457,802.32. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be acknowledged.

24-0388 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Recommendation to approve Resolution 24-61 to augment the Risk Management Fund in the amount of [\$500,000] to increase fiscal year 2024 budget authority for workers' compensation claim expenses due to an increase in the volume of claims and costs of claims, that include, but are not limited to, employee on the job injuries; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 18 be approved and directed. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Agenda Item 18 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0389 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Recommendation to approve the use of General Fund Contingency in the amount of [\$397,000] to 1. Increase expenditure authority for pooled drug screener positions [\$180,000]; and for professional services for electronic monitoring [\$106,000]; and for various operating expenditures [\$86,000] needed to support the Department of Alternative Sentencing and 2. Increase expenditures authority for professional services for the District Attorney's Office for activity related to all legally viable claims to obtain declaratory, mandamus, and/or injunctive relief in federal court against the United States Postal Service and its representatives [\$25,000] for unbudgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005 and; if approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget appropriation transfers [Total fiscal year 2024 impact \$397,000; net fiscal impact \$-0-]. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be approved and directed.

24-0390 **AGENDA ITEM 21** Recommendation to (1) accept subaward funding in the amount of [\$2,488,421.00] from the State of Nevada intended to support the transfer, staffing, and ongoing operational costs of transferring the northern Nevada unit of the Children's Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program from the State of Nevada to the Washoe County Human Services Agency (HSA) effective July 01, 2024 including all necessary fiscal and program operating authority, (2) authorize the creation of up to 18 new 1.0 FTE positions in County job classifications as approved by the Washoe County Job Evaluation Committee and in accordance with accepting the subaward effective July 01, 2024; all 18 new positions created are 100% funded by the MCRT grant award, and as such, if grant funding is reduced or eliminated, the position hours will be reduced and/or the position will be abolished accordingly unless additional funding is secured, (3) authorize staff to fill the 18 FTE positions via any combination of the standard merit selection process and/or the acceptance of existing MCRT staff from the State of Nevada under the terms described herein effective July 15, 2024, and (4) authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award documents, direct the Comptroller's Office to make all necessary budget adjustments, and direct the Human Resources

Department to make all necessary staffing adjustments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 21 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

24-0391 **AGENDA ITEM 22** Recommendation to approve Amendment #2 between Washoe County and Northern Nevada Legal Aid (previously Washoe Legal Services) to provide for the legal representation of children in the Child Protective Services system and minors and adults under proposed or full guardianships, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 [not to exceed \$1,676,000 per fiscal year]. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 22 be approved.

24-0392 **AGENDA ITEM 23** Recommendation to approve payment for the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025) renewal of the Aumentum Technologies/Manatron Service Level Agreement ("SLA") for Maintenance and Support Services, in the amount of [\$357,832], for the Treasurer's Tax System software maintenance and support. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 23 be approved.

24-0393 **AGENDA ITEM 24** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, as recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee on March 21, 2024, and May 16, 2024, in an amount not to exceed [\$2,754,814.21] as specified within the adopted Enhanced 911 Fund's operating budget. Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Herman, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Clark voting no, it was ordered that Agenda Item 24 be approved.

- 24-0394** **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to: (1) award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Washoe County 2024 Manhole Rehabilitation, PWP-WA-2024-296, [staff recommends SoCal Pacific Construction doing business as National Coating & Lining Company, in the amount of \$577,938.00]; and (2) approve a separate project contingency fund [in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the total construction cost not to exceed \$652,938.00]. The scope of the project is to repair and rehabilitate 88 existing sanitary sewer manholes at various location in the South Truckee Meadows and Unincorporated Spanish Springs area of Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 2 and 4.)

This item was pulled.

- 24-0395** **AGENDA ITEM 20** Recommendation to award Request For Proposal (RFP) 3239-24 for the Programs Facility Operator at the Kids Kottage Campus to the only responsive and responsible bidder, Adams and Associates, Inc. (formerly Core Dynamics, LLC), for the term of 12 (twelve) months commencing July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed [\$4,375,000], with the provision for up to four (4), one (1) year renewals; and if approved authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the Agreement. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

This item was pulled.

12:40 p.m. **The Board recessed.**

1:30 p.m. **The Board reconvened with all members present.**

- 24-0396** **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation to approve, pursuant to NRS 278.040, the appointment of one (1) applicant to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large South of the Truckee River (generally includes all areas of unincorporated Washoe County south of the Truckee River and includes Incline Village and Crystal Bay); to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as the member no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first. Eligible applicants include: James I. Barnes, Philip C. Gilanfarr, Thomas Keiffer, Arthur O'Connor, and

Robert D. Parker. Community Services. (Commission Districts 1, 2, 4, & 5.)

On the call for public comment, Mr. Thomas Keiffer discussed his background and experience, which he believed qualified him for appointment to the Planning Commission (PC). He shared that he truly cared about the Washoe County community. He moved to the region four years prior, and he loved the community, people, land, resources, and governance, which he thought all worked very well. He wanted to give back to the community and stated he served on the Board of Directors for the Caughlin Ranch Homeowners Association (HOA). The community's layout and planning inspired him to join the HOA board because it was an excellent example of responsible real estate development. He noted that he had a young family, and he wanted to develop the County in a safe, smart, and responsible manner for future generations. He believed his experience as a real estate developer differentiated him from other candidates because he could understand and assess the desires, needs, and interests of applicants who came before the PC. He said he would be able to decipher when interests aligned with the County's interests and when they did not. He noted his experience in all stages of real estate development including design, planning, tentative and final maps, construction, leasing, and operations. He mentioned he had good relations with many agencies in Washoe County and the State that he wanted to use for the County's benefit.

Mr. James Barnes distributed a document, copies of which were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk. He stated he worked with the PC for about 30 years, first as an attorney for 7 years and then as a Planning Commissioner for 8 years. He shared that he worked on the Envision Washoe 2040 project after he left the PC four years prior. He believed the role of a Planning Commissioner was to be fair and balanced and to properly consider every interest. He declared that he learned a lot in the 30 years he worked with the PC and had worked well with County staff. He brought up his long history with various leaders of the Planning and Building Division (PBD).

Mr. Art O'Connor stated he had been a Washoe County resident since 1971 and was a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor. He previously served on a Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) for two terms, the limit allowed at that time. He discussed his familiarity with the entire Washoe County Development Code (WCDC). He desired to serve on the PC because he wanted to help the County. He noted his service on the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He believed he could help the County with his knowledge of the planning process and ability to analyze projects with respect to the WCDC.

Community Outreach Coordinator Alexandra Wilson advised the Commissioners to select their top candidate on the ballot distributed by the Clerk. She mentioned that up to three additional rounds could be completed in the event of a tie.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that James Barnes be appointed to the Washoe County Planning Commission representing At-Large South of the Truckee

River to fill a full term beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2028, or until such time as the member no longer serves on the Planning Commission or a successor is appointed, whichever occurs first.

24-0397 **AGENDA ITEM 25** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 approving a development agreement between Washoe County and Mesa View Reno, LLC, for Sun Mesa, a residential subdivision (Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. WTM04-001). The purpose of the development agreement is to extend the deadline for recording the next final map from April 28, 2024, to April 28, 2025, and to adopt amended conditions of approval (WAC24-0005). The project is located along the eastern terminus of Sun Valley Drive and Rising Ridge Drive in Sun Valley. The project encompasses a total of approximately 70.28 acres, and the total number of residential lots allowed by the approved tentative map is 207 with 149 lots recorded and 58 lots remaining to be recorded. The parcels are located within the Sun Valley Planning Area and Washoe County Commission District No. 3. (APN: 504-460-03). And, if approved, schedule a public hearing, second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024, and authorization for the Chair to execute the Development Agreement. Community Services. (Commission District 3.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1916.

Planner Timothy Evans conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Request; Vicinity Map; Background; Highland Village – Existing Site Plan; Highland Village – Phase 4 and Future Phases; Amended/Additional Conditions; Findings; Recommendation & Motion.

Mr. Evans stated the proposed development agreement was between Washoe County and Mesa View Reno LLC for the Sun Mesa subdivision. The agreement's purpose was to extend the deadline for recording the first final map.

Mr. Evans referred to the slide titled Vicinity Map and said the entire subdivision contained over 200 lots, which were highlighted on the slide. He explained the development agreement applied to the unshaded section in the bottom right portion of the highlighted area. The shaded area in the northwest portion of the highlighted section was already recorded, and the development agreement would allow for the recording of the remaining 58 lots. He stated the applicant asked for additional time for various reasons, one of which was the Sun Valley General Improvement District's (SVGID) additional requirements during Phases 3 and 4.

Mr. Evans displayed the previously recorded lots on the slide titled Highland Village – Existing Site Plan and mentioned there were over 140 lots. He displayed the remaining 58 lots to be recorded on the slide titled Highland Village – Phase 4 and Future Phases.

Mr. Evans reported that part of the proposed development agreement was sent to Washoe County Engineering for review, which recommended amending seven conditions. He stated that the conditions ensured conformance with the Washoe County Code (WCC). Washoe County Engineering also requested an additional condition be added, specifically related to an operations and maintenance manual for the subdivision.

Mr. Evans stated that all the findings could be made. He noted that updated information was not provided on the slide titled Findings. He said staff made all four findings in relation to the development agreement set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Staff Report.

Chair Hill asked for a motion

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1916 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0398 **AGENDA ITEM 26** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 110 (Development Code) by modifying various sections in Division Two-Area Plan Regulations, Division Four-Development Standards, and Division Nine-General Provisions, in order to update regulations related to allowed residential uses in the Spanish Springs planning area, maximum height restrictions in the Sun Valley planning area, multifamily parking minimums, bike parking, turf requirements, common and private open space, and definitions. these updates include deleting a section and a subsection limiting structures in the Sun Valley planning area to two stories in height and modifying various sections to: remove table C-1 which modifies allowed residential uses in the Spanish Springs planning area; update minimum off-street parking space requirements for multifamily housing; update requirements for bicycle storage by removing requirements for bicycle parking spaces, by adding design standards for short and long-term bicycle storage, by adding design requirements for bicycle racks, and by removing Figure 110.410.15.2 which shows bicycle parking space dimensions; remove the requirement to provide turf areas in multifamily developments of a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the required landscaping area; modify minimum size and dimension requirements for private open space in multifamily developments; add standards for turf areas provided as common open space for multifamily developments; and add definitions for short and long-term bicycle parking; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto; and if supported, set a public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1917.

Community Services Department (CSD) Senior Planner Katherine Oakley conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: WDCA24-0002 (Affordable Housing Package 2); Overview; Housing – Background (3 slides); Planning Area Modifiers; Article 410 - Parking and Loading (2 slides); Bicycle storage; Article 412 - Landscaping; Article 432 - Open Space Standards (Multifamily); Community Meetings; Findings; Recommended Motion; Thank you.

Ms. Oakley mentioned Bill No. 1917 was the second set of affordable housing-related amendments to the Washoe County Code (WCC), Chapter 110 of the Development Code. She explained that the amendments were directed at reducing barriers to diverse types of housing in the Development Code. She stated that the first set that the Board reviewed earlier in the year was focused on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). She indicated that the amendments applied to seven different Code areas, but because they all shared the characteristic of being barriers, they were connected.

Ms. Oakley summarized the background information contained on the first slide titled Housing – Background. She stated the statistics demonstrated the magnitude of housing affordability and attainability and emphasized the 145 percent increase in median home value between 2010 and 2022. She informed there was a 58 percent increase in median household income between 2010 and 2022. Additionally, the Washoe County Consensus Forecast predicted the unincorporated County would have to absorb and create 6,840 dwelling units through 2042 in addition to the existing 7,350 affordable units identified in the 2019 Truckee Meadows Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability (TMRSHA) to accommodate the population growth. Ms. Oakley reported the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) indicated that 50 percent of a typical family's income in the region was needed for a mortgage payment. She said over 30 percent was considered cost-burdened, and low-income families needed 100 percent of their household incomes for a mortgage payment. She informed Reno was the tenth most burdened housing market in the Nation and referenced graphs that were located on the second slide titled Housing – Background. Based on the data depicted on the graphs, Ms. Oakley noted that while all age groups were spending more than 40 percent of household income on rent, it was especially an issue for younger and senior residents in the County.

Ms. Oakley stated the housing amendment package would span six articles within the Development Code, and many of the codes proposed for amendment had not been updated since the 1990s. She indicated the proposed changes were not applicable to the Tahoe Planning Area, as it had its own section in the WCC. She outlined the proposed amendments to the Development Code, including the removal of Table C-1 from Article 216 to modify the allowed residential uses. Table C-1 currently requires a special use permit (SUP) for detached ADUs in addition to applying other restrictions on different housing types. By removing the table, the area would be brought into alignment with the permitted residential uses in the rest of the County. Removal of Table C-1 would also eliminate the barrier, particularly to ADUs. Ms. Oakley highlighted the proposed removal of the existing two-story height limit in Sun Valley from Article 218. She pointed out the height limit appeared in section 110.218.20 and subsection 110.218.45(f). Subsection

110.218.45(f) was identified after the Planning Commission (PC) meeting, but it was necessary to modify it to satisfy the intent of removing the two-story height limit throughout Sun Valley, so it was added to the proposed ordinance. Ms. Oakley informed that every County regulatory zone had a maximum height limit, which had been and would continue to be applicable if the two-story height limit was removed. No changes were proposed to zoning or multifamily allowances in Sun Valley. She noted members of the community voiced concerns regarding the removal of the two-story height limit and offered to share some alternatives that were prepared.

Ms. Oakley indicated the standards outlined in Article 410 of the Development Code had not been updated since 1993, and based on research conducted at the regional and national levels, the standards were relatively high. The proposed modification was intended to reduce the overall required number of parking spaces for multifamily dwellings in order to make the requirement more reasonable as well as lower the costs of development incorporated rents. She said reducing parking requirements could be beneficial. The proposed parking space numbers were still high compared to Reno and Sparks, which generally required one parking space per dwelling unit in a multifamily complex, but the numbers corresponded with the national average. Ms. Oakley referenced a table on the first slide titled Article 410 - Parking and Loading, which showed the current and proposed number of parking spaces. Ms. Oakley revealed that covered parking could be a significant cost that increased barriers to developing multifamily housing. She assured that the staff had evaluated existing trends in the County to confirm the numbers were reasonable and that the staff was serving the community effectively. Referencing a bar chart on the second slide titled Article 410 - Parking and Loading, she noted most renter-occupied households had one or no vehicles available to them, meaning most of the households had parking needs that were lower than what was currently required by the Development Code. Ms. Oakley affirmed the proposed numbers would continue to serve the community while decreasing the existing barrier to developing housing.

Ms. Oakley reported that changes were introduced to enhance the robustness of the bicycle storage and bicycle rack standards to support residents without access to a vehicle. She acknowledged that standards were in place; however, there were not many requirements ensuring that bicycle infrastructure served those who used it. The staff proposed the addition of standards related to bicycle rack type, placement, and installation, as well as requirements for short-term and long-term bicycle storage.

Ms. Oakley pointed out a requirement in Article 412 of the Development Code. It indicated that in a multifamily project, at least 50 percent of the total landscaped area, which was about 10 percent of the project site, must be turf or grass. She said this was not consistent with Envision Washoe 2040, which prioritized water-wise landscaping, and it was not compatible with the Northern Nevada climate. The staff proposed removing the requirement, and Ms. Oakley clarified its removal did not prohibit turf as an amenity.

Discussing the proposed modification to Article 432 of the Development Code, Ms. Oakley informed there were private and common open space standards for multifamily housing. The staff observed that the County's private open space standards,

which applied to such features as balconies, decks, and patios, greatly surpassed regional and national standards. She said the current requirements could generate significant engineering costs, which was a barrier to the development of housing in the County. The staff proposed applying both regional and national standards to multifamily open space requirements, including an option to forgo the private open space in exchange for more common open space at a rate of two to one. Additionally, the staff recommended adding standards for turf areas, which could be used as common open space amenities, to ensure dimensions were large enough to be useful to people.

Ms. Oakley read from the slide titled Community Meetings, noting two community meetings were organized. There were approximately five attendees at the April 1, 2024, meeting and roughly seven attendees at the April 3, 2024, meeting.

Ms. Oakley reported the Planning Commission heard the matter in May 2024 and made all four findings, one of which was required in order to advance the agenda item.

Chair Hill expressed excitement about the second set of affordable housing amendments being presented before the Board. She conveyed the Board's enthusiasm for supporting more affordable housing in the community.

Commissioner Clark questioned how garages for bicycles would result in more affordable houses. Ms. Oakley replied that the purpose of bicycle-related amendments was to be supportive of the reality that people in affordable housing might not have access to a car or public transit or might be under-resourced in those areas. She stated that by adding those additional standards to support residents of affordable housing, the County was also supporting multimodal transportation. She further explained the County was supporting a diverse type of housing development that expanded housing opportunities for people in deed-restricted affordable housing as well as housing in general. Commissioner Clark spoke about the lack of individuals riding bicycles in the region, other than near the Truckee River, and mentioned instances of bicycles being disassembled and abandoned. He was uncertain that requiring developers to construct bicycle garages would be useful for building affordable housing. He asked how much the cost per square footage was to construct a bicycle garage compared to a traditional garage. Ms. Oakley could not recall the information related to the cost estimations. Commissioner Clark indicated the cost per square foot was a factor to him and anybody who was interested in developing. Based on the affordable housing and overall housing shortages, he encouraged exploring methods to increase the ease of developing properties to house people instead of peddled vehicles.

Commissioner Garcia thanked the staff for presenting the first affordable housing set. She recalled speaking to many of her constituents in District 3, and the ADUs were notably well-received, especially for families that wished to house aging family members or multi-generational family members. She commended the staff for the community's reception of the amendments. She acknowledged the efforts put forth by the staff to assess the six articles of Code and identify creative solutions. Commissioner Garcia

voiced her overall support for the second set of affordable housing amendments. She recalled that when she was first elected as a Commissioner, the Board discussed labeling affordable housing as a strategic priority during a meeting in January or February and said, as a Commissioner, it was rewarding to be entering the second phase.

Commissioner Garcia talked about the series of Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meetings and thanked the staff for attending the meetings. She said approximately 35 to 40 people were present for the meetings and recognized nuanced conversation and understanding were necessary when such ideas as those proposed by the staff were communicated. She revealed she initially did not understand many of the underlying zoning requirements, complexities, and historical context in Sun Valley. Commissioner Garcia stated she learned a lot from the staff and thanked them for taking the time to educate her. She shared information provided to her by the staff with some of the Sun Valley CAB members and other residents. She and Vice Chair Herman were well acquainted with the Sun Valley residents. Because Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman were accessible by phone and email, they participated in many discussions. Commissioner Garcia summarized the general consensus of the CAB attendees was support for the proposed amendments. She participated in other conversations in which concerns about the lack of infrastructure and traffic congestion were voiced. Furthermore, some residents were opposed to the addition of more large multifamily apartment buildings in Sun Valley and losing some of the scenic qualities, rural feel, and small-town charm of the area. Commissioner Garcia stated the feedback was understandable and resounding. She was uncertain how to proceed with the Sun Valley amendment due to the opposition.

Commissioner Garcia asked Ms. Oakley to share the other alternatives that the staff were considering. Ms. Oakley displayed and read from documents that were placed on file with the Clerk. They outlined the text changes to section 110.218.20 and subsection 110.218.45(f) of the Development Code and the benefits and drawbacks of each possible option. The first option would allow structures to be constructed up to four stories in height with discretionary approval through the SUP process. Ms. Oakley mentioned the downtown Sun Valley corridor was intended for mixed-use development and redevelopment, but the two-story height limit in the area was an impediment to accomplishing those types of projects. She said the area would be impacted by requiring an additional discretionary review, but it would not change anything for multifamily dwellings because they already required a discretionary review. She noted discretionary review had financial impacts on developers that might be discouraging for investing in developing housing in Sun Valley. The second option would keep the height limit in Sun Valley outside of the downtown corridor and eliminate it inside the downtown corridor.

Ms. Oakley displayed and read from an analysis of the land area of different zoning districts and height restrictions in Sun Valley, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She stated most of the County's zones imposed a maximum height of 35 feet. She noted the analysis provided some context on Sun Valley and indicated that with the mandatory two-story height limit, a majority of the impacted land had the 35-foot height limit, which impeded the different types of attached housing. Ms. Oakley displayed a map of the downtown Sun Valley corridor.

Commissioner Garcia indicated her proposal would have been the same as the second alternative option that Ms. Oakley shared. She wished to hear the feedback of any constituents who attended the meeting, as she wanted to ensure everyone was comfortable with the matter.

On the call for public comment, Ms. Pat Davison provided documents that were distributed to the Board and placed on file with the Clerk and read from one of the documents. She thanked the Board for listening.

Chair Hill thanked Ms. Davison for her activism related to housing.

Referencing Ms. Davison's public comment, Commissioner Garcia expressed appreciation and said she and Vice Chair Herman had been hearing similar solutions and creative ideas. Based on prior discussions with residents, she believed the general sentiment was that the constituents were not comfortable with removing the two-story height limit in the residential areas of Sun Valley, which was largely medium-density suburban. She conveyed the constituents' overall disinterest in making such changes as removing the height limit. Commissioner Garcia indicated the constituents were receptive to the idea of lifting some of the restrictions in the downtown corridor in order to procure some potential investment or development that would benefit the community members by providing them more access to amenities and services. She remarked the Sun Valley residents were fortunate to have a robust fixed-route transit system, grocery stores, and small businesses. She talked about the ease at which senior residents could travel within the area and noted a senior center was available in the community. Commissioner Garcia complimented the community and added that there were individuals who indicated the community would support removing the height restriction from the downtown corridor.

Vice Chair Herman complimented Commissioner Garcia's recollection of the residents' feedback.

Commissioner Andriola noted the application of 35 feet as the maximum height limit in conjunction with the two-story and three-story building levels. She pointed out that a definition for a story did not exist in terms of an equation of feet and wondered what the definition of the height in feet was because of the primary use of story levels. Responding to Commissioner Andriola, Ms. Oakley indicated each regulatory zone in the Development Code generally had a maximum height of 35 feet, which was not measured in stories. She added the story measurement was area specific. She informed a definition of height was included in Article 902 of the WCC, which stated buildings with a sloped roof were measured to the middle of the roof. She mentioned a definition of a story was also provided in the WCC. Ms. Oakley explained in areas where a two-story height limit was applied in addition to the 35-foot height limit, such as Sun Valley, the staff would ensure the building was under 35 feet and verify there were only two stories per the definition of a story. She said a two-pronged review was conducted in Sun Valley, and both height limits needed to be satisfied for a building to be approved. Commissioner Andriola thought clarification on the terms would be helpful.

Chair Hill asked if it was correct that the Chocolate Drive Project previously presented to the Board involved three-story buildings, and Ms. Oakley clarified that, per the definition of a story, those buildings were proposed to be two stories in height. Chair Hill wished to support Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman on what was best for their district. She recognized there was some opposition pertaining to the Chocolate Drive Project but noted it would provide vital housing in the Sun Valley area. She expressed concern regarding the Board's actions potentially preventing that project from advancing, and Ms. Oakley assured her that the Board's actions would not hinder progress.

Commissioner Clark acknowledged the need for affordable housing and was pleased that the height restrictions were being discussed. He had intended to inquire about the potential installation of elevators in the event the buildings were to reach four stories in height, but it seemed as though there was no intention to construct them to such heights. He supported Commissioner Garcia's stance on the matter since it was relevant to her district.

Commissioner Andriola thanked the staff, notably Planning and Building Director Kelly Mullin, for her extensive efforts. Regarding Spanish Springs, she said the proposed amendments were adjusting standards to comply with the applicable code. She indicated she would defer to Commissioner Garcia and Vice Chair Herman. She wanted to make sure everyone was aware that Spanish Springs was being brought into compliance.

Chair Hill believed the staff settled on a reasonable balance related to addressing affordable housing needs and acknowledged their efforts in working with the communities where the changes would occur. She stated the Lake Tahoe amendments would eventually be presented to the Board. She agreed with Commissioner Andriola's input and praised the staff's work.

Bill No. 1917 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0399 **AGENDA ITEM 27** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 approving a development agreement between Washoe County and LC Highland, LLC, for Highland Village, a residential subdivision (Tentative Subdivision Map Case No. WTM20-004). The purpose of the development agreement is to extend the deadline for recording the first final map from November 16, 2024, to November 16, 2026, and to adopt amended conditions of approval (WAC24-0004). The project is located north of Highland Ranch Pkwy. and north of Midnight Drive in Sun Valley. The project encompasses a total of approximately 54.6 acres, and the total number of residential lots allowed by the approved tentative map is 215. The parcels are located within the Sun Valley Planning Area and Washoe County Commission District No. 5. (APN: 508-020-41 and 508-020-43). And, if approved, schedule a public hearing, second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16,

2024, and authorization for the Chair to execute the Development Agreement. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1918.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Ken Krater announced he represented the project's owner and applicant. He spoke about recent zoning changes and informed that the property in question was purchased three years prior when interest rates were between 2.5 and 3 percent. He explained they had been two weeks away from closing on the property with a national builder to develop the entire site. He said interest rates increased as they worked with staff on a signal contribution agreement to signalize Midnight Drive and Highland Ranch Parkway. He noted the signals would positively contribute to the community's pedestrian accessibility. He stated the market was now very different, with 7 percent interest rates. Therefore, they scaled the project back and reduced the number of units from 215 to 194. The first final map for the 194 units was submitted the prior week. He reported the project would be completed in three phases instead of one. They had widened the lots, altered the depth, and eliminated half of the rockeries and all the side yard retaining walls. He said the wider lots allowed for a greater mix of one-story units, which were important options for seniors and young families who did not want stairs. He mentioned developers were aware they needed to respond to the needs of the community, and work was done to align the project with the community's needs. The changes eliminated approximately \$2 million in site improvement costs, which would enable better affordability for first-time home buyers.

Bill No. 1918 was introduced by Commissioner Andriola, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0400 **AGENDA ITEM 28** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending Washoe County Code Chapter 20 (Revenue and Taxation) by amending various sections to: change bidding increments from \$300 to \$500 for base bids in excess of \$5,001 for sales of tax delinquent properties; require the completed winning bidder form be submitted along with payment; change the contribution to the county general fund from ten percent of the next \$2,000 of the excess proceeds to ten percent of the next \$10,000; change the time period in which a claimant may make a claim for excess proceeds from two years to one year; update a statutory citation; and amend sections to gender-neutral language. If supported, set the public hearing for the second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for July 16, 2024. Finance. (All Commission Districts.)

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1919.

Commissioner Clark stated he did not oppose the entire agenda item, only the reduction in the period a claimant may make a claim for excess proceeds from two years to one year. He spoke about his personal experiences with people who were unaware that they lost their property. He believed two years was an appropriate timeline for people to come forward and make claims if there were excess proceeds and he was uncomfortable with reducing that. Deputy Treasurer Linda Jacobs explained that the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) altered the timeline from two years to one year. Therefore, the Washoe County Code (WCC) was being updated to align with the NRS. Commissioner Clark acknowledged the necessity to comply with the NRS and stated he was still displeased with the effect. He recounted an instance where someone died on their property, and Washoe County sold the property with the skeleton in it. He said many people were unaware of that situation, and a longer timeline would allow relatives to come forward. He understood the change complied with State law.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1919 was introduced by Commissioner Garcia, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

24-0401 **AGENDA ITEM 29** Initiation of a proposed ordinance amending Washoe County Code (WCC) Chapter 45 (Public Welfare) to set the matter for an introduction and first reading of the ordinance on June 25, 2024, and if supported, set a public hearing for second reading and possible retroactive adoption of the ordinance on July 16, 2024. The Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services will be taking over all child care licensing activities for Washoe County effective July 1, 2024. If passed, the proposed ordinance will: (1) reflect that change in WCC; (2) allow for consistent statewide enforcement of NRS and NAC 432A; and (3) streamline federal reporting requirements for child care licensing activities and funding. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras advised that the Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) previously performed childcare licensing, and there was a mechanism for hearings. Childcare licensing then moved to the Human Services Agency (HSA). She mentioned there were standards that dictated who could have a license and how many licenses were issued. She explained that the State would take over that function with the intent that the process would become more uniform throughout the State.

Chair Hill expressed her hope that the change would allow for more childcare facilities, which she believed was the policy's intent.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 29 be initiated and directed a first reading be set.

24-0402 **AGENDA ITEM 30** Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1000 in order to change the boundaries of District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation); AND, Public Hearing: Second reading and possible adoption of an ordinance imposing a fee on the parcels of land in Washoe County, Nevada, District No. 24 (Groundwater Remediation) to pay the costs of developing and carrying out a plan for remediation. The Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District was formed in 1997 to address the tetrachloroethene (PCE) contamination of groundwater in the central Truckee Meadows area. The District is tasked with remediating PCE contamination and annually updates both the Service Area boundary and Contaminant Area boundary based on continuous analysis and modeling efforts. There is no impact to the General Fund. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1724, Bill No. 1914.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1724, Bill No. 1914, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

2:37 p.m. **After Agenda Item 31, minute number 24-0403, Chair Hill reopened Agenda Item 30.**

County Clerk Jan Galassini, read the title for Ordinance No. 1725, Bill No. 1915.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Commissioner Garcia, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1725, Bill No. 1915, be adopted, approved, and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

24-0403 **AGENDA ITEM 31** Public hearing and possible action to: (1) consider a report of each property delinquent on its utility charges and the amount of each property's delinquency, along with any objections to the report; and, (2) After considering the report and any objections to it, determine whether

to adopt the report and correspondingly adopt Resolution 24-038 to collect certain delinquent utility charges on the tax roll. All Assessor Parcel Numbers of affected properties are listed in Resolution 24-038 accessible as a linked attachment on the agenda on the county commission's webpage [total delinquent amount of \$202,441.80]. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing.

Chair Hill asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Andriola, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 31 be adopted. Any and all Resolutions pertinent to Agenda Item 31 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

24-0404 **AGENDA ITEM 32** Public Hearing: To approve an Outdoor Festival Business License (pursuant to Washoe County Code Chapter 25 and related provisions) and associated license conditions for an application submitted by Red White and Tahoe Blue II, to hold a fireworks show on July 4, 2024, at the Incline Village Beach (APN: 127-280-01) on a barge in Lake Tahoe off the beach area. This permit is for spectator viewing of the show only. Set-up for traffic control will begin at 5:00 a.m. on July 4, 2024, and the fireworks event will occur from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Event take-down and cleanup will begin immediately following the fireworks show. A community clean-up day is scheduled for July 5th. Event organizers estimate 6,000 spectators. If approved, authorize the Director of the Planning and Building Division, Community Services Department to issue the license when all pre-event conditions have been met. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)

Chair Hill opened the public hearing. She asked if the Board desired a presentation on this agenda item, and it was determined that no presentation was needed. She commended the community and staff for coming together to make the event possible.

On the call for public comment, Mr. John Eppolito alleged that the Washoe County School District (WCSD) placed certain items last on an agenda so attendees would leave before the item was heard. He encouraged the Board to approve Agenda Item 32.

On motion by Commissioner Andriola, seconded by Vice Chair Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 32 be approved and authorized.

24-0405 **AGENDA ITEM 33** Public Comment.

Mr. Geoffrey Knell discussed Communism and claimed communist ideologies had infiltrated Washoe County. He mentioned God and quoted the Bible.

Chief Deputy District Attorney (CDDA) Mary Kandaras called for a point of order and cautioned people about the use of hate speech which was not protected under the First Amendment. She opined the Board had given people a lot of latitude during their comments regarding homosexuality and asserted it bordered on hate speech.

Ms. Sandee Tibbett discussed comments made by Commissioner Garcia during the meeting. Ms. Tibbett asserted she was part of a community group that did not want drag queen story hour (DQSH) in the publicly funded libraries. She declared they were not a hate group and that they would not comment about DQSH if it stopped being hosted in the libraries. She mentioned that the Reno Punk Rock Flea Market recently hosted DQSH, which her group was not bothered by because it was a private event. She believed people could do what they wanted in the privacy of their own homes or privately funded establishments. She alleged Deputy District Attorney (DDA) Herb Kaplan led the Library Board of Trustees (LBT) to believe they had no purview over the programs hosted in the libraries, and she wondered what the LBT was supposed to do if it did not oversee programming. CDDA Kandaras called for a point of order and asked Ms. Tibbett not to make personal attacks against County staff.

County Clerk Jan Galassini advised the Board she received an emailed public comment which was placed on file.

24-0406 **AGENDA ITEM 34** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Clark expressed appreciation towards the approval of the fireworks show at Lake Tahoe and said he would not be present as it was a heavily attended event. He reiterated his earlier request to know the cost of mailing 25,000 sample and mail-in ballots. He mentioned Ms. Katie Knepper's public comment regarding Safe Embrace. He recalled the Board approved a special use permit (SUP) for Safe Embrace on the condition that the organization meet with the surrounding neighbors on a regular basis to address community concerns. He divulged that he spoke with Safe Embrace's attorney to remind them of that condition, yet the organization still failed to meet with its neighbors. He reiterated his discussion about Mr. Roger Edward's public comment. He spoke about Ms. Joni Hammond's report of numerous ballots being sent out for deceased relatives and people who had moved residences. He addressed Mr. Jake Maynard and Ms. Lily Baran's comments about the Community Assistance Center (CAC). He remarked that he traveled to Miami, Florida, to learn how it addressed homelessness and thought Washoe County could learn from Miami's model. He suggested the County turn the CAC into a facility that provided services to the unhoused community.

Commissioner Andriola wondered if the Board would receive an update on any progress made as a result of the Board's approval of its urban camping ordinance. She gave an update on the presentation given to the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board

(CAB) by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regarding sound panels that were installed incorrectly. She invited the public to visit NDOT's website and vote for their favorite applique design which would cover the existing panels. She asserted that the panels were still functional and the error was cosmetic.

Commissioner Garcia thanked the County staff and volunteers who helped process the election. She noted it was a tenuous and difficult job, and while there was always room for improvement, people's hard work should not be questioned.

Chair Hill wished everyone a happy Juneteenth and looked forward to the Canvass of the Vote.

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2:59 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.



ALEXIS HILL, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:



JANIS GALASSINI, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

Minutes Prepared by:
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EXHIBIT "C"

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From: Dustin Perez, Office Specialist
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Subject: Agenda for Posting, Board of County Commission Meeting

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Date: 5/19/24

PROOF OF POSTING

The undersigned Dosmo Perez hereby certifies that on 5/19/24 at approximately 8:30 am, I personally posted the **Board of County Commission** scheduled for 5/14/24 at the following locations:

- **Washoe County Administrative Complex**— 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, NV
- **Washoe County/Granicus Insite Website**— <https://washoe-nv.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- **State of Nevada Posting Site**— <https://notice.nv.gov/>


Signed: 
Title: Office Specialist

EXHIBIT "D"

(Attach Copy of Notice of June 18 Meeting)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION


Evonne Strickland
Washoe County Clerk's Office
1001 E 9Th ST # A
Reno NV 89512-2845

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

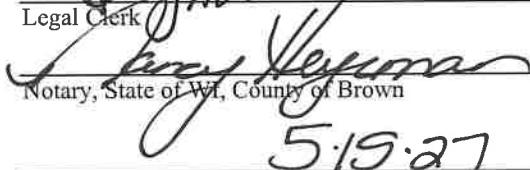
Being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That as the legal clerk of the Reno Gazette-Journal, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Reno, Washoe County, State of Nevada that the notice hereto annexed was Published in said newspapers in the issue:

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Legal Clerk



Notary, State of WI, County of Brown

5.19.27

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, will hold a public hearing at the County Commission Chambers, Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Building A, in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada on June 18, 2024, for the purpose of hearing the adoption of a proposed ordinance. Anyone wishing to provide comments may do so by appearing at the above-named time and place. You may also submit written comments by email to Washoe311@washoecounty.gov, by mail (1001 E. Ninth St., Reno, NV 89512), and by eComment at <https://washoe-nv.granicusideas.com/#>. Reasonable efforts will be made to include all such comments received by 4:00 p.m. one working day prior to the meeting in the record. The ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A FEE ON THE PARCELS OF LAND IN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA DISTRICT NO. 24 (GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION) TO PAY THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING AND CARRYING OUT A PLAN FOR REMEDIATION; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

DATED: May 14, 2024

**JANIS GALASSINI, Washoe County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners**

RJ-39459291

EXHIBIT "E"

(Attach Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Filing of Amendatory Ordinance)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION


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Washoe County Clerk's Office
1001 E 9Th ST # A
Reno NV 89512-2845

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

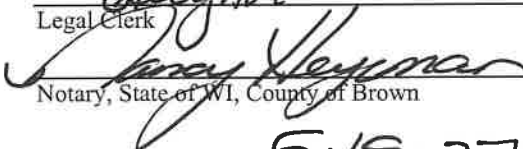
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
BILL NO. 1915
ORDINANCE NO. 1725
(of Washoe County, Nevada)

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that typewritten copies of the above-numbered and entitled Ordinance are available for public inspection and distribution at the office of the County Clerk of Washoe County, at her office in the County Administrative Complex in Reno, Nevada, and that such Ordinance was proposed by Commissioner Garcia on May 14, 2024, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County at a regular meeting held on June 18, 2024, by the following vote of the Board of County Commissioners:

Those Voting Aye:	Alexis Hill, Jeanne Herman, Michael Clark, Mariluz Garcia, Clara Andriola
Those Voting Nay:	None
Those Absent:	None

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 30th day of the month of June 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, Nevada, has caused this Ordinance to be published by title only.

DATED this June 18, 2024

JANIS GALASSINI, Washoe County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

RJ-39705237

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EXHIBIT "F"

(Attach Affidavit of Publication of Title of Amendatory Ordinance Twice)



Nevada/Utah
GANNETT

P.O. Box 677345, Dallas, TX 75267-7345

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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Washoe County Clerk's Office
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF BROWN

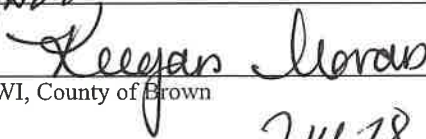
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