

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

JULY 18, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner*
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner*

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Terry Shea, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business with Commissioner Humke participating by telephone:

06-791 AGENDA

***2:08 p.m.** Commissioner Sferrazza arrived at the meeting.

In response to the call for public comments, Sam Dehne objected to citizens having two minutes and to the cameras not focusing on the speakers at the podium.

***2:10 p.m.** Commissioner Humke joined the meeting by telephone.

Gary Schmidt supported Mr. Dehne's comments about the two-minute rule and opposed approval of the agenda using that rule.

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the agenda for the July 18, 2006 meeting be approved with the following change: **Delete** - Item 17, Approval of a four-year agreement between Washoe County and Washoe Legal Services because it was acted on at the July 11, 2006 meeting.

06-792 INTRODUCTION OF NEW WASHOE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Chairman Larkin invited approximately 25 new Washoe County employees to come forward and introduce themselves to the Board. The Board members welcomed the new employees.

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**PRESENTATION – EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE
CERTIFICATES**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, recognized the first employee, Christine Conti, Program Coordinator, to successfully complete the Essentials of Management Development Certificate Program that was a part of the essential employee development courses administered by the Human Resources Department. Ms. Conti commented on the program and the support she received in completing it.

Lidia Osmetti, District Attorney's Office, stated this was a great program for managers; and she encouraged all managers to participate.

In response to the call for public comments, Sam Dehne gave kudos to Ms. Conti for the work she did and commented that the City of Reno had a similar program.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated, "The Chairman and the Board of County Commissioners intend that their proceedings should demonstrate the highest levels of decorum, civic responsibility, efficiency, and mutual respect between citizens and their government. Our system of democracy respects the right of citizens to present differing opinions and views, even criticism, but our democracy cannot function effectively in an environment of personal attacks, slander, threat of violence, and willful disruption. To that end, the Nevada Open Meeting Law provides the authority for the Chair of a public body to maintain the decorum and to declare a recess, if needed, to remove any person who is disrupting the meeting. Notice is hereby provided of the intent of this body to preserve the decorum and remove anyone who disrupts the proceedings."

Guy Felton objected to the squandering of \$13.5 million of the taxpayers' money by losing the Ballardini Ranch lawsuit. He complained neither the Commissioners nor the District Attorney had apologized nor explained what happened.

Laura Carman, Hidden Valley Homeowners Association (HOA) representative, said the HOA was concerned about the global realignment of the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB's). She said the Southeast Truckee Meadows CAB was formed because citizens felt their concerns were being watered down when they were part of the West Truckee Meadows CAB, and they would like their CAB to remain viable.

Sam Dehne commented on the change in the public comment statement and on several campaigns in the upcoming election.

Gary Schmidt requested his comments be placed on the record in detail. He said the abuses of citizens to communicate with their elected officials and to express themselves were highlighted on his website. He then commenced reading excerpts from

an article from the *Sacramento News and Review* website concerning Mr. Al Hesson's removal from the Commission chambers, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he had received an e-mail from the President of the Washoe County Sheriff's Deputies Association requesting the Board review a personnel matter, which he requested be placed on an agenda.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, said there were a host of issues involved in that case, and the Sheriff's Office was dealing with it. She indicated she was also pursuing it with Steve Watson, Labor Relations Manager; and she requested it not be agendized at this point. Commissioner Sferrazza requested it be agendized. Ms. Singlaub said she would follow up with Commissioner Sferrazza because she wanted to be sure the grievance procedures embedded in the union contracts were respected.

Ms. Singlaub informed the Board of the early morning fire at Station 14, Damonte Ranch. She stated no one was hurt, and she explained what happened. She said staff was working to restore power, communications, and security to the station and to restaff it as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Humke commented Paul Wagner, Fire Chief, had indicated Station 16 would provide coverage, along with other stations in the vicinity of Damonte Ranch, until Station 14 was back in operation.

In response to the call for public comments during approval of the consent agenda, Gary Schmidt complained the consent agenda combined and rubberstamped half of the items on the agenda in one swoop.

06-795 MINUTES

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the minutes of the regular meetings of May 16 and 23, 2006 be approved.

06-796 EXPENDITURE – COMMISSION DISTRICT 1 SPECIAL FUNDING ACCOUNT – DIGITAL CAMERAS – SHERIFF

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated approval of this expenditure required the full Commission be present.

Chairman Larkin asked if this generous offer from Commissioner Galloway provided the Sheriff's Office with enough digital cameras.

Jim Lopey, Assistant Sheriff, replied the amount should be sufficient for the CSI unit, which would be receiving the cameras. He indicated he was not aware of

any additional need for cameras, but he would get an updated inventory and report back to the Commission.

Ms. Singlaub said she would work with Assistant Sheriff Lopey to address any urgent needs that should be brought forward outside of the budget process.

Commissioner Galloway discussed his decision to purchase digital cameras and how he decided where they should go.

In response to the call for public comments, Gary Schmidt stated this item should not be part of the consent agenda. He discussed what could be purchased for less than \$100. He felt the \$2,000 should be spent buying video cameras to be given to the public so they could video tape Sheriff's Deputies in the performance of their duties.

Upon recommendation of Julie Skow, Administrative Assistant II, through John Slaughter, Management Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the expenditure from the County Commission District 1 Special Funding Account in the amount of \$2,000 to the Sheriff's Office for the purchase of digital cameras to maximize the effectiveness of the Sheriff's patrol deputies be approved.

**06-797 AWARD OF BID – TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES -
BID NO. 2533-06 – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

This was the time to consider award of the bid for temporary employment services by the Purchasing Department on behalf of the Human Resources Department. The Notice to Bidders for receipt of sealed bids was published in the *Reno Gazette-Journal* on April 12, 2006. Proof was made that due and legal Notice had been given.

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Accountants Inc.	Accustaff
Adecco USA	Apple One Nevada
Applied Staffing Solutions LLC	Blue Ribbon Personnel Services
Career Choices	Command Center
Hire Dynamics	Link Technologies
Manpower Temporary Services	Robert Half Nevada Staff Inc. (dba OfficeTeam)
SOS Staffing Inc.	Spherion
STS Staffing & Temporary Services	Westaff

Upon recommendation of Charlene Collins, Buyer, through John Balentine, Purchasing and Contracts Administrator, and Joanne Ray, Human Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Bid No. 2533-06 for temporary employment services by the Purchasing Department on behalf of the Human Resources

Department be awarded to the following roster of qualified firms: Accountants Inc., Adecco USA, Applied Staffing Solutions LLC, Blue Ribbon Personnel Services, Career Choices, Hire Dynamics, Manpower Temporary Services, SOS Staffing, Inc., Spherion, Westaff, and Robert Half Nevada Staff, Inc. It was further ordered that the Purchasing and Contracts Administrator be authorized to execute agreements with the specified agencies, on a requirements basis for a two-year period commencing August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2008 with an option to renew for one additional, one-year period at the discretion of the County.

**06-798 RENEWAL – M/A-COM INC. – EDACS FX SOFTWARE
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – WASHOE COUNTY
REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM – PUBLIC WORKS**

Upon recommendation of Craig Harrison, Telecommunications Manager, through Tom Gadd, Public Works Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the renewal of the EDACS FX Software Maintenance Agreement with M/A-Com Inc. in the amount of \$92,700 for support of the Washoe County Regional Communications Center (WCRCS) be approved. It was noted that sufficient funding was available in the WCRCS Operation and Maintenance Budget (IN 20261-710210) for fiscal year 2006/07.

**06-799 RENEWAL – INTERLOCAL INTERIM AGREEMENT – STOREY
COUNTY – SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM – SENIOR
SERVICES**

Upon recommendation of Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, through John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Interlocal Interim Agreement between Washoe County and Storey County to provide a Senior Nutrition Program through the Department of Senior Services effective retroactive from May 5, 2006 through April 3, 2007 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

**06-800 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – JUVENILE
DRUG/ALCOHOL REHABILITATION SERVICES – DISTRICT
COURT**

In response to Chairman Larkin, Shelia Leslie, Second Judicial Court Specialty Courts Coordinator, replied Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) was the trend. Chairman Larkin said he understood the team delivering this service needed to be at the masters-level or higher, and there should be at least a doctoral-level individual supervising the program. Ms. Leslie indicated she was not aware that doctoral-level supervision was needed.

Dr. Joe Haas, Juvenile Services Psychologist, indicated there was a supervisor position contained in the grant proposal. He stated the MDFT group being

worked with was comfortable with a masters-level licensed therapist or with a masters-level person prepared in substance abuse counseling supervising the program. Dr. Haas said he had oversight over the grant and would be involved in it but not at the clinical level.

Chairman Larkin said he understood it had to encompass the individual's entire sphere of influence for this to work. Dr. Haas said a strong hallmark of the program was that a full-time therapist assistant position would coordinate activities with schools, recreational activities, peer choices, and vocational situations, including reaching out to the entire system involving the family. He stated there was also involvement with an incredible amount of other systems and professionals.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Ms. Leslie stated the amount typically was \$40,000 that was split between two agencies last year. She said there was a five percent increase for this contract period bringing it up to \$42,000, and the entire amount was being awarded to this contract because Sagewind had closed its doors. Chairman Larkin asked if there would be an add-on increase required next year. Ms. Leslie said Juvenile Drug Court was supported by AB 29 funds, which she did not anticipate changing.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Leslie, through Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Professional Services Agreement between Washoe County, through the District Court, and Quest Counseling and Consulting, Inc. effective retroactive from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 for Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$42,000 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

**06-801 DONATION – ELMO PRESENTATION DEVICES, PROJECTOR,
AND PORTABLE VIEWING DEVICES – ASSOCIATION OF
DEFENSE COUNSEL – DISTRICT COURT**

Upon recommendation of John Powell, General Jurisdiction Division Assistant Court Administrator, through Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the donation of two Elmo presentation devices, projector, and portable view devices with an approximate value of \$16,000 from the Association of Defense Counsel be accepted for use by the Second Judicial District Court in trial proceedings with the gratitude of the Board.

**06-802 JUNE 2006 STATUS REPORT – TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD
MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Upon recommendation of Naomi Duerr, Truckee River Flood Management Project Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by

Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the June 2006 status report for the Truckee River Flood Management Project be accepted.

06-803 2006 SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT – HOT AUGUST NIGHTS, INC. – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

In response to the call for public comments, Sam Dehne said he was confused about Hot August Nights, Inc. giving the County \$15,000 in exchange for advertising and sponsorship consideration because it was normally the other way around.

Upon recommendation of Kathy Carter, Community Relations Director, through Katy Singlaub, County Manager, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Sponsorship Agreement between Washoe County and Hot August Nights, Inc., which provides revenues to the County in the amount of \$15,000 in exchange for advertising and promotional opportunities associated with sponsorship status for the 2006 event, be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

06-804 APPOINTMENTS – WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that Rick N. Smith and Glen R. Copeland, Jr. be appointed to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with terms ending on July 1, 2009.

06-805 INTRASTATE INTERLOCAL CONTRACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC AGENCIES – GRANTS THROUGH NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM (WHPP) – WATER RESOURCES

Upon recommendation of Jeanne Ruefer, Planning Division Manager, through Steve Bradhurst, Water Resources Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Humke, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the two Intrastate Interlocal Contracts Between Public Agencies for grants through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Wellhead Protection Program (WHPP), to develop and implement a WHPP for the County's Spanish Springs Valley Water System and update the WHPP for the Lemmon Valley, South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District, Hidden Valley, and Mount Rose water systems, be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same.

**FUNDING AIRPORT SHUTTLE – RENO-TAHOE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND INCLINE VILLAGE/
CRYSTAL BAY – DISTRICT 1 SPECIAL FUNDING ACCOUNT –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, stated approval of this expenditure required the full Commission be present.

Commissioner Galloway said he wanted the funds available for a longer period conditional on the project having received sufficient pledges to continue with the pilot. He asked if there had been any communication between management and other parties that indicated 60 days was enough, and he asked if he could he make it less restrictive under this agenda. He stated approximately \$82,000 was needed, and he would hate to find out there was no time to redo this if the money became available in 90 days. Ms. Singlaub said she had confirmed with Legal Counsel that the Board could make it any time frame.

Mike Harper said he was the Board's appointee to the Tahoe Transportation District, and he was speaking in his capacity as Chair. He said the Board would be making a decision in early September to let a contract. He felt 60 days should be adequate, and it appeared funding would be complete by the end of the month.

Commissioner Galloway described the pilot program and concluded he hoped it would be self-sustaining after this year if the project proved viable.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Mr. Harper indicated the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) had indicated there would be funds available upon permission of Chairman Larkin and Commissioner Humke. He said staff was working with Commissioner Humke to ensure a contributor within his District would agree to provide funds. He said the amount had yet to be determined because the contributor had to work with its corporate office, but staff felt confident the funds would be forthcoming.

Commissioner Galloway thanked the two Commissioners on the RTC for arranging the additional support by the RTC. He said this showed the people at the Lake that the County cared about the route. He said Placer County was already doing this and was offering Washoe County the opportunity to piggyback on a lot of the overhead expenses they were already paying. He felt this was the biggest bargain he had seen in a long time, which was why he appreciated other Commissioners allowing RTC to participate in the pilot program.

In response to the call for public comments, Sam Dehne said he supported the project. He hoped the same would be done for all of the local airports as soon as they started getting scheduled airline service because he felt that would take pressure off of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport. He complained the Reno-Tahoe International Airport should fund the project because the airport benefited from it.

Commissioner Galloway said the Airport Authority of Washoe County was asked to donate, but it was the opinion of the airport manager that it was inadvisable.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the \$5,000 allocation from the fiscal year 2006/07 District 1 Constituents Funds (100101) to the Tahoe Transportation District, to contribute to the funding of an airport shuttle between the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and Incline Village/Crystal Bay, be approved conditional on receiving sufficient pledges of revenue to fund the pilot program and on those pledges being forthcoming within 90 days from the date of this approval.

06-807 RESOLUTIONS – CREATING DISTRICT 3 CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) – MODIFYING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOUTHEAST AND WEST TRUCKEE MEADOWS CAB’S – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Galloway discussed his concerns with the boundaries shown on the maps as identified in the staff report dated June 21, 2006.

Commissioner Sferrazza said the Sun Valley and North Valleys Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB’s) would remain just as they were; and there would be no adjustment of the boundaries, which was partly at Commissioner Weber’s request. Also at her request, the people who lived in his District in the North Valleys CAB area would be eligible to serve on the District 3 CAB. He agreed with the request because his District did have unincorporated County in that portion.

Commissioner Weber said overlapping CAB’s were not done in other areas. She asked if there was a policy that needed to be changed.

Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, stated he was aware there had been agreement that there might be cooperation on appointments for the Sun Valley and North Valleys CAB’s. He said there was a current policy that an individual could not be appointed to two CAB’s. He suggested staff bring forward to the Board any clarification of existing policies dealing with appointments. Chairman Larkin asked if other policies were being established with the creation of the District 3 CAB. Mr. Freund said staff believed this item was ready to go forward. Chairman Larkin said he did not want to see an expectation established that someone could be appointed to both CAB’s. Mr. Freund said eight applications had been received for the District 3 CAB. He felt the one outstanding issue could be clarified before the Board made those appointments.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Mr. Freund said some limited areas of boundary overlap were being established; but he saw it as an exception rather than creation of a policy because the CAB’s followed the planning area boundaries in this case.

Commissioner Galloway said his understanding was the resolution would not establish the membership policies, and he did not see why this item could not proceed. He personally disliked the idea of one person having a vote on two CAB's. Terry Shea, Legal Counsel, advised the resolution could always be changed.

After a lengthy discussion about district boundaries, Mr. Freund said he would verify the District 3 boundaries were correct on the official maps. He commented on the proposal that had been brought before the Board regarding reorganizing the CAB boundaries to better align them with district boundaries or with planning areas. He said this item did not affect that larger proposal but only dealt with the creation of the District 3 CAB.

Commissioner Weber suggested staff bring back to the Board what was being discussed because it appeared there were still some issues that needed to be looked at. She understood Commissioner Sferrazza wanted to move forward with his CAB but felt two or three more weeks would not be too much of a delay.

Commissioner Sferrazza said the CAB had been advertised, and people had applied that were anticipating a decision by this Board. He believed this map was consistent with what had been discussed with the possible exception of a problem between Commissioner Galloway and Commissioner Humke with respect to the West Truckee Meadows CAB. He said Bob Webb, Planning Manager, checked the minutes in detail; and the maps were consistent with what happened at that meeting. He said Sun Valley and North Valleys could be taken out of the District 3 CAB so there would not be any overlap, but that was not what was decided at a previous meeting. He felt this was changing the Board's position, which he did not feel comfortable with.

Chairman Larkin stated language was included about serving on one or both of the CAB's that the Commission had not debated. He said the staff report indicated Commissioner Sferrazza's target date for the first meeting of his CAB was October 18th, so there was time to get this right. Commissioner Sferrazza said any language changes should be done today.

Commissioner Weber felt the best situation would be to continue this item and bring it back for CAB discussion or for Commissioner Sferrazza to share with those who had applied that there was a possibility there would be no overlapping.

Mr. Freund said it was not embodied in these resolutions to establish the policy for service on more than one CAB. He said the Board had full discretion on the establishment of the CAB boundaries, which traditionally followed the County planning areas and not district boundaries except in the loosest sense.

Commissioner Sferrazza said it would be great to get input from the CAB's between now and then to know what they wanted.

In response to the call for public comments, Gary Schmidt felt the Board was losing sight of the function of the CAB's. He suggested CAB's should not be related to Commission Districts. He stated the entire County should be divided into neighborhoods and the CAB members should be elected. Sam Dehne agreed with Mr. Schmidt that people should be elected to Neighborhood Advisory Boards and CAB's.

Commissioner Weber said the next meeting of the Sun Valley CAB was on August 12, 2006 and the next North Valleys CAB meeting was on August 14, 2006, and this should be an agenda item at both of those meetings. She suggested this be brought back at the August 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Sferrazza stated what was proposed was totally opposite to what Mr. Schmidt characterized this as. He said this would allow people that live within the boundaries of the West Truckee Meadows CAB or the Southeast Truckee Meadows CAB, but within the incorporated city, to serve on a CAB. He resented Mr. Schmidt's implication this would reduce the opportunity for people to serve. He reiterated it would have absolutely no impact on the Sun Valley CAB, which would continue to exist as it is today as would the North Valleys CAB.

Chairman Larkin said the Commission took citizen involvement very seriously, and any realignment would be given due diligence and consideration because it was an extremely important component of any decision this Commission makes.

On motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried it was ordered that the resolution to create a District 3 Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) and the resolutions modifying the geographic areas of responsibility of the Southeast Truckee Meadows CAB and the West Truckee Meadows CAB be referred back to staff with direction to come back for a final vote with a change in the West Truckee Meadows boundary to exclude District 2 with respect to District 3. It was further ordered that staff also come back with an option on whether or not to have overlapping boundaries in the North Valleys CAB and the Sun Valley CAB and to vote on whether or not to have dual membership in the CAB's.

**06-808 APPEARANCES – MICHAEL THOMAS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WESTERN NEVADA AND
MARIETTA BOBBA, SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Eric Young, Planner, said there were many initiatives being discussed throughout the community on affordable housing. He said staff would be coming before the Board for policy decisions on allocating public funds towards these housing initiatives over the next few years.

Mr. Young said a lot of people had wanted to participate today, but two were picked because of time constraints; and he named some of the others in attendance. He explained today's appearances would develop the context of what would be coming before the Board in the next few years, which was the efficient and effective expenditure

of public funds. He reiterated the Board would have to decide how to spend limited funds on a variety of issues, and it was felt housing was one of the most efficient and effective places to put public funds because it had a sweeping affect on other services provided by the County. He said the Board's decisions leveraging public funds could help build overall community wealth, which would lessen the need to spend public funds on other services.

Michael Thomas, Economic Development Agency of Western Nevada (EDAWN) Resource Management Director, said he represented a lot of people that had been working on this issue. He stated EDAWN was an economic development organization, and he explained EDAWN's mission and the Target 2010 project. He said that project ensured economic development efforts were going after companies that would continue to enhance the region's quality of life and to balance the impacts of rapid growth. He said the project assessed the region's assets and addressed the disparity between income and the growing cost of living.

Mr. Thomas said the first step in the project was to take an extensive strategic approach by looking at the data and doing an analysis of what was shaping the region's economic picture, and he described how that was done. He stated the top concerns identified were affordable housing and the cost of living, and he discussed the definitions of affordable housing. He said the report identified the cost of living as being 13 percent above the national average, median wages were 10 percent below the national average, and housing prices increased 80 percent since 1999 in the studied region. He stated the National Association of Homebuilders estimated only 17.4 percent of households could afford to buy a house at a median family income of \$62,800. He discussed the outside forces that were driving part of the housing boom. He explained the housing prices kept the young professionals required by the target companies out of the housing market.

Mr. Thomas said this issue was not just about affordable housing because there was a direct impact on the economy that was very widespread. He applauded the effort by staff from the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks to bring the many stakeholders to the table. He said some of the best solutions came from the public where this had been done in another area. He stated homebuilders were out to make a profit, and there was profit in affordable housing. He concluded there was no simple answer, but he applauded the efforts to look at this issue regionally and hopefully come up with a win-win solution. He said EDAWN wanted to be a facilitator along with other groups to bring the private sector into the discussion.

Marietta Bobba, Senior Services Director, conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the concerns of seniors and the strategic plan for seniors as approved by the Commission, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Bobba felt there was an opportunity for an economy of scale with a casino conversion into condominiums because the conversions created single housing units with a bathroom and a kitchen.

Commissioner Galloway asked if anything could be done to improve the lifespan of a mobile home and the security concerns with the mobile home park so there would be some resale value. Ms. Bobba said she did not have the expertise to comment.

Chairman Larkin said much of this issue was market driven, and the three entities were seeking a common strategy on how to approach it. He indicated part of that strategy had to include the development community.

Mr. Young commented it was all market driven, and any rules and regulations would become a component of how the market worked. He said, according to his colleagues in the non-profit sector, the market was a cold unfeeling place that did not care whether or not someone could afford a house. He stated developers say they build what the market wants; but, in studying other jurisdictions, there was often no knowledge of what that really was. He said the products on the market were often there because of the skill set of the developers and because there was a market for them, but it did not mean there was no market for other products. Mr. Young said, to find the full range of products that could be developed, a market analysis had to be done with the businesses taking the risk to build the products. He said the proposed market study would provide full market knowledge, which might indicate there was a broader market for products.

Mr. Young indicated Community Development was working to rebalance the equation between incentive and regulation. He explained the Development Code was very regulation based; and they were finding, as portions of the Code were updated, that developers were willing to do things if there was some incentive to help them balance any risk. He said the goal was to become more incentive rather than regulation based.

**06-809 ACCEPTANCE – CHARLES SCHWAB BANK COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE GRANT**

Eric Young, Planner, indicated the Housing Element was required by State statute, but it had not been updated nor used since its inception. He explained the goal of the update was to make it a policy tool used to make housing decisions. He said a good example was the adoption of the strategic plan for seniors. He said the housing parts of that plan could be made actionable through the Housing Element.

Mr. Young indicated this was not just a County issue. He said the three jurisdictions had been cooperating at the staff level to update the area plans, and each jurisdiction had pursued and been awarded a grant from the Charles Schwab Bank for \$20,000. He stated the City of Sparks had hired a consultant to do their update. He explained staff wanted to meet with the consultant to gage whether or not the consultant had the ability to do two more updates for \$40,000 with the support services they would get from the City of Reno and the County. He felt looking at this regionally made a lot of sense because the housing market does not pay a lot of attention to jurisdictional boundaries. He said staff was requesting the Board's direction to pursue that concept to have one consultant do all three updates to create documents that were specific to each

jurisdiction but were coordinated with each other to get a regional perspective on the housing issue.

In response to the call for public comments, Sam Dehne said there should be a two-minute clock on staff and appearances. He commented on this grant and felt he should be on one of the committees to investigate what was happening regarding senior housing. Gary Schmidt said builders build what returned the greatest profit, not what had the greatest need. He stated land use policies had a tremendous impact on development, and he commented on those policies.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Young, through Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Community Development Capacity Building Initiative Grant award from the Charles Schwab Bank in the amount of \$20,000 be accepted and the Finance Department be directed to make the following adjustments:

Account	Description	Amount
Revenue:		
IO pending – 484000	Donations, Contributions - Operating	\$20,000
Expenditure:		
IO pending – 710100	Professional Services	\$20,000

It was further ordered that staff be directed to pursue an update of the Washoe County Comprehensive Plan Housing Element while coordinating with similar efforts in the cities of Sparks and Reno to the greatest degree possible, and to use the Board’s discussion of this agenda item as a guide for participating in current local housing initiatives.

4:10 p.m. The Board took a brief recess.

4:29 p.m. The Board reconvened without Commissioner Humke participating by telephone.

06-810 APPEARANCE – CHUCK ALVEY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF WESTERN NEVADA (EDAWN)

Chuck Alvey, Economic Development Agency of Western Nevada (EDAWN) President and Chief Executive Officer, indicated another record was generated this past year. He said the economic impact goal was \$305 million with a stretch goal of \$329 million. He stated companies were assisted to the tune of \$330 million. He said 51 percent of that impact was from companies expanding, which meant the companies were already here, paying taxes, and employing people. He explained those companies were being helped to grow their businesses even before doing any recruitment. He commented he was pleased with the several hundred thousand dollars in new money from the private sector, which meant it was supporting the type of progress

and success EDAWN was having. He said there was also improvement with the region's image as being a great place to do business.

Mr. Alvey explained the goal of Target 2010 was to make sure this would still be the kind of place we all wanted to live in even with the growth and the economic impact happening in the next 10 to 20 years. He thanked Chairman Larkin, Katy Singlaub, County Manager, and John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, for their participation.

Mr. Alvey stated the vendor, AngelouEconomics, was asked to create a model that allowed for a survey of the community to find out what companies were doing to give back beyond creating jobs. He said a model was formulated, which was still being shaped, that would help determine the benchmark in the community for doing that. He explained ways would be found to help companies expand or come here while stepping up to the plate to meet needs in the community. He stated this would help take some pressure off of the County in providing services. He discussed the components available on the Target 2010 project web site. Mr. Alvey said on Monday, July 24th, AngelouEconomics would submit its final draft of the action plan on what should be done to move forward. He discussed the six types of target industries where efforts would be focused and the groups that could help obtain the skilled workers those industries would need. He indicated 41 percent of the companies attracted to the area last year were already from the targeted industries.

Chairman Larkin thanked EDAWN for its efforts. He commented on the efforts to attract corporate headquarters and design groups, which typically require office space. He asked if EDAWN had started work on the next phase, which was working with the local municipalities and Community Development's planning partners on understanding their roles in the overall economic mix.

4:37 p.m. Commissioner Humke rejoined the meeting by telephone.

Mr. Alvey said briefings were being done to keep people informed. He felt they were open to having close relationships with local governments, developers, realtors, and others in the area; and EDAWN was working closely with area brokers and developers to provide needed office space. He said part of fulfilling that need was trying to create more downtown and high-rise opportunities and part might be some retrofitting and some infill. He said most of the office projects had been small with the manufacturing projects being larger.

**06-812 APPEARANCE – ERIN DIXON – IMPACT OF TOBACCO
PREVENTION IN WASHOE COUNTY – DISTRICT HEATH**

Michelle Kling, Community and Clinical Health Services Division Director, said the impact of tobacco use and the associated chronic diseases on the health and economy of our community was so great that the District Board of Health had selected chronic disease prevention as a top priority.

Erin Dixon, District Health Tobacco Program Coordinator, said the program's mission was to empower the community to be tobacco free, live active lifestyles, and eat nutritiously. She said all of the program's activities were based on the Center for Disease Control's recommended goals. She conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the impact of tobacco prevention in Washoe County, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Dixon said the District Health Department supported the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act initiative. She stated currently no local government had any authority over tobacco use and exposure, but the initiative would provide local control. She encouraged the Board to use the tobacco program group as a resource and thanked everyone for their support.

Commissioner Galloway asked if both the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act and the Responsibly Protect Nevadans from Second Hand Smoke initiatives could pass. Ms. Dixon said she understood it would be the one with the most votes that would become law, but neither initiative would actually change the Nevada Constitution based on the legal advice she had been given.

**06-813 RENEWAL – EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION
INSURANCE POLICY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY –
RISK MANAGEMENT**

Upon recommendation of Jim Jeppson, Risk Manager, through John Sherman, Finance Director, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Risk Manager be authorized to renew the Excess Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy with Midwest Employers Casualty Company for one year with a premium not to exceed \$170,000 and to the renew the Property Insurance Policy with Affiliated FM Insurance Company for one year with a premium of \$391,680 plus a \$10,000 engineering fee.

**06-814 RESOLUTION – GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT – RESTART –
SUB-GRANT LOW INCOME HOUSING TRUST FUNDS –
MANAGEMENT SERVICES/GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR**

Upon recommendation of Gabrielle Enfield, Grants Administrator, through John Slaughter, Management Services Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Grant Program Contract with Restart to sub-grant Low Income Housing Trust Funds in the amount of \$272,870 with a 10 percent cash match of \$27,287 for fiscal year 2006/07 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same. It was further ordered that Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the following resolution necessary for the same:

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Money to a Private Nonprofit Organization

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a board of county commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the county and that a board may make a grant of money to a private organization, not for profit, to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County has determined that a certain amount of money is available for fiscal year 2006-2007 for community support grants, which grants will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of Washoe County and which are made to private nonprofit organizations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board hereby grants to Restart Inc., a private, nonprofit organization, a grant for fiscal year 2006-2007 in the amount of \$300,157 (\$272,870 LIHTF 10% cash match \$27,287) (Community Support).
2. The purpose of the grant, the maximum amount to be expended from the grant and the conditions and limitations upon the grant are set forth in the Grant Program Contract, which Contract is placed on file with the Clerk.

06-815 **REVIEW – RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS – SURPRISE AND EAGLE LAKE FIELD OFFICES OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Bill Whitney, Senior Planner, said the County was being asked to provide comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on two separate draft Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS's) for the Surprise and Eagle Lake Field Offices in accordance with the County's status of a cooperating agency. He stated copies of the documents were available at the BLM web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/pa/planning/landuseplanning.html>. He discussed the map that indicated the BLM field offices, marked Map #1, which was placed on file with the Clerk, and the contents of the staff report, which included the staff's recommended comments.

Chairman Larkin asked if the EIS's covered the probable impacts the proposed wilderness designations would have on the Eagle Lake and Surprise areas. Mr. Whitney replied the EIS's covered managing those areas as de facto wilderness areas until they were either designated wilderness by congressional action or not. Chairman Larkin indicated they were excluded from mineral or geothermal development that would

compromise the wilderness status. Mr. Whitney said that was generally a correct statement.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Mr. Whitney explained the lighter yellow area on Map #1 indicated BLM land and the darker yellow and the hatched areas were wilderness study areas or areas recommended suitable for wilderness. Commissioner Galloway said he was concerned about creating a wilderness area and tying up vital resources that could be needed later. He theorized, if wilderness was taken out of the private sector and could be put back in by some decree of national emergency, it could be given non-competitively to someone that was politically favored.

Chairman Larkin asked if the Board was tacitly approving or endorsing these as wilderness areas by forwarding the comments, which would be contrary to his intent. Mr. Whitney said the Board was not doing that. He said the EIS does not designate any area for wilderness but does talk about the impacts.

Commissioner Humke said he was concerned about what a wilderness designation meant, and it was something that had to be considered very carefully.

In response to the call for public comments, Gary Schmidt requested his comments be placed on the record in great detail. He said he generally echoed some of Commissioner Galloway's comments. He felt that there was plenty of open space, even though a lot of it was not accessible, and plenty of wildernesses available in the State. He believed there was not enough private land left, while some key pieces of land that were privately held should be held publicly. He said any land that went into public ownership in Nevada should have a double reciprocal amount that went from public to private ownership. He commented on the alleged Open Meeting Law violation because his copy of the map was not in color. Chairman Larkin asked if he had any more comments on the item. Mr. Schmidt replied he was giving a reason why the item should be continued, which was because of the Open Meeting Law violation. He asserted the map was not in color making the legend meaningless. He said, as a member of the public, he was entitled to review the map and make comments on it. He stated, absent thereof, the Board was obligated to continue the matter until compliance with the Open Meeting Law. He placed on file with the Clerk, a black and white copy of the map along with Page 1 of the staff report that indicated a copy of the Planning Commission comments would be available. He complained the comments were not available.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Mr. Whitney said a cooperating agency was involved from the beginning, was invited to the meetings, had input into what would be looked at and analyzed in the EIS; but comments were submitted just like an individual's comments. Chairman Larkin asked if any individual could go to the BLM web site and access this information in the same manner as it was being presented to the Board. Mr. Whitney replied that was correct, and comments could be submitted until July 7, 2006 on the draft EIS's.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Terry Shea, Legal Counsel, stated there was no reason not to forward the comments. He saw no violation that would preclude that.

Commissioner Galloway said the purpose of the map was to indicate the different districts, which could be identified on a black and white copy. Chairman Larkin reiterated this map was not a portion of the review.

Commissioner Weber thanked Mr. Whitney for his efforts.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Whitney, through Adrian Freund, Community Development Director, on motion by Commissioner Sferrazza, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried, Chairman Larkin ordered that staff be directed to forward to the Bureau of Land Management the County Commission and Planning Commission comments contained in the staff report on the adequacy and accuracy of two individual updates to the Resource Management Plans for the Surprise and Eagle Lake Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management, in accordance with the County's status as a "cooperating agency."

**06-816 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – ADULT DRUG
COURT REHABILITATION SERVICES – BRISTLECONE
FAMILY RESOURCES – DISTRICT COURT**

In response to Chairman Larkin, Sheila Leslie, Second Judicial District Court Specialty Courts Coordinator, said there were three years under one Request for Proposal (RFP), but this was the first year under the new RFP with a three-year cycle. Chairman Larkin commented on the dollars. Ms. Leslie stated it served approximately 264 people each year, and 46 percent of the cost was recouped. She confirmed an individual could only go through the program once.

Chairman Larkin asked if it was known how well the program worked. Ms. Leslie said a full recidivism study had not been done in the last four years, only little sections of it, because of the lack of funding and time to work with the District Attorney's Office to run all of the names. She stated previous studies indicated about 80 percent of individuals in the County do not re-offend for two years after graduation from the program. She said between 70-80 percent of the people graduate. She stated a majority of participants did not complete the program within 12 months, so it was extended to 18 months for most. Ms. Leslie believed it would be worthwhile to conduct a re-offend study. She stated the cost would depend on the level of the study conducted. She said drug courts work, and there was a vast amount of literature to back that up. She indicated the County used the standard drug court model. She said there was a general feeling among the professionals in the field that it was not necessary to continue doing that type of study, but she would love to see a local study.

Chairman Larkin said one study was done four years ago to initiate the program, and it was probably time to do another to check its pulse. Ms. Leslie said she

would like to collaborate with the University to do a more in-depth study. She indicated she would be willing to look into what it would take to do that.

Commissioner Galloway felt, with the program being 18 months, there was some anecdotal evidence the study worked better if it covered a longer period of time. He stated he would like to see if the mix of drugs was different and if the recidivism was the same for different drugs. Ms. Leslie said her experience indicated there had been a move towards methamphetamine, which was why treatment took longer.

In response to Commissioner Galloway, Ms. Leslie said the RFP went through Purchasing. She said she, Senior Judge Archie Blake, and Judge Peter Breen reviewed the proposals. Commissioner Galloway asked if there would be any objection to having the County represented. Ms. Leslie said she had no objection, and it was an excellent idea.

Commissioner Weber indicated she would like to see a study done. She said the National Association of Counties (NACo) said this was a big issue for them, and maybe something could be worked out with the University or even NACo to provide for some studies. Ms. Leslie reiterated there had been many national studies on the drug court model but to do one on the local model would be extremely helpful. She said she would talk to the judges about putting together a proposal with the Budget Office regarding the possible level of study and the cost.

Commissioner Humke suggested finding a legislator to carry a message to the Legislature since these were AB 29 specialty court monies. He believed it would be a valid expenditure of those monies to fund the cost of a study instead of funding it from the County's General Fund.

In response to the call for public comments, Juanita Cox supported the program but mentioned a drug that stopped the craving and the benefits it provided. She also discussed what she felt were problems with the methadone program.

Ms. Leslie said methadone users were not allowed to participate in the Adult Drug Court program, and she was not familiar with the drug Ms. Cox mentioned.

Upon recommendation of Ms. Leslie, through Ron Longtin, District Court Administrator, on motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Sferrazza, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Professional Services Agreement retroactive from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 between Washoe County, the Second Judicial District Court, and Bristlecone Family Resources for Adult Drug Court Rehabilitation Services in the amount of \$523,908 be approved and Chairman Larkin be authorized to execute the same. It was further ordered that staff be directed to obtain a thorough research based review of the effectiveness of the Adult Drug Court program using all possible funding sources including any authorized by the Legislature.

Don Cavallo, Public Administrator, said he understood the bill being proposed by staff would be sent to the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) for its sponsorship. He explained Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 146.070 and 253.0403 deal with the administration of small estates. He stated he wanted to add language authorizing a fee for a personal representative and/or for an attorney to file a petition under NRS 146.070 for estates not exceeding \$75,000. He said NRS 253.0403 was for estates not exceeding \$20,000, and it had the same problem.

Sergeant Tim Kuzanek, Sheriff's Office, said the bill draft request cleaned up language in NRS 211.240 regarding the early release of prisoners. He stated it would change Section 3 to state, "exceeds the operational capacity of the jail" instead of "the number of beds available in the jail." He explained a nationally recognized standard for classifying inmates was used that was based on gender and a number of other issues, which ultimately ensured the safety of inmates and staff.

In response to Chairman Larkin, Sergeant Kuzanek explained genders could not be mixed regardless of capacity, which was why the wording needed to be changed.

Commissioner Galloway asked if it was expected the change would make this situation more or less frequent. Commander Todd Vinger, Sheriff's Office, replied the change would not affect the length of time or how often it was used because it just cleared up the language. Commissioner Galloway felt operational capacity could have the same problem. Commander Vinger said operational capacity was considered jail wide and was not broken down by gender and so on, and he discussed the study that was completed in May 2003. Commissioner Galloway said he was concerned about how limited the bill was, and he enumerated some of those concerns. He stated this would not help if the County got into a real crisis, which he did not anticipate happening. He asked if the law needed to be more flexible in other respects besides this one but indicated he was not opposed to the requested change.

Commissioner Humke asked if the bill would have population cutoffs so the legislation would only affect counties in the same class as Washoe County. Commander Vinger replied it would be a general application bill.

In response to the call for public comments, Gary Schmidt felt there should be a bill draft request submitted to modify the three percent tax cap to two percent; and he objected to taxpayer dollars being spent lobbying against tax reform as was done by the County Commission during the last legislative session. He said the modification should include second homes along with rental and commercial properties. He stated, if taxpayer dollars were spent, it should be decided during open public hearings.

Chairman Larkin asked if there had been any meeting in the Caucus room in the last six months that involved this Commission relative to items that would come before the Legislature. Katy Singlaub, County Manager, replied there had been none that involved the County Commissioners, only department heads that were discussing bill draft requests. She said she did not know where the idea these meetings had happened came from.

Commissioner Galloway discussed his efforts to obtain a tax cap and stated he had never voted to oppose one. He said he was not aware the Commission voted to oppose a cap or authorized any lobbying activity to do so. Ms. Singlaub said there was not nor had there been any effort in Washoe County government to oppose a property tax cap. Commissioner Galloway felt he had to address something when it did not happen, and this was misrepresented.

REPORTS/UPDATES FROM COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS

5:40 p.m. Commissioner Humke said he had nothing new to report and hung up.

Commissioner Weber reported on attending the open house at the Lawlor Events Center for the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency and thanked the Governing Board for putting on the open house.

Chairman Larkin commented on attending a performance of the Spanish Harlem Orchestra, which was part of Artown. He said he was impressed with the quality of talent Artown was bringing into the area. He reminded everyone that on July 20th there would be what he hoped was the first annual celebration of the living river concept held by the Flood Control Project at Cottonwood Park in the City of Sparks starting at 11:30 a.m.

Katy Singlaub, County Manager, indicated Commissioner Galloway would not be available to attend the Regional Planning Governing Board meeting on July 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Sferrazza said he would have to check his calendar.

Chairman Larkin reminded the Commissioners that on Monday, July 24th, there was a retreat to discuss strategic plan updates.

Commissioner Galloway felt a statement was required in the Regional Plan stating development or land uses were not allowed that significantly degraded public safety.

Commissioner Sferrazza said he would attend the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board and Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Finance meetings tomorrow but would not be able to attend the Fire Advisory Board meeting because of a date change to July 31st at 8:00 a.m. He asked if there was an alternate available. Commissioner Weber said she would have to check her calendar.

Ms. Singlaub said, to follow up with Commissioner Galloway's thoughts about public safety and the Regional Plan, that some time ago the Sheriff's Office was approached about getting involved in the technical advisory committee for the Regional Plan update. She stated a staff person was assigned to work on public safety issues in the Regional Plan. She said the Health Department had also been asked to assign someone.

06-818 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

06-818 A. Fully executed Interlocal Agreement for Provision of Water Services in Verdi, Nevada with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (BCC Meeting May 24, 2005, Item 05-541).

06-819 B. Resolution augmenting certain Washoe County School District Funds for fiscal year 2005/06

06-820 REPORT – MONTHLY (MAY 2006)

A. Clerk of the Court

06-821 REPORTS – BUDGET – 2006/07

A. Washoe County School District – Final

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5:48 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared by
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*