

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

JUNE 16, 2020

PRESENT:

Bob Lucey, Chair
Marsha Berkbigler, Vice Chair
Kitty Jung, Commissioner (via telephone)
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner (via Zoom)
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
Eric Brown, County Manager
Nathan Edwards, Deputy District Attorney (via Zoom)

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:08 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Chair Lucey noted Agenda Items 9, 10, and 11 would be pulled from the agenda and heard when the Chambers was reopened for the public to attend. He mentioned Agenda Item 16 was a public hearing which would be opened for public comment but no action would be taken; it would be continued to a future meeting.

20-0379 AGENDA ITEM 3 Public Comment.

A voicemail from Ms. Annemarie Grant was played in Chambers. She read the transcript of the recording of her brother Thomas Purdy's arrest and played part of the audio recording of the event. She asked for changes so other families would not face similar traumatic experiences.

County Clerk Nancy Parent read an email from Ms. Tammy Holt-Still. In it, Ms. Holt-Still said she opposed the meeting because the public was not allowed in Chambers. She noted the cost of the feasibility studies for Agenda Items 10 and 11 was almost \$300,000. She wondered whether spending that amount of money on words rather than actions was a wise decision. She noted the State had a shortfall of more than \$800 million dollars. She said Commissioner Herman's suggested actions for Swan Lake and Lemmon Valley were disregarded by the Board. She believed the Board was taking action because of Prado's and North Valley's investments. She spoke about the Commissioners' responsibilities to the residents who elected them.

As read by Ms. Parent, Mr. Daniel Purdy alleged his brother was hogtied and asphyxiated by Washoe County deputies and Reno police. He said local law

enforcement talked about accountability and transparency, but their own failures were not discussed. He mentioned Niko Smith and Justin Thompson, stating their cases were similar to George Floyd. He asked whether the Commissioners contacted the families of individuals who were shot and killed in the County. He noted the Board approved additional funds for body cameras and asked about the footage from those cameras.

Ms. Parent read an email from Ms. Carole Black. In it, Ms. Black stated the Board said a parking plan or ordinance would be developed to address traffic and parking issues in Incline Village (IV). She spoke about some of the steps taken to date. She said residents hoped to be able to comment on the plan or ordinance. She acknowledged COVID-19 took priority but the issues would resurface with reopening efforts. She mentioned traffic and parking at Tunnel Creek and East Lake Tahoe Trail were concerning to residents. She said the trail remained open with no social distancing controls. She cited a press release by the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) regarding the paid parking facilities near Tunnel Creek, which she asserted would encourage more visitors to the area. She acknowledged Washoe County and the TTD were separate but the County was responsible for parking regulations in IV. She urged the Board to help regulate parking, traffic, and safe visitor volumes.

20-0380 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Announcements/Reports.

County Manager Eric Brown thanked Governor Steve Sisolak for holding a closed session on June 12 to discuss topics of social justice in the wake of recent events in Reno and throughout the country. He said it was a productive discussion amongst community leaders. He found that the Governor and his team listened and some concrete next steps were established. He looked forward to sharing insights with the Commissioners individually.

Mr. Brown reported the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) had maintained an average of 850 daily COVID-19 (C19) tests as of June 1. He mentioned the WCHD performed 463 tests at the 9th Street testing post and 290 tests in Incline Village (IV) on Friday, June 12. A testing post was set up in Gerlach the prior week and a post would be established at Miguel Rivera Park the following week. He noted the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority performed in-home tests when needed and the WCHD continued testing in nursing homes and other high-risk facilities. He commended the WCHD for the progress they made. He said the WCHD was the second health district in the state in terms of testing, with approximately 8 percent of the County's population having been tested. He thought Clark County was just behind Washoe County, having tested seven percent of their population. He noted Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator Aaron Kenneston was agendized to provide an update on the Edison Housing Project, and Washoe County District Health Officer Kevin Dick was available to answer Commissioners' questions.

Vice Chair Berkbigler requested the Board consider using some of the C19 CARES Act Provider Relief Fund to help small local business. She noted some small businesses had not received any relief funds and she thought it would be beneficial for the

community if those businesses received aid to help them reopen. She knew that the City of Las Vegas and Clark County had started developing a similar plan, and she suggested the County could emulate it or develop its own rules. She wanted the Board to consider the suggestion as reopening plans progressed.

Commissioner Hartung agreed with Vice Chair Berkbigler's suggestion and noted he recommended a small business assistance fund a few weeks earlier. He thought the County could use the funds to help businesses with necessary modifications, such as plexiglass, so they could reopen. He said providing assistance funds would be beneficial for businesses and their employees.

Commissioner Hartung requested staff agendaize an item to discuss why Alexander Lake Road was closed. He understood the road was closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic because of safety issues. He thought it was important to articulate those concerns for the public.

Commissioner Jung thanked Mr. Brown for his leadership through the C19 crisis, his experience as a telehealth executive, and his insight into the social justice issues being faced by the community and the nation. She expressed appreciation for all the roles Mr. Brown had adopted. She reminded everyone in the community that being a better friend and neighbor was a patriotic act.

Chair Lucey reiterated Commissioner Hartung's request for an update on Alexander Lake Road to ensure people were recreating on a safe road, not a road with significant traffic from trucks that serviced the detention ponds for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility.

Chair Lucey agreed with Commissioner Jung's comments and noted the community had gone through a very interesting time which allowed for significant changes. He thought it was a catalyst to a new way of legislating and drafting laws. He said this ever-changing environment would require the mindful leaders making decisions to provide a safe environment for future generations.

Chair Lucey reported the majority of women who were sheltered at the Reno Events Center were moved to the Our Place facility, so there was currently a solid population of families and women at the facility. He said Our Place would be the new location for those individuals to access services. He commended Mr. Brown, Human Services Agency Director Amber Howell, Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas, the Washoe County Community Services Department, the District Attorney's Office, Governors Sisolak and Brian Sandoval, and everyone involved in the Our Place project. He noted the County proactively served individuals with programs like Crossroads, Sober 24, and the Our Place campus. He congratulated everyone involved on the massive achievement and said he looked forward to watching the program grow.

Vice Chair Berkbigler noted the issue of parking in IV had not been forgotten. County staff had been working with Incline Village General Improvement

District (IVGID) staff on possible boat parking in the ski resort parking lot. She said there were some technical and legal issues so staff had to go through a process to make the arrangements. She stated County staff met with IVGID Interim General Manager Indra Winqest and Board Member Sara Schmitz to discuss signs and walk through sign locations. She noted staff had been working on the issue under the leadership of Mr. Brown, who was very proactive in working through IV's long-term parking and traffic issues.

Chair Lucey noted the Governor extended phase 2 of reopening during his last C19 response press conference. He acknowledged the C19 restrictions were challenging and inconvenient but stressed the importance of being cautious. He said the 7-day increase in cases had been anticipated because of the increase in testing throughout the state. He urged everyone to continue to be vigilant so hospitals could maintain their ability to address the issue. He noted there were more active positive cases today than in prior weeks and caution was needed so the reopening could continue.

20-0381 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Appearance by Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator to discuss the emergency housing project on Edison Way, to include the requirements, rules and eligibility for use. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

Washoe County Emergency Management Administrator Aaron Kenneston conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Quote about COVID-19 Public Assistance Non-Congregate Sheltering; Background (2 slides); Regional NCMS; Housing Triage Screening Process; Our collective efforts flattened the curve; Edison NCMS; Edison Equipment and Services; and Conclusion.

Mr. Kenneston recalled images of portable mortuary units and temporary hospitals that were circulating when the Incident Management Team (IMT) was established. The IMT began preparing for the estimated 10,000 or more County citizens who might require non-congregate medical sheltering. He said Assistant County Manager Kate Thomas helped secure 43 beds at the WellCare facility. One advantage of that facility was the wraparound services provided for individuals who needed additional medical care. He stated the IMT secured 24 rooms at Homewood Suites for first responders. The Edison housing project (EHP) consisted of 300 beds and was intended for large surges. He reviewed the housing triage process. He noted about 10 first responders who needed isolation were placed at Homewood Suites. He stated the collective community efforts had been effective in flattening the curve of COVID-19 (C19) spread. He said the WellCare site had not reached 50 percent occupancy, although beds had been used by C19-positive individuals who had other medical needs.

Mr. Kenneston said 60 disaster trailers were set up at the EHP. The trailers were previously used to house workers at the Paradise Fire in California. He noted an additional 40 trailers were stored next to the Alamo truck stop in the City of Sparks. The EHP trailers were placed on property owned by the Truckee River Flood Management Authority. He stated the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) paid to raise

the building for the living river flood capacity, so the utilities were removed, but the IMT was able to quickly install above-ground utilities to the trailers. He said security was employed to protect the EHP investment, noting there was a large transient population living in the area surrounding the property. He reviewed the ongoing equipment and services used for the EHP and the services that would be required upon activation of the site. He noted food services would be provided by the same vendor servicing the Convention Center. He said the vendor typically had a minimum, but they agreed to make an exception and feed any number of individuals. The cost was approximately \$40 to \$50 per person per day. He indicated there was a possibility of providing wrap-around services at the EHP if WellCare and the hospitals were overwhelmed, but the IMT had not fully worked through that component. He said some of the costs incurred by the empty site included repairing fence damage from high winds, repairing golf carts used on the property, and addressing excess water use from leaking plumbing fixtures. He stated releasing the trailers when the lease expired in September would result in some costs. He said winterizing the above-ground utilities would require an investment if the trailers were kept past September, and he noted the project was located in a flood zone.

Chair Lucey asked whether employees of skilled nursing facilities who were unable to self-isolate would qualify for the EHP. Mr. Kenneston said yes, but he clarified each individual case had to be reviewed. The Housing Placement Team (HPT) thought they had identified someone who qualified but the screening processed revealed the individual was in the area temporarily and wanted to avoid paying for housing. In addition, the individual wanted family members to stay at the EHP as well. Another challenge was that meeting the definition of quarantine meant restricting movement; people could not work during the day and go back to the EHP at night to sleep.

Chair Lucey asked who the HPT was and Mr. Kenneston replied it was part of the Human Services Agency in conjunction with the Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and individuals in the IMT.

Commissioner Hartung wondered how the requirement to stay in quarantine might be enforced. Mr. Kenneston replied there was a discharge process to ensure individuals were declared C19-negative by the WCHD and given discharge papers. He asserted citizens would never be restrained and they could leave if they wanted to go, but they would be stopped from returning. An individual who left would need to go through the screening process again to be readmitted to the housing unit.

Commissioner Jung said she had requested the report and thanked Mr. Kenneston for the expedient update. She asked for information about the available beds constructed at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Northern Nevada Medical Center, and Renown Regional Medical Center (RRMC) outside of the normal care facilities, and how long those extra beds would be kept in place. She suggested the hospitals might be convinced to keep the facilities available if they had a deadline for removal. She noted Washoe County taxpayers paid for indigent care, so she thought those beds should be filled by people who were less able to care for themselves rather than the County paying for other facilities. She was unsure of the legal aspects but aware of the indigent care bills.

Commissioner Jung inquired about the cost of winterizing the utilities at the EHP. She asked for clarification of what releasing the FEMA trailers would entail. She noted the supply of FEMA trailers was not unlimited and she thought there would be a demand for those trailers. She wanted to know the costs involved in keeping them since the County already had them in place. She thought this would be a solution if the hospitals were unable to provide indigent services paid by the County. She asked about a thorough debriefing to provide feedback on which solutions and tools worked and which ones had not. She asked for a full debrief by the end of August before decisions about fall and winter would need to be made. She recognized there were probably some unintended consequences from the C19 response because the County had not faced anything like it before. She said the benefit of a debrief depended on when it was performed; performing it in a timely manner would yield more relevant data.

Mr. Kenneston said he would research the hospital capacity and provide the information to the Commissioners. He stated the largest hospital buildout at RRMC would be in place through the flu season and the second wave of C19. He mentioned debriefs were usually performed after the emergency when the IMT deactivated. In the case of C19, the disaster declaration was still in effect. He shared Commissioner Jung's concern and thought an in-progress review might be needed because there was no indication of when the disaster declaration would end.

With regard to Commissioner Jung's concern about the availability of FEMA trailers, Mr. Kenneston said there were 40 trailers stored by the Alamo truck stop in the City of Sparks, and there were more trailers at USA Parkway. He stated the cost of deactivating the trailers, which would require removing the utilities, would be approximately \$100,000. He thought deactivation would take place in August for release at the end of the 6-month lease in September. He was unsure of the cost to winterize the EHP if the lease was extended. He indicated he would get the estimates and provide them to the Commissioners.

Chair Lucey agreed with Commissioner Jung's statement about needing a debrief as soon as possible. He thought collaborating with the IMT, the Human Services Agency, the Manager's Office, and the WCHD to identify needs would prevent unnecessary spending and ensure everyone was prepared.

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

DONATIONS

20-0382 **6A1** Recommendation to accept donations of [\$8,692.35] from various businesses, organizations and individuals for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget amendments. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

- 20-0383** **6B1** Recommendation to accept a donation of [\$9,000.00, no cost to County] from the Sun Valley General Improvement District to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division to assist with abandoned vehicle removal and abatement efforts in the Sun Valley area and, if approved, authorize Comptroller's Office to make appropriate budget amendments. Sheriff. (Commission Districts 3 & 5.)
- 20-0384** **6B2** Recommendation to accept one-time appreciation gift donations [estimated value of \$1,855.00] from private citizens to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0385** **6C1** Recommendation to accept a donation from Safe Kids Washoe County a coalition of the non-profit organization Safe Kids Worldwide, to the Washoe County Human Services Agency in the amount of [\$3,000] to support the purchase of home safety kits for families in need; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts)
- 20-0386** **6C2** Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$5,500.00]; and (2) accept donations to the Human Services Agency – Senior Services Fund to support operations of the Washoe County Senior Centers in the amount of [\$71.00] retroactive for the period April 23, 2020 through May 15, 2020; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0387** **6C3** Recommendation to (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$1,713.00]; (2) accept donations to Washoe County Human Services Agency to support child welfare activities in the amount of [\$2,317.25] retroactive for the period April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Berkbigler read the donations. In reference to Agenda Item 6A1, she hoped everyone understood how important parks and open spaces were for the community. She expressed appreciation for donations to County parks. She thanked everyone who made donations for the Sheriff's Office, senior services, and child services.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 6A1 through 6C3 be accepted.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 7A1 THROUGH 7F3

- 20-0388** **7A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting of April 28, 2020. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0389** **7A2** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting of May 7, 2020. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0390** **7A3** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0391** **7B** Recommendation to approve the Blackstone Park Maintenance Agreement between Washoe County and Blackstone Estates Homeowner's Association for the ongoing maintenance of the Blackstone Park by the Blackstone Estates Homeowner's Association as if it were a park maintained by Washoe County. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)
- 20-0392** **7C** Recommendation to approve contracts and purchases exceeding [\$50,000] for emergency costs in response to the impacts due to the COVID-19 Crisis, totaling \$7,983,193 to date for medical supplies, test kits, quarantine housing costs and related services. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0393** **7D1** Recommendation to accept renewed funding for a Deputy District Attorney for the provision of continuing prosecutor services related to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force in the amount of [\$125,000 no match] from the Office of National Drug Control Policy award to Nevada HIDTA for the retroactive period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, with remaining \$47,000 position cost covered by District Attorney General Fund budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0394** **7D2** Recommendation to accept an Amended Notice of Subaward for the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$34,027; \$8,507 required match], from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide counseling services from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the grant agreement. This award represents the remaining 50% of total FY2020 award. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)
- 20-0395** **7D3** Recommendation to accept an Amended Notice of Subaward for the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office

in the amount of [\$154,430; \$38,608 required match], from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide for intermittent-hourly Victim Witness Advocate and Forensic Interviewer positions as approved by the Job Evaluation Committee; from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Direct Human Resources to create the necessary positions and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney or his designee to sign the grant agreement. This award the final 50% of total FY2020 award. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0396 **7D4** Recommendation to accept an Amended Notice of Subaward for the 2020 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$98,295; \$24,574 required match], from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Service (DCFS) to provide funding for an existing part-time Victim Advocate and a new intermittent-hourly Victim Advocate position as approved by the Job Evaluation Committee, along with related travel, equipment, and victim services; from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments and retroactively authorize the District Attorney of his designee to sign the grant agreement. This award represents the remaining 50% of total FY2020 award. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0397 **7D5** Recommendation to accept a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the District Attorney's Office in the amount of [\$46,093, no match] from the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance to fund equipment and training; retroactive from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney to sign the grant agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0398 **7D6** Recommendation to accept a 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 [\$64,000, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice through the National Children's Alliance to fund chapter activities; retroactive from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney to sign the cooperative agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0399 **7D7** Recommendation to accept a Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center Grant (WRCAC) to the District Attorney's Office as the fiscal agent of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Nevada in the amount of [\$11,250, no match] from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice

and Delinquency Prevention through the Rady's Children's Hospital - San Diego to fund chapter activities; retroactive from October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, if approved, direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments, and retroactively authorize the District Attorney to sign the grant agreement. District Attorney. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0400 **7E1** Recommendation to award Invitation to Bid (ITB) No. 3131-20 for Ammunition on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidders, [staff recommends four respondents, estimated total amount in excess of \$115,000.00 annually (funding permitting)], and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute a one year agreement, beginning July 1, 2020 with the option of two (2) one (1) year extensions upon mutual agreement, at the discretion of the County and subject to available funding. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0401 **7E2** Recommendation to accept the 2021 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) [amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, 25% In-Kind County match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Family Services, to be used to pay travel, and training costs for the WCSO Victim Advocate, and to provide emergency housing and emergency services such as food and shelter for victims of domestic violence, for the grant period of July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, and if approved direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0402 **7F1** Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Senior Support Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada in the amount of [\$2,800; no County match] retroactive from April 16, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to assist with the Home Delivered Meal program; direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0403 **7F2** Recommendation to approve a one-year agreement in support of laundering services on the Washoe County Human Services Agency's Our Place Campus between Washoe County and Qual Econ, U.S.A. in the amount of [\$115,000] retroactive for the period of June 8, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and if approved, authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to execute the contract. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

20-0404 **7F3** Recommendation to accept the FY20 COVID-19 subaward from the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to provide contract caseworkers to conduct triage and facilitate placement of individuals needing shelter for quarantine related to COVID-19 in the amount of [\$38,000; no county match] retroactively from May 1, 2020

through June 30, 2020; authorize the Director of Human Services Agency to execute the grant agreement; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 7A1 through 7F3 be approved.

BLOCK VOTE – 12 THROUGH 14

20-0405 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation and possible action to Ratify a Declaration of Emergency issued on May 31, 2020 by Washoe County Manager Eric Brown due to incidents of damage to persons and property in Reno, Nevada following protests relating to the death of George Floyd, and which said emergency was terminated on June 1, 2020 by the County Manager. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be ratified.

20-0406 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve the Forensic Support Services Agreements between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Board of Regents (UNR PD) \$21,662; Carlin PD \$7,446; Carson City SO \$111,020; Churchill Co SO \$56,864; Elko Co SO \$61,772; Elko PD \$80,557; Eureka Co SO \$3,385; Humboldt Co SO \$33,848; Lovelock PD \$3,000; Lyon Co SO \$104,927; Mono County (CA) District Attorney's Office \$30,000; NV Dept. of Wildlife \$3,385; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal PD \$15,570; Reno Tahoe Airport Authority \$6,770; Storey Co SO \$35,201; Washoe County School PD \$27,078; West Wendover PD \$38,078; White Pine Co SO \$22,847; Winnemucca PD \$40,617; Yerington PD \$5,077 for Forensic Laboratory Analysis Service fees for the term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 with a total income of [\$709,104.00]. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung noted the County provided crime and forensic services to most of northern, central, and eastern Nevada as well as parts of California. She asked staff to research what would be required to compel those jurisdictions to have all autopsies go to the Washoe County Medical Examiner. She said there was a significant amount of missing data because smaller counties were not required to perform investigations. She asserted having complete data was critical in light of the opioid crisis and for overall human health.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

20-0407 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and departments of Washoe County for expenses related to and in support of the Enhanced 911 Emergency Response System and portable event recording devices, and recommended by the 911 Emergency Response Advisory Committee, in an amount not to exceed [\$1,784,260.10] 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 Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved.

20-0408 **AGENDA ITEM 8** Presentation by Washoe County Manager Eric Brown following a six-month assessment of Washoe County organization, operations, and policies, including observations and recommendations, and discussion and possible action by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the Manager's presentation. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.).

County Manager Eric Brown conducted a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk. He reviewed slides with the following titles: Presentation Description; Presentation Agenda; Update; The first six months; Employee Outreach from Manager's Office; COVID Response & Crisis Management; Assessment; Washoe County Entered FY20 Financially Healthy; General Fund – COVID-19 Financial Impact is *Real*; Assessment – Program Auditing; Assessment – Strategic Plan; Strategic Plan – Existing; Strategic Objectives – Existing; Strategic Plan – Recommendations to Revamp and Refocus; Assessment – Technology; EOL Technology – Software; EOL Technology – Hardware; Assessment – Use Technology More Wisely; Assessment – Workforce & HR; Employee Years of Service; Assessment – Washoe County Outreach; Top Resident Requests; Washoe311 2020 Service Requests; Assessment - Washoe County Social Media; Assessment – Policy Development vs Execution; Assessment – Regional Teamwork; The Road Ahead; Heading into FY 2021; Regional dynamics; Additional priorities; and Questions/Comments.

Mr. Brown recalled the first thing he said during his interview the prior October was that he wanted to be the County Manager. After spending six months familiarizing himself with the responsibilities of the position, he was happy to be the County Manager and looked forward to what was to come. He hoped to apply his diverse experiences in healthcare, telecommunications, technology, and change management to

County operations. During his interview, he told the Board he could assist with fostering development of relationships and breaking down silos within the County and across the region. He noted he started the job just before Thanksgiving and, due to the time of year, there was a different flow of activity which allowed him to spend time getting to know his staff. He started touring departments in December and spent time familiarizing himself with the organization. He mentioned Commissioner Herman hosted him in the North Valleys and he visited Incline Village.

Mr. Brown said he found the County Manager's Office had not regularly done performance reviews for staff. In January, he requested files for Assistant County Managers and other direct-report staff and there was no information on performance. He thought the performance review process was simple. He believed it was important that the priorities of the elected County Commissioners were reflected in the actions of County staff. He reported that a performance review process was established for Manager's Office staff, which he intended to expand to other departments.

Mr. Brown noted he spent a significant amount of time developing relationships with stakeholders and his counterparts at the Cities of Reno and Sparks, as well as other community leaders. He said one outcome of those efforts was how quickly the Built For Zero collaborative was established in February with the help of the County Health Officer and Mike Kazmierski, President and CEO of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada. He noted the Board had not heard much about Built For Zero for some time because the COVID-19 (C19) pandemic hit the County in late February. He assured the Board that staff continued to work with stakeholders to address the issue of homelessness in the region. He indicated the Board would hear more about medium to long-term solutions for homelessness.

Mr. Brown said the County launched telework programs when the C19 state of emergency was declared in early March. He noted the County had already invested in technology such as Office 365, Microsoft Teams, and laptops, so the County remained open on a modified basis with an employee base of approximately 40 percent. Employees were able to work from home while meeting the needs of the public. He stated County management learned a lot from the process and some department heads planned to continue telework arrangements after C19 because they found some employees were more productive working from home. He noted the County made modifications as a result of the C19 crisis which would have taken years to prioritize. He mentioned the County Manager Advisory Committee had been revamped and diversified. The group included members who served under the previous County Manager, but he began adding members with different ethnic and professional backgrounds. He wanted the body to provide counsel to him and the Manager's Office on things being done in northern Nevada to help the community reach its goals. He expressed pleasure about how he was embraced by the committee and how engaged the participants were during meetings. He looked forward to making further progress in that area.

Mr. Brown reviewed the employee outreach metrics. He noted emails to employees during the C19 crisis were particularly important to keep everyone updated on

the situation and how it would impact them in the workplace. He said the new employee orientation was changed to a virtual format because it used to take place with everyone in one room, which was not possible because of C19. He spoke about the first live virtual town hall event, which he described as a new way of doing business. He stated virtual events were a way to reach employees at their desk without getting everyone into a big room. He said the town hall offered two-way communication since employees submitted questions which he answered live. He expressed appreciation for the candid communication and employee participation in the event. He indicated it was an example of changing the culture to use technology more intimately.

Mr. Brown said the C19 response was an example of the County working regionally with other jurisdictions. He stated County staff worked closely with the Incident Management Team, the Washoe County Health District (WCHD), and counterparts in the Cities of Reno and Sparks to navigate the C19 crisis. They met three times a week and were meeting virtually every day at one point. He said the collaboration had helped foster a better understanding of what each jurisdiction needed. He expressed pride in what the group had accomplished. He referred to Commissioner Jung's request for a debrief and said he looked forward to discussing what worked and what had not worked in the C19 response. He pointed out the Community Services Department (CSD) building inspections and permitting process as an example of how the C19 response caused the County to assess digital process innovations. He noted the CSD was unable to perform building inspections in person during the C19 crisis, so a digital inspection method was developed to allow the use of uploaded pictures and videos for inspections. He applauded the CSD and Technology Services (TS) for developing that innovation which he thought would not have happened so quickly without the C19 pandemic.

Mr. Brown indicated the County entered the fiscal year financially healthy but the C19 pandemic made a significant financial impact. He reviewed the projections for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. He said a significant part of the lost revenue was due to consolidated tax and sales tax reductions. He noted the Governor informed him the prior week that the County would receive \$20.3 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to address the C19 challenges. He said staff would work with the other jurisdictions to determine the best way to apply those funds by assessing obligations and future needs. He stressed the funds were a one-time distribution and could not be used to pay salaries or benefits; they could be used for testing and C19-related housing costs. He said staff would have recommendations for the Board about the best use of the CARES funds within the upcoming week. He acknowledged receiving the CARES funds was good news but there was still a \$45 million shortfall. He stated the full financial impact on the County's operating budget would not be fully understood until the State met in a special session to assess the State's shortfall.

Mr. Brown said the County had some financial and interlocal agreements which he thought needed to be reevaluated. He noted a crime lab analysis had been performed recently. He mentioned there were challenges with the financial relationships with the Cities of Reno and Sparks regarding dispatch. He thought it was important to prioritize reviewing financial agreements to ensure the County received proper

compensation for the services it provided. He acknowledged the process would take some time, but he considered it a key priority on which he would focus. He said the evaluation process included examining internal operations such as the Digital Communications Printshop. He noted the printshop located in the County Administrative Complex provided many services to various departments. He indicated finance staff would work with printshop staff to assess whether it made sense to continue operating an internal printshop.

Mr. Brown expressed approval of the County's strategic plan. He said the plan made sense and, though there were areas which he thought could be updated, he would not recommend any broad scale changes. He mentioned he received feedback from many employees who expressed concern about the County's stewardship of the environment. He noted the County was one of the largest employers in the region and in a position to set the example about environmental sustainability. He said he had discussed the issue with other entities such as Apple, Inc. and Tesla, Inc., who also expressed concerns about sustainability. He observed the County needed to expand the use of technology and he thought the work-from-home initiative was just the beginning of that expansion.

Mr. Brown noticed there were many silos within the County and across the region. He said he would focus on breaking down those silos, promoting seamless collaboration, and facilitating communication and coordination. He stated he had extensive experience with key performance indicators (KPIs) from his work in private industry. He elaborated that KPIs assessed whether a department or group delivered good service and defined how performance was measured. A significant amount of work had been done to establish KPI metrics for County departments. He wanted to see metrics for how people were doing rather than only having anecdotal assessments. He thought KPI would help determine whether operating expenses and capital expense investments made sense.

Mr. Brown suggested employee engagement and professional development needed to be expanded. He mentioned the lack of regular performance reviews. He thought every employee deserved a conversation at least once a year, if not once a quarter, to evaluate performance and determine whether they met expectations. He said supervisors also needed regular reviews of their performance as supervisors. He believed the County had many great employees who were very engaged, but it had a culture that rewarded longevity and job-specific expertise which allowed people to be promoted. He said employees who were promoted into supervisory or managerial positions might not be trained to manage people. He stated the County had many training materials available but employees were not required to use them. He thought employee training would not require a large expense and it needed to be encouraged more proactively.

Mr. Brown expressed concern about the County's software and hardware platforms which were at the end of their useful life. He said the situation tended to result in an organization making quick decisions without taking the time to assess options. He suggested future technology spending decisions needed to be made one or two years before platforms reached the end of their useful life. He provided a list of software and hardware platforms which were in that category, noting the P25 radio system had already been addressed by staff. He expressed concern about the telephone system which crashed in

early March when people started calling about C19. He stated the phone and web systems could not sustain spikes in usage and would need to be addressed in the future. He highlighted the WCHD's success in using an existing system to automate C19 assessment and testing. He said the WCHD and TS collaborated to build an enhancement to the Accela program which the County already licensed. The County would have spent millions of dollars to purchase software to do the same thing as the Accela enhancement. He noted the various tasks of the C19 testing process would have been labor intensive for County staff, but they were performed by the Accela program instead. He stated the project's success was a testament to what could be accomplished when technology was used appropriately. He reiterated the importance of enhancing professional development and he thought some of the training needed to be mandatory. He pointed out employee retirements were resulting in a younger organization, so he thought new employee recruitment would need to evolve.

Mr. Brown reviewed his suggestions for improving community outreach. He said staff would present a proposal to the Board in the near future about the Community Advisory Board program. He noted some residents of the North Valleys and Incline Village felt unrepresented. He stated his commitment to ensuring the County was responsive to all areas of the County, and there should be no groups of residents who felt ignored or whose needs were not addressed in a timely manner. He pointed out the growing role of Washoe311 in community outreach efforts. He said Washoe311 received approximately 10,000 requests in 2018, 15,000 requests in 2019, and over 18,000 requests so far in 2020. He stated it was clear that Washoe311 was the preferred method for citizens to communicate with the County and it had become a regional information hub. He approved of the Washoe311 concept but thought it needed better resources. He acknowledged the current financial challenges would affect how quickly additional resources might be possible. He thought working with the interdepartmental links was key. He noted each department had different expectations about how quickly they should respond to constituents and those nuances needed to be understood and reflected in Washoe311's responses to constituent inquiries. He mentioned he received feedback about the County's social media communication. The Communications Division was structured to communicate primarily with media outlets such as the *Reno Gazette-Journal* and broadcasters, and they did that well, but the public wanted to communicate with the County. He suggested there were ways to improve the County's ability to provide information to the public on a one-to-one basis. He said staff would return to the Board with recommendations in the future.

Mr. Brown stated he clarified staff roles to County Manager's Office staff. He observed that Commissioners sometimes became immersed in discussing details with staff, which he thought could create an issue. He pointed out the C19 situation exemplified how staff could work with community partners to produce great solutions when they had clear policy to implement. He noted there would need to be realistic expectations about expenditures for the next 12 months because of the financial pressure resulting from C19. He thought the County was positioned well to handle the changes as long as there was proper communication.

Mr. Brown mentioned the challenging regional dynamics and noted his focus had been on establishing and maintaining positive working relationships with other stakeholders. He emphasized the importance of communicating with each other to find solutions even when the various stakeholders did not agree on an issue. He said he welcomed Commissioner comments or discussion. He thought the County was a great place to work and he liked his team. He encouraged staff improvement because he believed in continuous improvement.

Chair Lucey thanked Mr. Brown for his assessment. He thought Mr. Brown had accomplished a great deal amidst a challenging situation. He said 2020 had been a difficult year to begin in a new and complex role. He applauded Mr. Brown for all he had done.

Vice Chair Berkgigler thanked Mr. Brown for the work he and his team had invested. She knew Assistant to the County Manager Elizabeth Jourdin had been very helpful, particularly from a technology perspective. She appreciated his assessment and agreed the County had great employees. She recognized there was always room for improvement and that was true for Commissioners as well. There were always things which could be done more effectively. She said Mr. Brown and Chair Lucey had worked well to get everyone through the C19 crisis with their expertise and ability to get things done.

Commissioner Herman expressed appreciation for having Mr. Brown as the County Manager. She said he passed every test because of the many challenges the County experienced since he took on the position of Manager. She stated he proved himself and he was everything the Board expected and more. She thanked him for the assessment.

Commissioner Jung echoed the statement of the other Commissioners regarding Mr. Brown. She thought the intensity of the C19 crisis put him at about a 3-year status in his position. She believed the quick induction period worked in everyone's favor and served to recognize some of the areas that needed improvement. She said the Board was a body seeking continuous improvement as well. She asked for a discussion about a regional effort to continue work flexibility. With the awareness of an upcoming recession and what it would do to tax revenue, she thought it was prudent to have more flexibility along with fewer rush-hour issues, the ability to delay infrastructure and capital improvements such as road repairs, and reduced air quality concerns. She believed it was a regional matter and she wanted the County to guide the discussions. She welcomed suggestions if Mr. Brown knew of someone more adept or who could move things along more quickly.

Commissioner Jung expressed displeasure about the lack of employee evaluations, saying she worked with Senator Julia Ratti to ensure WCHD employees received them. She stated WCHD Officer Kevin Dick was hired because he was a good administrator. She requested Human Resources data for all County employees. She wanted the data by department or division, with information about how the data was collected and the lengths of time where evaluations were not performed. She thought not performing evaluations was an unacceptable oversight that needed to be corrected. She agreed with

Mr. Brown's statement about needing to provide performance feedback to employees in order to promote professional development. She mentioned the issue of accommodation for disabilities and underrepresented people, noting there was a lack of accommodation across the country. She wanted Human Resources to increase accommodation and expand policy. She requested a review of County job descriptions to determine whether college degrees were necessary since college was not affordable for many people. She thought the County needed to identify constraints to social justice for underrepresented people. She commended Mr. Brown for the work he had done so far as the County Manager. She said the Board was invested in his success as it was invested in the citizens of the County.

Commissioner Hartung thanked Mr. Brown for the presentation. In reference to the technology issues Mr. Brown mentioned, Commissioner Hartung acknowledged that keeping up to date with software and hardware was a constant struggle. He noted there were incompatibility issues with his County laptop and Zoom; he used his personal device to avoid the expense of purchasing a new laptop. He indicated the growing budget requirements for staying up to date with technology were concerning. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Brown's work and feedback, and said he looked forward to working with him on some of these issues.

Chair Lucey noted he worked very closely with Mr. Brown during the previous four months. He thought Mr. Brown grasped the regional dynamics, understood the complications, and already provided strategies to bridge gaps. He received very positive comments from outside individuals about Mr. Brown's ability to address issues and his responsiveness. He noted the community dynamic was complicated, so watching Mr. Brown succeed in this area where others had failed was eye opening. He thanked Mr. Brown for his diligence. He agreed with Commissioner Jung's comment about the C19 crisis catapulting Mr. Brown forward several years in terms of experience. He said Mr. Brown navigated the situation as a seasoned professional. He thanked him for the work he had done and expressed approval of Mr. Brown's plans for the organization. He would continue working with the Board to complement Mr. Brown's progress.

Mr. Brown said the Commissioners were a diverse group and they had all helped him as he learned the position. He felt supported, he understood his role, and his first six months had been a pleasure. He thanked the Commissioners for their support.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkgigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8 be accepted.

20-0409

AGENDA ITEM 15 Public Hearing: Continuation/Re-hearing of Appeal of the Washoe County Planning Commission's denial of Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number WRZA19-0010 (Highland Village) to amend the Sun Valley Regulatory Zone Map, a component of the Sun Valley Area Plan, to change the regulatory zone on two (2) parcels (APN: 508-020-41 & 43) totaling 54.5 acres from Low Density Suburban (LDS) (1 dwelling unit/acre maximum) and General Rural (GR) to High Density Suburban (HDS) (7 dwelling units/acre maximum) with the 3 acres that are currently GR to remain GR. The applicant is Regal Holdings of Nevada, LLC for the owner Charles J. Fornaro, et. al. for the two parcels, which are located on the north side of Highland Ranch Pkwy and north of Midnight Drive. And, if approved, authorize the chair to sign a resolution to this effect. And Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0201 through 278.0207 adopting a Development Agreement between (1) Washoe County and (2) Regal Holdings of Nevada, LLC and Charles J. Fornaro, et. al., for Highland Village, limiting the gross density to 4.2 dwelling units per acre on the portions of the property (APNs 508-020-41 and 508-020-43) zoned High Density Suburban. The term of the agreement is ten (10) years. The project is located north of Highland Ranch Parkway and north of Midnight Drive. The project encompasses a total of 2 parcels that total approximately 54.4 acres. The parcels are located within the Sun Valley Area Plan. The property is located within the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board boundaries and within Washoe County Commission District No.5. (APNS: 508-020-41 & 43) Set the public hearing and second reading of the Ordinance for July 14, 2020 and, if adopted, further authorize the Chair to execute the final Development Agreement. Community Services. (Commission District 5.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance.

County Manager Eric Brown read the ordinance title. Nancy Parent noted the correct APNS were 508-020-41 & 43, and this would be Bill No. 1842 if introduced.

Chair Lucey offered Mr. John Krmptic, the appellant's representative, an opportunity to present. He noted the Commissioners were provided with Mr. Krmptic's PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Mr. Krmptic mentioned the appellant appeared before the Board six weeks earlier. Two key points were agreed on at that time: a density of 4.2 which was needed for the project, and the requirement to take the project back to the Washoe County Planning Commission (PC). He said the PC gave unanimous support to the project. He noted the PC recognized the appellant had worked with the community and the Citizen Advisory Board to reach a compromise. He hoped the decision of the PC reflected the Board's expectations.

Commissioner Herman thanked Mr. Krmptic for working with the Board and following good judgement. She thought a deal had been reached and she approved of the project plan.

Ms. Parent read an email from Ms. Darlene Perkins. In it, Ms. Perkins requested the zoning not be changed to allow development of a denser population. She thought current residents purchased their property because they wanted to live in a rural area. She said open land was used for recreation which would be impacted by a housing development. She opined the added development would ruin the open feeling of the valley.

Ms. Parent noted the 3-minute timer was not started. She estimated she was one minute into Ms. Perkins' comment period and adjusted the timer to two minutes and continued reading. Ms. Perkins expressed concern about additional traffic on Highland Ranch Parkway as it was already used to capacity. She thought the local park would become crowded with additional residents. She noted the additional homes would diminish the habitat for quail and other small animals. She acknowledged new development would likely include a new shopping center, a school, and other amenities, but those improvements would not outweigh the loss of open space.

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Edwards recommended Ms. Parent set another minute on the timer to ensure Ms. Perkins received a verifiable 3-minute comment period. He encountered the issue on a prior Open Meeting Law complaint.

As read by Ms. Parent, Ms. Perkins further stated many residents who lived in dilapidated trailers had lived there a long time. She said she disliked the debris, old cars, and appliances on those lots, but new development was not the solution. She asked for the open space to be left as it was for existing residents.

Ms. Parent read an email from Ms. Sherry Fairchild. In it, Ms. Fairchild said she was opposed to high-density suburban development at the proposed location. She stated the area was unable to support high-density development. She noted the roads were in poor condition, there was significant traffic throughout the day, the water pressure was low, schools were at maximum capacity, and Highland Ranch Parkway had sidewalks on only one side of the road.

As read by Ms. Parent, Ms. Judi Jensen said she opposed the rezoning request because it appeared the density restriction was for 10 years and she would not want to see it change after that term. She said the area was already too crowded.

Ms. Parent read an email from Ms. Jennifer Allen. In it, Ms. Allen said the infrastructure would not support another development. She noted there was already heavy vehicle traffic and the roads would become more congested with additional residents. She stated she purchased her property because of the open Bureau of Land Management land and her desire to live in a smaller community. She opposed the development because of the limited access and inadequate roads in the area. She said she would fear for her child's

safety with an increase in people and homes. She thought approving the development was a poor decision.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Vice Chair Berkbigler, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the appeal be approved, the decision of the Washoe County Planning Commission be reversed, and Regulatory Zone Amendment Case Number WRZA19-0010 (Highland Village) be approved. The approval is based on the Board's ability to make all the findings required by WCC Section 110.810.30. The Resolution pertinent to Agenda Item 15 is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

Bill No. 1842 was introduced by Commissioner Herman, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

20-0410 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Public Hearing: Appeal of the denial, by the Washoe County Board of Adjustment of Special Use Permit Case Number WSUP20-0002 (Boneyard Flat Grading Phase 2), which sought approval of a special use permit to allow the excavation of approximately 1,000,000 cubic yards of earthen material from the Boneyard Flat area to be used as fill material throughout the Eagle Canyon residential area and the Spanish Springs Business Park industrial area. The project is also intended to increase the holding capacity of the Boneyard Flat flood pool. The proposed project is located North of the terminus of the Sha-Neva haul road and south and west of the Pebble Creek Subdivision. The Board may affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the Board of Adjustment. In doing so, the Board may directly grant all or part of the special use permit request. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)

Chair Lucey said the item would be continued at a later date based on a request from the applicant. He noted the item was a scheduled public hearing and would be opened for public comment, but the Board would not take any action. He opened the public hearing.

County Clerk Nancy Parent read an email from Mr. Jim Orsi and Mrs. Julie Orsi. In it, the Orsis expressed concern about the retention pond being built behind their property in Pebble Creek Estates. They wondered why it was not located near Sha Neva Road if the purpose of the retention pond was to increase the holding capacity of the Boneyard Flat Flood Pool. They wondered about signs to keep all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) out of the retention pond, since they had observed numerous ATVs in the month since the retention pond project commenced. They noted the dust and excavation was disruptive and it spoiled their view of the mountain.

As read by Ms. Parent, Mr. Ken Bredy requested a fire break at the property lines between Pebble Creek Homeowners' Association (HOA) and the Spanish Springs association on the south, east, and north sides of the Pebble Creek HOA. He also requested a water retention ditch at the north end of Topaz Drive to help prevent dirt and rocks from

entering the Pebble Creek drainage ditch. He submitted a second email in which he noted the Pebble Creek HOA and Spanish Springs association boundary for the fire break was on the west, north, and south.

No action was taken on this item.

20-0411 **AGENDA ITEM 17** Public Hearing to hold the 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 to hold the second reading 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; and other matters relating thereto. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinances. There being no response, the hearing was closed.

County Clerk Nancy Parent read the title for Ordinance No. 1651, Bill No. 1840.

Ms. Parent read the title for Ordinance No. 1652, Bill No. 1841.

Commissioner Hartung noted this issue was brought before the Board periodically. He thought it important for people to know what happened because the remediation of those volatiles from groundwater was an ongoing process. The plumes resulted from improper disposal of cleaning materials. He expressed appreciation for the Board's ongoing support on this issue which concerned everyone. Chair Lucey thanked Commissioner Hartung for his work on this issue.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that Ordinance No. 1651, Bill No. 1840, and Ordinance No. 1652, Bill No. 1841 be adopted, approved and published in accordance with NRS 244.100.

20-0412 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.

Chair Lucey asked whether there was a need for a closed session. County Manager Eric Brown said there was.

Deputy District Attorney Nathan Edwards noted Agenda Item 18 was an action item, so Chair Lucey needed to call for public comment. There was no response to

the call for public comment.

On motion by Vice Chair Berkbigler, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 5-0 vote, it was ordered that the meeting recess after completion of all items to a closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Employee Organizations per NRS 288.220.

20-0413 AGENDA ITEM 19 Public Comment.

Ms. Parent read an email from Ms. Elise Weatherly. In it, Ms. Weatherly said she looked forward to appearing before the Board in the future. She spoke about filing contempt of court papers for her daughter, a contempt of court case filed against her, and Judge Bridget Robb. She asked why the case was considered valid and how to ensure a candidate's stance on issues was public information. She wondered about the County's interest in the child support for her granddaughter.

20-0414 AGENDA ITEM 20 Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Herman said she looked forward to the day when citizens could attend meetings in Chambers to make public comment in person, which would make it easier for staff.

Chair Lucey noted a primary election had taken place. He thanked Registrar of Voters Deanna Spikula for the unique way of holding an election. He said the Board would convene for a meeting on Friday, June 19 at 9:00 a.m. to canvass the vote. He encouraged people to view the meeting. He thanked everyone who participated in local government. He congratulated successful candidates and extended well wishes to the candidates who were not elected. He said the Commissioners all knew how difficult participating in local government could be.

12:43 p.m. The Board recessed into a closed session.

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1:27 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

BOB LUCEY, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

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