

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

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

PRESENT:

Alexis Hill, Vice Chair
Kitty Jung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner

Janis Galassini, County Clerk
Eric Brown, County Manager
Nathan Edwards, Assistant District Attorney

ABSENT:

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:02 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, County Clerk Jan Galassini called roll and the Board conducted the following business:

Vice Chair Hill indicated some items would be heard out of order.

22-0830 **AGENDA ITEM 3** Presentation and discussion on the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority operations and renovations by Daren Griffin, CEO, Reno Tahoe Airport Authority.

Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) Chief Executive Officer Daren Griffin conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Who We Are; Revenues; Arrivals and Departures; Record Number of Airlines; National Perspective; Locally; More RNO (2 slides); Map of Current and Future RNO Improvements; Ticketing Hall Expansion and Loop Road Improvements (2 slides); Ticketing Hall Expansion and Loop Road; CONRAC and Ground Transportation Center (GTC) (2 slides); CONRAC & GTC; Current Concourses; New Concourse (2 slides); New Build - \$500M; Project Outlook Costs - \$1 Billion; More RNO Program Timeline; Happening Now; Thank You.

Mr. Griffin observed one of the most important indicators of how the Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RTIA) was doing was the number of passengers flying in and out it. He pointed out the drop in annual passengers that occurred when COVID-19 (C19) struck in 2020. He noted 2022 numbers were expected to be close to those from 2019 while 2023 numbers were expected to exceed them. He believed the RTIA was able to get back to normal travel quicker than economists expected. He displayed a route map for the 12 airlines that presently served the airport and stated any airport in the Country would be

happy with that many hubs being served. He expressed appreciation for the support received from the airlines and was hopeful the RTIA would be able to secure flights back to the Atlanta hub through Delta Airlines. He explained longer routes were harder to get but he was having conversations about growth and development with all the airlines. He asserted approximately 45 percent of the passengers who traveled through the RTIA were from Southwest Airlines markets.

Mr. Griffin spoke about some of the issues airlines were dealing with, which included airline staffing shortages, high fuel costs, and higher-than-normal ticket prices. He said all airlines should net a profit for the calendar year 2022 with increased holiday travel. He asserted many people thought it would be three to five years for the commercial airline industry to recover. He mentioned air cargo activity had reached an all-time high in 2021 as people were making purchases from their phones for home delivery.

Growth in the region was the focus of the RTIA, Mr. Griffin stated. He thought it would bring more customers to the airport, but also would bring challenges such as parking and space issues. He expected the route map would be better in 2023 and mentioned people were flying in greater volumes than had ever been seen. He believed with remote jobs being on the rise people had more freedom to travel and could blend a vacation with work, extending their stay longer than before the pandemic. He stated people staying away longer meant impacts on infrastructure. A new program was being developed called MoreRNO, which was a multi-year infrastructure modernization program. He said it was a series of projects designed to take the airport 20 to 30 years in the future. He asserted the projects covered a comprehensive construction program that would generate a lot of economic activity and was designed to grow the airport, add capacity, and modernize the airport. He opined the RTIA heard how much people loved the airport and did not want to change that part of the facility.

Mr. Griffin displayed a map of the proposed improvements at the RTIA and stated it was starting with the ticketing expansion area. He mentioned the front of the building was already walled off and construction had begun to expand the ticketing area. He pointed out a new garage and rental car structure that would handle 100 percent of the rental car business and ground transportation including ride shares, shuttles, and taxi services. He stated the structure would free up significant space for public parking. He indicated the main project was to completely replace the 23 gates of the 2 concourses. He noted the exit from the airport onto Plumb Lane was a single point of failure for the airport and said it wanted to move away from that model.

Mr. Griffin highlighted the ticketing hall expansion that included pushing the exterior wall out and utilizing some of the 30-foot sidewalk area to provide more space for large bags such as golf clubs, skis, and snowboard equipment. He noted the ceilings would be elevated to appear more spacious. Public art, restrooms, and wheelchair access would be added along with additional kiosks for self-service check-in and baggage services. He asserted the ticketing area was congested in the early mornings and afternoons and that expanding this area would improve the flow. The ticketing expansion project was scheduled to be completed in just over a year. He stated the front of the building would be modernized and easier for people to maneuver into the facility to the gates. He said a glass

elevator would be added as a prominent architectural feature. The six lanes for the loop roadway in front of the terminal building would be removed, canopies would be added, sidewalks would be improved, and bollards would be added to the front of the building to protect from vehicle-borne threats for additional safety and security.

Mr. Griffin indicated the CONRAC/Ground Transportation (consolidated rent-a-car) area would have a covered walkway leading to the new facility. He said the four-story structure included elevators and housed all rental car companies. He explained individuals would be wayfinding from their smartphones to the lane for car selection. The area would be completely wired for electric vehicles, which was the direction rental fleets were focusing on, but he was unsure how many years it would be before all vehicles were fully electric. He added that solar panels would be installed on the roof and would have energy storage to be able to be off the grid when needed and charge vehicles during the night. He believed the ultra-modern rental car facility, the first of its kind, would open in 2025. He stated the design would add 800 public parking spaces which were desperately needed.

Mr. Griffin remarked Concourses B and C were built in 1980 for passengers flying in Boeing 737-200 airplanes, which held fewer passengers than the Boeing 737-Max airplanes that were currently used. He reported there were significant deficiencies in the concourses including a lack of space in the hold rooms for passengers. He indicated the analysis of the buildings determined it was best to tear them down and rebuild new, modern buildings. He said the design would be done in 2023 and the buildings would be wider and taller, have better views of the mountains, more access to natural light, and outdoor space for customers. He asserted more concessions would be added to the concourses as the current concourses were underutilized for food, beverage, and retail. The focus was to allow passengers to experience local vendors and get the taste and feel of Northern Nevada. He indicated five additional gates would be added to each concourse to accommodate more airplanes. He stated that part of the process to obtain more flights was to create additional places for airplanes to park during the night. He commented a new gate had not been added since the concourses opened in 1980.

Mr. Griffin observed the project cost was close to \$1 billion and he hoped it would not reach the billion-dollar mark. He indicated it was a huge investment in infrastructure but noted construction would not be cheaper or easier if the RTAA waited. He believed part of this project was catch-up and part was taking advantage of a great mindset at the federal level regarding the value of infrastructure investment. He said there was a strong argument for the investment, and he asserted it was a unique one-of-a-kind infrastructure. He spoke about people driving from many directions to use the RTAA. Unfortunately, he said it would take the rest of the decade to complete this project. He mentioned infrastructure was slow and expensive, and it would take a long time to add aircraft gates and build concourses and parking garages. He explained much of the work would be done simultaneously and said it was the biggest infrastructure challenge the RTAA had ever taken on. The RTAA was working to obtain a multitude of funding sources at the federal level and noted it was currently a debt-free airport. He remarked the RTAA would take on several hundred million dollars of debt with the project but said part of the airport's role was to collect revenues to invest in infrastructure that benefited customers.

Vice Chair Hill credited the RTAA for its environmentally conscientious proposed project, noting the inclusion of electric car charging stations and other planned green features. She thought the RTAA had a call out for public art and wondered whether it was for the garage. Mr. Griffin indicated it was for the ticket hall and stated there would be a call for public art for each of the projects. A new art advisory committee had been formed and he was excited to have its help. Vice Chair Hill expressed excitement to see local flair in the airport.

Vice Chair Hill wondered whether the renovations were paid at the prevailing wage. Mr. Griffin stated the projects that the RTAA received federal funding for were required to adhere to the Davis-Bacon wage requirements, which included the ticketing hall and the new concourse construction. He indicated the CONRAC was a public-private partnership that the rental car companies were funding through their developers so the wages could be different for that project. He thought developers were using prevailing wages to get workers to the job sites.

Commissioner Jung congratulated the RTAA board for working with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to preserve the Interstate 580 (I-580) exits to the airport with the current expansion. She asserted maintaining the exits was a significant success.

Commissioner Jung mentioned an email she received about the artwork from the Stewart Indian School being displayed on the concourses of the airport. She mentioned the theme was to remember the sacrifices of students who were taken from tribal lands and brought to school to be Americanized. She believed she might need to take a flight somewhere just to see the display.

Commissioner Jung shared that Vice Chair Hill was a former arts and culture manager for the City of Reno and encouraged the RTAA to reach out to her for tips about public art.

Mr. Griffin expressed appreciation for the positive comments. He noted the decision to renovate the airport was not easy and said he could not ask for a more supportive board. He stressed that the RTAA board wanted to do the right thing for Northern Nevada, and he believed it took decades to make those tough decisions. He said he would keep the Board of County Commissioners updated on the progress.

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

22-0831 **AGENDA ITEM 4** Presentation and discussion by Amber Howell, Washoe County Human Services Agency regarding updates on a childcare program for Washoe County.

Human Services Agency (HSA) Director Amber Howell conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides with the following titles: Childcare Resources for Foster Families & Employees; Childcare Landscape; Foster Family Landscape; Employee Landscape; The Need Outweighs The Available Spots; Population Adjustments;

Costs; Background; Foster Care Licenses; Foster Care Placements; Plan to Sponsor a Childcare Center; Thank you.

Ms. Howell asserted childcare was an area that was not talked about much but was important to the community. She mentioned the HSA was the department that administered the licenses for childcare in Washoe County, and the State of Nevada processed childcare licenses for the rest of the State. She noted Washoe County was the only agency that conducted its own local licensing for childcare. She thought childcare had an impact on employees and foster children and was an area that was severely lacking in the community. She spoke about employees signing up for a waiting list for childcare as soon as they found out they were pregnant, noting it could still take 9 to 12 months to secure full-time childcare. She stated this created a dilemma for families who then had to decide whether to work or stay home with the children. She indicated this was a more dire situation for foster children due to the lack of available daycare options for foster parents. She mentioned the Washoe County HSA and other agencies had implemented a bring your own baby (BYOB) to work program, which had been great for parents so they did not have to choose whether to work or stay home with the child. She indicated there was a policy that when the child became mobile they would be required to transition to daycare but with the difficulty finding care, babies were staying in the workplace longer. She thought that to solve the childcare dilemma, the HSA needed to be creative and get the community involved. She stated the HSA was working with local childcare centers to encourage them to apply for the Governor's Childcare Grant Expansion Program. She noted Washoe County was not eligible for the grant but could assist childcare providers in applying for funds. She said every childcare provider that could increase its capacity would help improve the situation. She asserted that every research study ever conducted proved early childhood development increased graduation rates, kindergarten readiness, reading, math, and social skills. She stated there was no national focus on an early intervention step for children.

Ms. Howell spoke about the cost of childcare, noting that as children aged the rates did not drop dramatically. She said there were resources for parents who were unable to pay although a parent with an average income did not qualify to receive assistance. She explained that Washoe County was doing very well in keeping children with their families and noted placements in foster care had decreased over the past eight months. She commented the number of new foster care licenses had declined so it could be more difficult to place a child in foster care. She said she met with some foster parents to find out what the HSA could do better, and the number one response was childcare. She indicated the HSA was working on an action plan and remarked she had learned so much about the foster care system from the meetings.

Ms. Howell stated there were some things the County could do to help with the childcare crisis and one option was to purchase one or two childcare centers. Although she believed the HSA and Washoe County were not interested in being in the childcare business, they could provide support to childcare centers to be able to open and operate. She said purchasing or supporting a childcare center would provide the County some leverage to have several slots for foster children and County employees along with creating a partnership with that center. She mentioned she asked the State for funds in Daycare

Block Grants or vacancy savings that could help with the purchase of a building. She said funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other grants could also be considered. She explained this would be one-time funding which was easier to obtain than long-term continued funding. She thought there were areas where the HSA could be creative and make a difference in the community. She believed this could be a domino effect that would assist the foster care system and working parents.

Commissioner Jung thanked Ms. Howell for the presentation and opined she was very humble. She asserted Ms. Howell was one of the best at obtaining State and private funding. She believed mothers who worked remotely during the pandemic were providing 99 percent of the childcare in addition to working their full-time jobs. She thought the County needed benefits such as childcare to assist with recruitment in a rapidly growing community. She asserted growth brought job competition and it could be difficult to hire educated employees for the salaries the County offered. She spoke about the difficulty parents encountered with daycare when schools altered scheduled days, providing the example of half-days on Wednesdays. She opined she would not know what to do with her child during that time as a working parent. She mentioned a baby boom occurred during the pandemic and the need for childcare had increased. She thanked Ms. Howell for the education about childcare and expressed shock about the cost of daycare.

Vice Chair Hill expressed support for Ms. Howell's efforts and appreciated the work she did with the State related to the childcare needs in the community. She stated the most vulnerable people in the community were foster children and youth and she thought it would be a significant improvement to license more people to provide childcare in Washoe County. She wanted to see the County offer childcare to prospective County employees as an employment benefit. She said she took her 11-month-old daughter to many events because she did not have childcare, although she indicated she signed up for full-time childcare while she was pregnant. She asserted using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds was a good opportunity to make the project sustainable.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

22-0832 **7A1** Proclaim November 11, 2022 as Veteran's Day in Washoe County.
(All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Jung read the Proclamation and thanked Washoe County employees for their service in the military and for continuing their careers in public service. She thanked her husband and father for serving their Country. She was honored to grow up in and marry into a military family. She mentioned that the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) performed a flyover at the recent Veterans Day Parade.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

10:48 a.m. **The Board recessed.**

10:50 a.m. **The Board reconvened with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent.**

22-0833 **7A2** Proclaim November 14 - 20, 2022 as National Apprenticeship Week in Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Hill read the Proclamation. She stated apprenticeship jobs were good for women and offered great pay and advancement opportunities.

Brian Prather of the Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Coordinators' Association (NNACA) thanked the Board for the recognition and stressed the importance of trades and building infrastructure in Nevada. He stated there were currently 61 apprenticeship programs in Nevada with 5,840 apprentices registered in training. He spoke about skilled craftsmen retiring which left many jobs open for people who wanted to learn a trade. The goal of the apprenticeship program was to help people who faced poverty by teaching them a skill that would pay fair wages and offer benefits. He said it was believed that skilled crafts were for people who did not go to college or receive degrees. He asserted the NNACA had a great relationship with Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC). Apprentices received college credits in the trade industry along with the opportunity to obtain an associate degree. He encouraged the Commissioners to visit one of the apprenticeship facilities to experience the state-of-the-art training.

Commissioner Jung stated the apprenticeship programs were paid and received steady and predictable salary increases along with being covered by some of the best healthcare. She encouraged people to enter apprenticeship programs, noting it was critical not to lose the crafts of the industry.

On the call for public comment, Mr. Andrew Maldonado was not present when called to speak.

22-0834 **7A3** Proclaim November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Washoe County. (All Commission Districts.)

Commissioner Herman read the Proclamation.

Nevada Cancer Coalition's Cancer Early Detection Programs Manager Darcy Phillips indicated only 1 percent of eligible people were screened for lung cancer. She thought the lack of screening contributed to the high death rate of people diagnosed with lung cancer. She expressed appreciation for the Proclamation and for spreading awareness.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 7A1 through 7A3 be adopted.

22-0835 **AGENDA ITEM 5** Public Comment.

Mr. Mark Neumann provided an update on events occurring in Sun Valley, which included a meeting being held the following day at the Sun Valley Community Center related to Highland Village II. He mentioned a conversation he had with County Manager Eric Brown about computers and training at the Sun Valley Senior Center and Manager Brown indicated staff would let Mr. Neumann know when training was available. He stated the veterans' breakfast was held the previous Saturday and had a good turnout. He wondered about a speed control issue in Sun Valley that Commissioner Jung mentioned during a previous meeting. He announced that the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) meeting was rescheduled for the following Saturday due to Veterans Day and would be at the Hobey's banquet room. He stated Hobey's had committed to providing space for the CAB meetings for the next year. He mentioned the Sparks Senior Center had been remodeled and was very nice.

Mr. Donald Fossum provided a document, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He congratulated Commissioner Herman on being re-elected and gave kudos to Mr. Mike Clark on a successful campaign. He looked forward to the experience Mr. Clark would bring to the Commission. He spoke about the lights going out during the ballot-counting process. He encouraged the Board not to certify the results of the election based on a lack of efficiency and transparency during the general election and ballot handling process. He expressed frustration about the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

Mr. James Benthin provided a document to be distributed to the Board, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He indicated the document was about grooming children for transhumanism, which he believed was child abuse. He said he was opposed to Drag Queen Story Hour and wanted it to stop.

County Clerk Jan Galassini stated 19 emails were received, which were placed on file.

22-0836 **AGENDA ITEM 6** Announcements/Reports.

Commissioner Herman referred to the last public comment and mentioned she had tried to donate Rush Revere books to the library but was told they were inappropriate. She stated a representative from the Reno Championship Air Races was interested in presenting to the Board during the first meeting in February. She brought up an issue regarding mail-in ballots in the town of Vya. She understood how the people in

Vya felt because years prior she was not able to vote due to someone voting in her place. She hoped these ballot issues would not happen again.

County Manager Eric Brown stated a special meeting for the Canvass of the Vote would be held on Friday, November 18. He noted there were 1,900 provisional ballots left to be completed which would close the process.

Commissioner Jung thanked staff for their hard work and commitment to conducting a fair and free election. She heard the Interim Registrar of Voters say she would rather be accurate than fast. She mentioned staff received scrutiny from all parties. She believed Washoe County conducted a fair, open election that was the most transparent in the entire Country. She spoke about being impatient waiting for election results and understood it took time to get them. She expressed pride in being associated with the election staff.

Vice Chair Hill thanked Commissioner Jung for acknowledging staff. She agreed that Nevada received scrutiny for allowing mail-in ballots. She looked forward to the Canvass of the Vote later in the week.

DONATIONS

- 22-0837** **8A1** Recommendation to accept donations of [\$9,495.03] from various businesses, organizations and individuals and in-kind donations [estimated value \$145,511.70] from the May Arboretum Society and Eagle Scout Troop 443 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.)
- 22-0838** **8B1** Recommendation to acknowledge retroactively various one-time in-kind gift donations at an estimated value of [\$1,500.00] from the Washoe Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Foundation and a one-time in-kind cash donation at a value of [\$100.00] from Mr. William R. Feltner and Ms. Barbara J. Feltner, and a one-time in-kind cash donation at a value of [\$50.00] in honor of Susan J. Krump accepted by Second Judicial District Court (SJDC) in support of the Second Judicial District Court, CASA Program, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0839** **8C1** Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$4,918.00]; 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 [\$1,639.76] retroactive for the period August 1, 2022 through October 21, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0840 **8C2** Recommendation to: (1) acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$10,810.00] retroactive August 1, 2022 through October 21, 2022; and (2) accept donations from various donors to Washoe County Human Services Agency Child Protective Services Fund to support welfare activities in the amount of [\$3,928.05] retroactive for the period August 11, 2022 through October 21, 2022; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0841 **8C3** Recommendation to acknowledge various items donated totaling an estimated market value of [\$64,000.00] retroactive October 26, 2022 to Washoe County Human Services Agency in support of various program areas including but not limited to: Senior Services, Men's CrossRoads, Our Place, Women's CrossRoads, and Women & Children's CrossRoads. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0842 **8D1** Recommendation to (1) accept and acknowledge 37 cases of water from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$163.54]; (2) accept and acknowledge various undergarment items from Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$6,311.00]; (3) accept and acknowledge Davines hygiene products from Johnson Controls donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$1,910.00]; (4) accept and acknowledge disinfectant cleaning wipes from Helping Hands Loving Hearts donated to the Nevada Cares Campus in the estimated amount of [\$360.00]; [total estimated value \$8,744.54], pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.140-15.160; Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0843 **8E1** Recommend to retroactively approve acceptance of a donation of 480 letter openers in the estimated amount of [\$220.00] from an anonymous citizen to the Registrar of Voters Office for use at Vote Centers for surrendering ballots that may still be in the original envelope, pursuant to Washoe County Code 15.140-15.160. Registrar of Voters. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 8A1 through 8E1 be acknowledged, accepted, approved, and directed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – 9A1 THROUGH 9K1

22-0844 **9A1** Approval of minutes for the Board of County Commissioners' special meeting of October 4, 2022, and regular meetings of October 11, 2022,

October 18, 2022, and October 25, 2022. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0845** **9A2** Acknowledge the communications and reports received by the Clerk on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, including the following categories: Monthly Statements/Reports; and Annual Statements and Reports. Clerk. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0846** **9B1** Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant [in the amount of \$212,223.00 with Washoe County as subgrantee with a cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$212,223.00] and approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00371 with a grant period from final execution through June 30, 2025; to construct a new trailhead and access path at the Washoe County owned Riverbend Open Space property along the Truckee River near Verdi, Nevada; and authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00371 and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission District 1.)
- 22-0847** **9B2** Recommendation to approve a Public Trail Easement Deed and Maintenance Agreement between Washoe County and Toll South Reno, LLC to allow public use of a future trail through the Broken Hills Subdivision in Spanish Springs, crossing Assessor's Parcel Number 089-621-03; and approve a Public Trail Easement Deed and Maintenance Agreement between Washoe County and Cinnamon Ridge North Community Association to allow public use of a future trail through the Broken Hills Subdivision in Spanish Springs, crossing Assessor's Parcel Number 089-641-02. Community Services. (Commission District 4.)
- 22-0848** **9C1** Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Interim Financial Report for Washoe County Governmental Funds for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022 recognizing a total funds balance increase of \$68 million year-to-date and \$79 million year over year. - Unaudited. Comptroller. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0849** **9D1** Recommendation to retroactively acknowledge the Professional Services Agreements for behavioral health services for Adult Drug Court, between the Second Judicial District Court and Ridge House in an amount not to exceed [\$130,964], and Quest Counseling, in an amount not to exceed [\$145,964], to support the Specialty Court programs, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0850** **9D2** Recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to retroactively acknowledge a grant of [\$81,000, no County match required], awarded to the Second Judicial District Court from the Lee F. Del Grande Foundation, retroactive to July 1, 2022 for Family Peace Center operating

expenses; and direct the Comptroller to make the necessary budget amendments. District Court. (All Commission Districts.)

- 22-0851** **9E1** Recommendation to accept the FY23 Federal Title IV-B Subpart 2 Caseworker Visits subaward from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services to support caseworker visits in the amount of [\$39,988.00; \$14,050.00 county match] retroactive to October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant award and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0852** **9E2** Recommendation to accept a FY23 Federal Title IV-B 1 sub-grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) in the amount of [\$62,004.00; \$20,668.00 county match] retroactive from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to improve outcomes for children and families involved with Washoe County Human Services Agency; authorize the Director of the Human Services Agency to execute the grant and related documents; and direct the Comptroller's office to make the necessary budget amendments. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0853** **9E3** Recommendation to appoint Casey Reed to the Washoe County Senior Services Advisory Board for the remainder of the term ending August 31, 2025. Casey Reed is currently an alternate on the board, but would become a primary member for the vacant District 4 seat if approved. Human Services Agency. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0854** **9F1** Recommendation to approve State Public Library Collection Development Project Grant-In-Aid Award funds from the State of Nevada in the amount of [\$17,879.00, no local match required] for a term retroactive from October 7, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the augmentation of the digital library collection to increase the number of in-demand downloadable library materials, direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and the Director to sign the grant award documents. Library. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0855** **9G1** Recommendation to approve Commission District Special Fund disbursement, pursuant to NRS 244.1505, in the amount of [\$2,500.00] for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; District 1 Commissioner Alexis Hill recommends a [\$2,500.00] grant to the Washoe County Green Team -- a government entity -- to support awareness of green initiatives; approve Resolutions necessary for same; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary disbursement of funds and net zero cross fund and/or cross function budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (Commission District 1.)

- 22-0856** **9H1** Recommendation to approve the reclassification of a vacant Deputy Public Defender III position, pay grade TT (salary range \$103,854.40-\$150,550.40), to a Deputy Public Defender IV, pay grade UU (salary range \$116,230.40-\$163,633.60), and authorize Human Resources to make the necessary changes. [Total fiscal impact is \$17,165; Net fiscal impact \$-0-]. Public Defender. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0857** **9I1** Recommendation to accept the FY 2023 Joining Forces award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, 25% In-Kind county match required] to cover overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the grant term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0858** **9I2** Recommendation to accept the FY 2023 Office of Traffic Safety award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, 25% In-Kind county match required] as administered through the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety, to cover overtime costs related to conducting DUI saturation patrols, for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0859** **9I3** Recommendation to retroactively approve the Funding Agreement between the Andelin Family Farm and Washoe County, on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide reimbursement for extra staffing/patrol services [up to \$3,600.00 estimated total reimbursement] needed in the Sparks, Nevada area during the annual Andelin Family Farm Fall Festival (2022). Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0860** **9I4** Recommendation to acknowledge Receipt of Status Report of Commissary Fund set up per NRS 211.360 to be utilized for the welfare and benefit of the inmates for items such as counseling, chaplaincy services, vocational training, and certification programs for inmate in the jail, submitted by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Commissary Committee for First Quarter for Fiscal Year 2023. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)
- 22-0861** **9J1** Recommendation to acknowledge and approve, effective November 21, 2022, for Sparks Justice Court, three (3) reclassifications [\$26,252], four (4) range increases [\$52,965], an increase to the Court's pooled positions budget [\$54,250], and the elimination of the Court Technology Business Systems Analyst II position [-\$133,467]. Reclassify Supervising Clerk III position (70000337), pay grade J178, to Assistant Court Administrator, pay

grade J180; Deputy Clerk II position (70009576), pay grade J110, to Deputy Clerk III, pay grade J120; Senior Judge's Secretary position (70004016), pay grade J170, to Judge's Administrative Assistant, pay grade J178. Increase Bailiff (Sparks)-ER range from \$24.24-\$32.74 to \$26.09-\$35.27; Increase Bailiff Supervisor (Sparks)-ER range from \$26.67-\$36.02 to \$30.45-\$41.09. Increase Bailiff Supervisor (Sparks) Range from \$29.01-\$39.18 to \$33.11-\$44.69. Increase Bailiff (Sparks) Range from \$26.36-\$35.61 to \$28.37-\$38.34. Increase pooled positions budget by \$54,250, as the Court will share a Technology position with another County department. Eliminate Court Technology Business Analyst II position (70000341) and authorize Human Resources and the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary changes. [\$0 net impact]. Sparks Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0862 **9J2** Recommendation to approve and acknowledge a Fiscal Recovery Fund Allocation from the Nevada Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to the Sparks Justice Court [\$24,349, no match required], retroactive to June 1, 2022, grant end date December 31, 2024; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. Sparks Justice Court. (All Commission Districts.)

22-0863 **9K1** Recommendation to accept Treasurer's status report for the period ending October 31, 2022, of payment of refunds and interest since last update in the amount of \$2,006,867.20 on certain property tax overpayments for residential properties at Incline Village/Crystal Bay, in compliance with the October 21, 2019 Order issued by the District Court in Village League to Save Incline Assets, Inc., et.al. vs. State of Nevada, et.al., Case No. CV03-06922, as modified and clarified by the settlement agreement regarding the processing of refunds. Treasurer. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment on the Consent Agenda Items listed above.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9K1 be approved. Any and all Resolutions or Interlocal Agreements pertinent to Consent Agenda Items 9A1 through 9K1 are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

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22-0864 **AGENDA ITEM 10** Recommendation to authorize temporary employees contracted through Manpower to drive Washoe County vehicles while serving as Open Space Management Technicians for Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be authorized.

22-0865 **AGENDA ITEM 11** Recommendation to accept a Nevada Division of State Parks Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant [in the amount of \$455,250.00 with Washoe County as subgrantee with a cash/in-kind match in the amount of \$455,250.00] and approve the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 with a grant period from final execution through July 31, 2025; to replace an existing playground with a new all-inclusive playground at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park to better serve the community and provide play opportunities for children of all abilities; and authorize the Assistant County Manager [Dave Solaro] to sign the Land & Water Conservation Fund Agreement #32-00372 and any subsequent documents related to the grant on behalf of the County; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Community Services. (Commission Districts 3 and 5.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be accepted, approved, authorized, and directed.

22-0866 **AGENDA ITEM 12** Recommendation to approve a master On-Call Sewer Inspection and Repair Program Agreement with National Plant Services, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, to support Washoe County's inflow and infiltration reduction program, to reduce adverse groundwater water quality impacts to the sanitary sewer collection system located within the South Truckee Meadows and other service areas. The award period will commence on December 1, 2022, and extend through November 30, 2023, a one (1) year term, with two (2) one-year term renewal options, at the discretion of Washoe County Community Services Director and subject to approved annual funding in the Utility Capital Project Improvement Program. All work will be authorized via individual purchase orders approved by the Washoe County Purchasing Manager, including any single purchase order more than \$300,000.00, with a unique project number based on a time and materials basis utilizing identified unit bid prices. Each individual work order will be developed on a project needs basis with the total of all annual approved work orders not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 as approved in the Fiscal Year 2023 capital budget. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved.

22-0867 **AGENDA ITEM 13** Recommendation to approve a Sewer Reimbursement Agreement between Washoe County and DiLoreto Construction and Development, Inc. for the construction of a portion of the Pleasant Valley Sewer Interceptor Reach 3 (PVIR3) Project and Reclaim Infrastructure within the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility service area [in the amount \$955,400.25], in response to Washoe County's request for oversizing portions of the PVIR3. Community Services. (Commission District 2.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

22-0868 **AGENDA ITEM 14** Recommendation to approve a resolution to augment the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of [\$29,900,686.11 for expenditures and \$31,282,043.11 in transfers] with resources coming from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for previously approved capital projects, to increase expenditure and transfer authority for capital projects for fiscal year 2023 in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.598005. There is [\$86,042,120.12] in available resources from ARPA funds through SLFRF as of July 1, 2022; and direct the Comptroller to make the appropriate budget amendments. If approved, this item will result in [\$31,282,043.11] of ARPA-SLFRF money being put into the Capital Improvements Fund from SLFRF-COVID Recovery (Other Restricted Fund) and [\$29,900,686.11] of expenditures being made from the Capital Improvements Fund for capital projects that have already been approved. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved and directed. The Resolution for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

22-0869 **AGENDA ITEM 15** Recommendation to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 22 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program, Award No 15PBJA-22-GG-01690-DNAX [amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, No County match required], to cover costs related to the DNA capacity enhancement and backlog

reduction/prevention and travel, for the retroactive grant term of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024 and if approved, authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documentation, and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Hill acknowledged the grant from the Bureau of Justice and noted it would be life-changing for many people in the community who had been victims.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 15 be accepted, authorized, and directed.

22-0870 **AGENDA ITEM 16** Recommendation for possible action to initiate amendments to Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction), to reflect that a stand-alone Department of Building and Safety no longer exists and that its functions are part of the Planning and Building Division within the Community Services Department. Amendments to this chapter may include, but are not limited to: the nomenclature and structure of the business unit and positions providing building and safety services to the Washoe County community; and all matters necessarily connected therewith and pertaining thereto. Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)

There was no response to the call for public comment.

On motion by Commissioner Herman, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 16 be initiated.

22-0871 **AGENDA ITEM 17** 1. Pursuant to WCC 2.030 and 2.040, and in order to comply with AB 116 of the 2021 Legislative Session, initiate an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code in chapters 50 and 70 concerning vehicles and traffic violations in order to convert most of those violations to civil infractions instead of criminal misdemeanor offenses. This amendment is necessary to comply with updates made in Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapters 483 through 484E, inclusive, 486 and 490 in the 2021 Legislative Session. State statute updates require many WCC traffic violations to be reduced from misdemeanor offenses to civil infractions unless state law provides that the violation shall be charged as a misdemeanor.

2. If initiated, also conduct an introduction and first reading of the new ordinance by title, and set the second reading and public hearing for enactment on December 20, 2022.

Vice Chair Hill opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Bill.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried on a 3-0 vote with Chair Hartung and Commissioner Lucey absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 17 be initiated.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1885.

Ms. Galassini stated an email was received and would be placed on file. Bill No. 1885 was introduced by Commissioner Jung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

22-0872 **AGENDA ITEM 18** Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the Washoe County Code at Chapter 5 (Administration and Personnel) by repealing sections 5.025 through 5.343 commonly known as the Merit Personnel Ordinance and adding two new sections 5.345 and 5.347. Section 5.345 establishes the department of Human Resources and its duties and authorizes the promulgation of regulations for the administration of the merit personnel system. Section 5.347 provides protections for Washoe County officers and employees against reprisal and retaliation for disclosure of improper governmental action as required by NRS 281.635. And, if introduced, set the public hearing and second reading of the ordinance for December 13, 2022. Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)

Vice Chair Hill opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Bill.

County Clerk Jan Galassini read the title for Bill No. 1886.

There was no response to the call for public comment.

Bill No. 1886 was introduced by Commissioner Jung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

22-0873 **AGENDA ITEM 19** Public Comment.

There was no response to the call for public comment

22-0874 **AGENDA ITEM 20** Announcements/Reports.

There were no announcements or reports.

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11:29 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

VAUGHN HARTUNG, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

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

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