

# Board of County Commissioners

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Nevada met in joint regular session with the Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees, and Clark County Liquor and Gaming Licensing Board, in full conformity with law and bylaws of said Boards, at the regular place of meeting in the Commission Chambers, Government Center, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada on Tuesday, the 17th day of January 2023 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order at the hour of 9:00 a.m. by Chair Gibson and, on roll call, the following members were present, constituting all of the members thereof:

## CALL TO ORDER

### CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Gibson  
Justin Jones  
Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick  
William McCurdy II  
Ross Miller  
Michael Naft  
Tick Segerblom

Absent:  
None

### Also Present:

Kevin Schiller, County Manager  
Lisa Logsdon, Deputy District Attorney  
Lynn Marie Goya, County Clerk  
Jewel Gooden, Assistant Clerk, BCC  
Michelle Hinkson, Deputy Clerk

JIM GIBSON

Good morning. This is the time set for our, uh- County Commission meeting this morning. I call the meeting to order. The first order of business is the invocation, which will be offered by Commissioner Jones, after which we'll do the Pledge of Allegiance. We'd invite all to stand for both.

**INVOCATION**

JUSTIN JONES

Our dear, kind, and gracious heavenly father, we are grateful to be gathered here as public servants to do the business of Clark County. We ask that thou will watch over us today, uh- that we may enjoy your wisdom and your guidance as we consider the business of our local government. We're grateful for all that we have been blessed with. We're grateful for the many public servants who are here day in and day out to serve our local community. And we say this in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

AUDIENCE

Amen.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Commissioners'/County Managers Recognitions**

**ITEM NO. 1** Recognize and present a proclamation to Former Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske for her public service in the State of Nevada.

KEVIN SCHILLER

Good morning, Commissioners. Um- uh- first item is Commissioners' County Managers Recognition. Item One is to recognize and present a proclamation to former Secretary of State, Barbara Cegavske, for her public service in the State of Nevada. Commissioner Jones.

JONES

Thank you very much. It is my, uh- distinct pleasure, um- to recognize one of my favorite constituents, um- Barbara Cegavske, uh- who has served our state for more than three decades of public service and small business experience. She first entered public service in 1996, when she was elected to serve in the State Assembly, representing Assembly District 5 for three consecutive terms, and then represented State Senate District 8 for three terms. During her time in the Nevada Legislature, uh- Barbara s- assumed leadership roles as co-assembly assistant minority floor leader, assistant assembly minority whip, senate minority whip, and senate assistant minority leader.

Barbara served as Secretary of State from 2015 to 2023, overseeing the nine divisions, including trademarks, uh- trade names, and notary division, but most importantly and what we know her most for, uh- overseeing our elections for the last, uh- four election cycles. Um- during the era of hyper partisanship and election denialism, she's been a true hero of democracy for standing firm when members of even her own party sought to overturn Nevada's 2020 presidential election results.

Uh- we recently said goodbye to our own Joe Gloria, um- and both Joe and

JONES Barbara have really been champions for- for many election cycles, uh- here to ensure that we are a model for the Country, uh- for bipartisanship, non-partisanship, and making sure that, uh- we officiate free and fair elections. So, Barbara, we are so grateful for all that you have done for our state. Come on down.

A- and just as an example of, uh- my first interaction with- with Barbara, um- in my short time in the State Senate, uh- I- I chaired, uh- a health and human services committee. Barbara was, um- uh- uh- pretty conservative. She'd sort of been iced out from (laughs) her own party leadership. And she had some great bills before the Legislature, uh- on behalf of several nonp- uh- non-partisan, um- uh- organizations, uh- charitable organizations, came to me, and she said, "Hey, would you help me on these bills?" And she told me about the bills and I was very happy to- to work with her and- and others on, uh- on the wonderful things that she was doing up at the Legislature. And it's been great to continue on with those conversations over the last few years. So, I'm really grateful for you, um- and I wanna present you with this proclamation, uh- from Clark County.

BARBARA CEGAUSKE Thank you so much.

JONES Thank you.

CEGAUSKE I appreciate this. (inaudible)(crosstalk)

GIBSON Let's get a picture.

JONES Picture.

CEGAUSKE Yeah. (crosstalk)

GIBSON Let me help you hold this, so there' isn't a glare.

TICK SEGERBLOM Do we get to say something about her?

JONES Yeah. I know there are others who want to say something, so...

MARILYN KIRKPATRICK Here, you go first.

GIBSON Go ahead.

SEGERBLOM So, Barbara and I go way back, obviously, she's much younger than I am. But, uh- I remember the one thing that sticks out in my mind, you brought John Ponder to me, um- I'm not sure which session it was. And- and we were trying to figure out how we could get driver's licenses issued in the state prison. And you s- and- and anyway, we were able to accomplish that. We had problems later on, but- but, uh- you've been doing the right thing for a long time, and I can't thank you enough. Um- I know you've had such a terrible time the last couple years (laughs). Death threats and everything else. But thank you so much.

KIRKPATRICK Well, I go even farther back with Barbara. So, we did our R. Guild Grey PTA together, Girl Scouts, uh- and so many other things. So, uh- really, you are what Nevada is all about, doing the right thing to benefit so many. And, um- I don't

KIRKPATRICK

think we could sing your praises enough today, and I'm sure that you're not done, though your husband would probably like you to be done (laughs). I'm sure that you're not, and, um- Nevada's a better place for all that you've done, and it started with, you know, PTA. We were doing all kinds of things, and Girl Scouts, and then you just went on to bring all of your knowledge, um- to our state. So, thanks for being such a great Nevadan.

ROSS MILLER

Well, uh- Secretary Cegavske followed me as Secretary of State. Uh- and I can tell you the- the- the challenges that I faced paled in comparison to what she went through. Uh- it just wasn't even comparable. So, uh- she- she did obviously an incredible job and- and I'm so proud to watch the job that she did, uh- and what an incredible tenure of service. Thank you.

GIBSON

I've known Barbara for a good, long while, and I've gotten calls from her, um- I think several of us have, pointing out things we needed to know, quite honestly. So, it was never defensive. It was like, "tell us what you know, and we'll get after it". She's made lots of recommendations. I don't know any that were, that were bad. Thank you so much for the great work that you've done. You know firsthand, we hear it sometimes, but you were hearing it every minute, all day, every day during the elections, the last couple in particular. And, uh- we have looked to you to really help us, and it was something to have you have our back. And we hope you felt that we had yours.

CEGAVSKE

Absolutely.

JONES

Pass it down.

WILLIAM MCCURDY II

Um- I've had an opportunity to serve, um- alongside Secretary Cegavske as well during my time in the Legislature. Uh- but what comes to mind when I think about all that you have gone through, uh- during your tenure as our Secretary of State is leadership. And leadership is defined by two words, and those are by example, and you have been a leader throughout good times and bad. And I just can't thank you enough for all that you have done, uh- for the residents of the State of Nevada and all of the folks who are depending on you to do the right thing, uh- when, uh- the tensions were highest. So, thank you and we appreciate all that you have done, uh- to lift this great state up, uh- with your leadership. Thank you.

MICHAEL NAFT

And just lastly, I think when we, uh- teach our kids about this period in our history and- and your eight years of service as Secretary of State, I think what'll stand out most is the lessons we learned of what a true public servant is. And that, and you are just that. You are what we hope the next generation of public servants aspire to, uh- in times... It's easy... When things are easy, it's easy to do a good job. It's easy to do the right thing. But doing the right thing when times are tough, when your backs against the wall like you did time and time again, is the lesson that I, that I hope my kids learn and- and that all those in Clark County know, and- and that's why we respect you so much. Thank you.

JONES

You wanna say a few words?

CEGAVSKE

Um- I don't know what to say after all of those comments. But I wanna thank each and every one of you. And it's been a pleasure to serve with you in different

CEGAVSKE capacities, um- and I just wanna thank you, each and every one of you, um- for all that you've done for me as well. And the working together that we've been able to do, um- through the years. So, thank you all very, very, very much, and continue to move on with what you're doing (laughs). And I know the task isn't easy, but congratulations to all of you for the good job you've been doing. Thank you.

JONES Thank you. And I commit that, uh- when there are more dead coyotes, um- near your house, we will be there to scrape them off the ground.

NAFT (laughs)

JONES Um- we wanted to... We have a small token, uh- of our apprec- appreciation over here for you. Hope you brought your trailer for, uh- the flower arrangement (laughs). Um- once again, for Barbara C- Cegavske.

CEGAVSKE Thanks.

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 2** Public Comment

GIBSON The next item on our agenda is public comment. We'd invite anyone who wishes to make a public comment to please come forward, state your name, spell your last name, and please limit your comments to three minutes. Morning.

MARGARET ANN COLEMAN Yes, good morning. My name is Margaret Ann Coleman and I'm here this morning to address you on a lot of your items that is on the agenda. Um- I'll just give you the number 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 26, 28, and 35. Those are concerning, uh- your approval of giving them improvement. So far, you haven't given me any. You guys have these black representatives, uh- for the factories of the future, for the lives of the community. I don't see my picture in there anywhere.

This morning, as you know, I'm not supposed to be here. I'm supposed to be at, uh- representing my sister in Los Angeles. Me and my daughter all day tried getting tickets to go to the funeral, because I did not get representation from you as being a participant as a public comment of the board and assisting you of three million, three billion dollars or three billion, three million. And you give me no representation. Now, the misconduct at the, uh- r- at the airport, my daughter, she was generous to me, to help me, because I asked you for a donation to go to the funeral. You did nothing. You didn't call me. You didn't consider me as a human being.

Those tickets cost us \$189, and we go, and we get ready to- to uh- board the, uh- plane at the correct hour. And then they tell us and hustling us for another \$89 per bag, or baggage. And that is an improper act as far as I'm concerned, when you're not addressing or telling a person when you're buying a ticket. What she want is you to reimburse her. So, my number is (702) 986-2960. She's entitled to her money. I'm upset with you because you have no respect for me to see my family when they pass.

Miss Gertrude William was a beautiful woman to me. She's my older sister. And I

COLEMAN should be there to represent her. You used my money, and you gave me no understanding or respect or give me a thanks of your appreciation. Kevin Shizzler (Schiller) did not even try to assist me and calling me. All you all want is money. My daughter is here to represent this ticket we... She want her money back.

GIBSON Thank you, Miss Coleman.

COLEMAN And I also have a list of overthrowers I'm gonna give and submit to you-

GIBSON Alright.

COLEMAN ... concerning my three billion dollars.

GIBSON Thank you.

COLEMAN And my three million.

GIBSON Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period?

KAMILAH MUHAMMED My name Kamilah Muhammed. I'm Margaret Coleman's daughter. She said her sister, which is my Auntie Gertrude Williams, did pass, and we got the ticket this morning. They didn't say upfront that you have to pay for the baggage separate from the tickets. They told her over the phone they was 40 and 40 round trip for two tickets. And then when she go, she pays 180-something bucks and wasn't told that we gotta pay for each bag, 80-some, 80-something dollars. And then the out... I go to them and I ask them, "Well, can you just take one ticket and put the other money from the other ticket towards the bag- baggage to let my mama go to the funeral?" And they wouldn't do that. And I didn't have no understanding of that. And I just wanna get reimbursed for the tickets that, uh... We gotta get somewhere to- to stay. Uh- w- I was footing the bill on the tickets because that's her sister, my auntie that passed, and we need to get us... Well, we still in the streets, d- almost, you know what I'm saying? And I only get a little bit a month. And I would just ask for your help. All right, y'all have a good day.

GIBSON Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the first public comment period?

DANIEL BRAITSED Daniel Braisted, B-R-A-I-S-T-E-D. Congratulations on your new assignment, Mister Chairman.

GIBSON Thank you.

BRAISTED A- are you going for a trifecta?

GIBSON No.

BRAISTED (laughs) Okay. Um- question on num- Number 30 relating to the, uh- budget for the air force name, uh- Airport naming. Do I talk about it here or wait 'til it comes up?

GIBSON The item has been pulled from the agenda, so it will not be heard today.

BRAISTED Okay.

GIBSON W- when we review the- the agenda, you'll hear that.

BRAISTED Okay.

GIBSON Y- you can speak to it today, since it was noticed, if you wish to. But now would be the time.

BRAISTED Oh, I just noticed that, um- a decrease in the cost of \$1.2 million and checking the other tables, I don't see where the- the, where that came from, or did they decrease the- the bid on operations or something? So that's, that was my question.

GIBSON Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period? There being no one, Mister Schiller?

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 3** Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting On December 20, 2022. (For possible action) (Available in the County Clerk's Office, Commission Division)

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to Item Three, approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 20th, 2022.

JONES Move approval.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval of the minutes by Commissioner Jones. Any discussion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the minutes be approved.

**ITEM NO. 4** Approval of Agenda with the Inclusion of Any Emergency Items and Deletion of Any Items. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Um- Item Four is approval of the agenda with inclusion of any emergency items and deletion of any items. Staff is requesting that Item 30 in the consent section, be deleted from your agenda and Item 42 be deleted from the public hearing section of your agenda.

GIBSON Thank you. Are there any other changes to the agenda this morning at the pleasure the Board?

JONES Motion...

GIBSON There being none, excuse me.

JONES Move for approval with the stated changes.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval with the changes by Commissioner Jones. Any discussion? Please cast your votes.

JONES (inaudible)

GIBSON The motion carries.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the agenda be approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Items No. 5 through No. 41

SCHILLER Now move to Item Five, consent agenda Items 5 through 41 comprise the consent- consent agenda. Item Number 30 has been deleted.

JONES Move for approval of consent agenda.

GIBSON There's a motion for approval of the consent agenda. Any discussion on the motion? Please cast your votes. And the motion carries.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the consent agenda be approved.

**ITEM NO. 5** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Master Contract and the Contracts with 180 Community Wellness Centers, LLC, Apple Grove Treatment Center, LLC dba Apple Grove Foster Care Agency, Bamboo Sunrise, LLC, Eagle Quest, Greater Hope Foundation for Children, Inc. dba Greater Hope Foundation, National Youth Advocate Program, Inc., Olive Crest, Shining Star Community Services, Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Nevada, Inc., St. Jude's Ranch for Children-Nevada Region, Inc. dba St. Jude's Ranch for Children, for RFQ No. 604131-16, for Foster Care Services; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendments; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 6** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Liberty Wellness Outpatient Counseling Center, for CBE No. 606071-21, for COVID-19 Non-Congregate Shelter Support Services; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 7** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Family Promise of Las Vegas, for CBE No. 606132-22, for Emergency Shelter Program; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 8** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Nevada Homes for Youth, Inc., for CBE No. 605897-21, for Independent Living Placement or Emergency Shelter Services; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 9** Authorize the Chair to sign Interlocal Agreement No. 140549-A with Las Vegas Valley Water District, for CBE No. 606480-22, for Desert Breeze Park Baseball Fields; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 10** Authorize the Chair to sign the Interlocal Agreement with U.S. Geological Survey, for CBE No. 606461-22, Rare Plant Propagation Research Phase II; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 11** Approve the Contract with iLOOKABOUT (US) Inc. d.b.a Apex Software, for CBE No. 606209-22, for Sketch Modification, contingent upon submission of the required insurance; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Contract; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 12** Approve the award of Bid No. 606231-22, for 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway Landscape Maintenance, to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required insurance. Staff recommends award to Brightview Landscape Services, Inc.; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 13** Approve the award of Bid No. 606273-22, for Tropicana & University Center Drainage Improvements - Phase 1 to the low responsive and responsible bidder, contingent upon submission of the required bonds and insurance. Staff recommends award to Harber Company, Inc. dba Mountain Cascade of Nevada; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 14** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with The Salvation Army, A California Corporation, for CBE No. 606092-22, for Emergency Shelter Program; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 15** Ratify and approve an Amendment to the Contract with Hopelink of Southern Nevada, for CBE No. 606134-22, for Emergency Shelter Program; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the Amendment; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 16** Approve the selection of Slipstream, Inc., for RFP No. 606305-22, for Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Administrator; and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to negotiate a Contract; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 17** Note for the record the following Town Advisory Board (TAB) and/or Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes: Enterprise TAB - December 14, 2022; Paradise TAB - December 13, 2022; Spring Valley TAB - December 13, 2022; and Sunrise Manor TAB - December 15, 2022.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 18** Ratify the submission of the new grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC) Unsheltered Notice of Funding Opportunity Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Project by Clark County Social Service to provide the HMIS licenses, training, and system administration to support the HUD funded CoC Unsheltered NOFO projects; authorize the Administrator of Human Services to sign the grant documents; accept any grant funds awarded; and authorize the creation of one (1) Part Time Hourly Management Assistant or equivalent position, contingent on award from HUD. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 19** Ratify the submission of the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNH CoC) Unsheltered Notice of Funding Opportunity Planning Project by Clark County Social Service to provide planning activities toward implementation of the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009; authorize the Administrator of Human Services to sign the grant documents; accept any grant funds awarded; and authorize the creation of one (1) Grant Funded Limited Perm Management Analyst (C29), and two (2) Part time Hourly Management Assistants or equivalent positions, contingent on grant award. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 20** Appoint Holly Fic to serve as an Air Pollution Control Hearing Officer for a two-year term, commencing on January 17, 2023, and running through January 16, 2025. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including appointment of Holly Fic for a two-year term commencing on January 17, 2023, and running through January 16, 2025) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 21** Authorize the Director of Aviation to sign Amendment No. 01 to the Professional Services Contract between Clark County and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (Matt Ulukaya, Sr. Project Manager/Vice President) for owner representation services for design and construction projects within the Clark County Airport System (Airport System); or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 22** Authorize the Director of Aviation to sign a Contract between Clark County and John Bean Technologies Corporation dba JBT AeroTech, Jetway Systems (Brian DeRoche, Vice President/General Manager) for Project 3073 Jet Bridge Maintenance (Project) at Harry Reid International Airport; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 23** Designate portions of Clark County-owned (Aviation) property as rights-of-way pertaining to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 163-35-501-027, 163-35-602-003, 163-35-602-004, and 163-35-703-007 for the Jones Boulevard between Tropicana Avenue and Clark County 215 Bruce Woodbury Beltway project; and authorize the Director of Real Property Management or her designee to sign the dedication in fee documents. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 24** Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign Supplemental No. 2 to the professional engineering services contract between Clark County and Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. (Larry V. Carroll, Senior Managing Principal) to increase total funds for additional design services and to extend the contract term for the Pyle Avenue between Las Vegas Boulevard and Bermuda Road and Starr Avenue between Las Vegas Boulevard and Bermuda Road project. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 25** Approve and authorize the County Manager or his designee to sign an interlocal agreement between Clark County and the Clark County School District for maintenance of a flashing beacon at the Southwest Career and Technical Academy generally located on Rainbow Boulevard between Windmill Lane and Shelbourne Avenue. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 26** In accordance with NRS 244.210 and 354.220 through 354.250, approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution to authorize refunds as shown on Exhibit "A. " (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-1-17-23-1) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 27** Authorize the Detention Services Division (DSD) to submit a grant application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Nevada Division of Emergency Management (NDEM) for personal protective equipment (PPE) to mitigate COVID-19 proliferation and authorize the Chief Financial Officer or her designee to sign the grant documents related thereto and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 28** Approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution authorizing an increase of the Henderson Constable's revolving change bank account from \$400 to \$500. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including the adoption of Resolution No. R-1-17-23-2) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 29** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign two (2) interlocal agreements between Clark County and the Moapa Valley Water District for the award and use of Clark County Recovery Funds (County Recovery Funds) or take

other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 30** Receive a quarterly report of donations received for the LAS name change from October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** Deleted from the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 31** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Q-Mation, Inc. dba Wonderware North (formerly Standard Automation & Controls, LP dba Wonderware West) (Robert D'Agostino, President), revising the Scope of Services and Fee Schedule for District CBE No. 170045, Aveva (formerly Wonderware) Software, Hardware, Maintenance and Technical Support Services; and approve an annual price escalation; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 32** Approve and authorize the General Manager to sign a Master Enterprise Licensing Agreement and a Select Plus Licensing Agreement with Microsoft Corporation (Carol Workman, General Manager/State and Local Government), and authorize the General Manager to issue purchase orders to SHI International Corporation (Darek Awas, Manager/Contracts), an authorized reseller for Microsoft Corporation, for the purchase of Microsoft Software licenses and various Information Technology Solutions products and services, District CBE No. 230014; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 33** Pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes, note for the record that the Official Reports and Documents received from various County offices are on file in the County Clerk's Office, Commission Division.

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 34** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the correction of the 2019-2020 thru 2022-2023 Secured and the 2020-2021 thru 2022-2023 Unsecured Assessment Roll AR-0117-23-2 and order the corrections to be made. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 35** Authorize the County Manager or his designee to execute the submission of a grant application and accept the award from the Center of Tech and Civic Life, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for expenses related to election administration during the upcoming elections. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 36** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with The Boring Company to provide Clark County Fire Department with equipment and staffing in support of the Vegas Loop Project; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action.)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 37** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #1 to the interlocal contract with the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for the reimbursement program for ground ambulance transportation services in accordance with the State of Nevada Medicaid State Plan; or take other action as appropriate. (For possible action.)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 38** Approve and accept anticipated grant award from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services for the Caseworker Visitation Program in the amount \$139,959 for the period effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023; approve and authorize the continuation of two (2) part-time grant funded Family Service Specialist positions for the period during which the grant funds are available; and authorize the Administrator to sign the Notice of Subaward and any additional grant documents; and accept the funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 39** Ratify the acceptance of additional subaward in the amount of \$261,300 from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 for Community Network Program for Keeping Babies Safe; authorize the Administrator to sign any additional grant documents; approve and authorize the continuation of one (1) part time Family Services Specialist grant funded position for the period which the grant funds are available; and accept any funds awarded. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 40** Receive and accept the 2022 Annual Report from the Clark County Law Library. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 41** Approve, adopt, and authorize the Chair to sign a resolution authorizing the notice of sale of properties subject to the lien of a delinquent assessment in the following special improvement districts (SID's): District #97B-7506-Strip Maintenance; District #114B-7526-South Strip Maintenance (Mandalay Bay Road to Russell Road); District #126A-7567-Boulder Strip Beautification; District #142-7571-Mountain's Edge; District #151-7582-Summerlin-Mesa; District #158-7597-Las Vegas Blvd-St Rose to Pyle Unit 1 (Storm Sewer); District #158-7602-Las Vegas Blvd-St Rose to Pyle Unit 2 (Sanitary Sewer); District #159-7601-Summerlin Village 16A and provide for other matters properly relating thereto. (For possible action)

**ACTION:** It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation be approved.

**ITEM NO. 42** Conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of its "Clark County Water Reclamation District (District), Nevada General Obligation (Limited Tax) Water Reclamation Bonds, (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues) Series 2023", in the maximum principal amount of \$340,000,000. (Sitting as the Clark County Water Reclamation District Board of Trustees) (For possible action)

**ACTION:** Deleted from the agenda.

**ITEM NO. 43** Conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of its “Clark County, Nevada, General Obligation (Limited Tax) Fire Station and Training Center Bonds (Additionally Secured by Pledged Revenues), Series 2023”, in the maximum principal amount of \$50,000,000.

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to the public hearing section of your agenda. Item 43 is to conduct a public hearing regarding the issuance of its Clark County Nevada General Obligation Limited Tax, Fire Station, and Training Center bonds, additionally secured by pledge revenues, series 2023, in the maximal principal amount of \$50 million.

GIBSON This is a public hearing. Is there anyone here who wishes to speak on this item, uh- this morning? There being no one, the public hearing... Please come forward. (silence).

JOHN ANESON Good morning. My name's John Aneson. I'm the Retail and Food Service Chair of the Nevada Food Safety Task Force, and I worked together with the Education Policy Director of New Jersey to put together a skills for life program, an after-school program tailored for juniors and seniors.

GIBSON Sir-

ANESON That will be-

GIBSON ... um- I think that the item that we're hearing, we're hearing now an item related to the Clark County General Obligation, Fire Station, and Training Center bonds. Um- is that, are you here to speak on that item?

ANESON ... n-, no, I'm not.

GIBSON Okay, I-

ANESON But you mentioned a public comment.

GIBSON ... that's what I ... Yeah, this is a public hearing, but we're gonna have public comment in just a moment. Okay?

ANESON Alright, I'll, I'll retreat.

GIBSON Yeah, just sit close here. We'll be, we'll be to you in just a minute.

ANESON Sure.

GIBSON Thank you. There being no one to speak at this time on this item, the public hearing is closed. So, at this point then, we'd invite you, sir, (laughs) to step back up. (crosstalk) No, that's an, not an, it's not an action item.

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 44** Identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings; receive updates on the activities of the various regional boards and commissions; and direct staff accordingly.

SCHILLER Commissioners, we can now move to the business, uh- section of your agenda. It

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is not yet 10:00 a.m. Uh- Item 44 is identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, receive updates on activities of the various regional boards and commissions, and direct staff accordingly.

GIBSON

Commissioner McCurdy, do you have any items this morning?

MCCURDY

Uh- thank you, Mister Chairman. Uh- yesterday my office joined, uh- so many others during the 41st, uh- annual Martin Luther King, uh- Jr. parade, Downtown Las Vegas. This was probably, uh- one of the largest parades for Dr. MLK Day that I have been to in quite some time. And you would've thought that the threat of rain would've kept people from showing up, but even with the rain and also then hail, um- we (laughs) also had an opportunity to get down there and just really keep the dream alive and celebrate with so many others.

Uh- so I wanna thank, uh- everyone, including our own Chief John Steinbeck, uh- for walking with us and all of the Clark County Fire team, uh- who were able to come out. We thank you, and, uh- we look forward to doing it bigger and better next year. And, um- we had so many opportunities that were presented to us over this past, uh- year for the MLK parade and we even had BET, um- reach out and want to promote our parade nationally during the next year's event. So that's really exciting, and we, again, thank the entire community for coming out.

Um- lastly, I have two events that I would like to update the community about. The first being this Thursday, January 19th, uh- with Attorney Caleb Green, uh- we will host a Know Your Rights Intellectual Property Workshop from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., here at the, uh- Government Center, and I encourage all of our high school and college athletes to attend as we will be discussing how they can better leverage their name, image, and likeness, um- for, uh- potential brand deals and other opportunities. So, we invite, uh- entrepreneurs and- and others to come out and- and ask questions and learn about, uh- all that comes with intellectual property law and how you can leverage some of your, um- some of your ideas.

On Thursday, February 2nd, we will be turning the Welcome to Las Vegas Sign, uh- red, yellow, green, and black in honor of Black History Month once more. Uh- we had an amazing time doing this last year, and we wanna invite the entire community, uh- to come out, uh- and- and celebrate with us.

And lastly, um- if you are looking for, uh- events to attend during, uh- this week and into Black History Month, I've compiled a list on my, uh- social media networks if you would like to identify one and come on out, uh- but we encourage everyone to participate in Black History Month that it's gonna be coming up here soon. And that's all I have, Mister Chairman. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Commissioner Naft?

NAFT

Thank you, Mister Chairman. On January 9th, Commissioners Kirkpatrick, Jones, and I, uh- joined together to recognize law enforcement appreciation, um- a- a- along with our partners at The Foundation, Tom Kovach and, uh- Captain Munson from South Central Area Command. We presented a proclamation, turned the lights blue, and of course, got wonderful participation up and down the Resort Corridor and throughout the valley, um- uh- recognizing, uh- recognizing those in uniform and those, uh- who serve in other capacities with our local law

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enforcement.

On January 7th, we had the swearing in ceremony for our Town Advisory Boards and CACs. Um- I know others spoke as well. Uh- it was a pleasure to, uh- have the opportunity to swear in these volunteers who serve our community. They provide, uh- they provide service from Bunkerville to Laughlin and everywhere in between and really nice to get them all- all in the same room. And, uh- wanna thank, uh- everyone from our staffs who played a role in putting that training together, um- and taking- taking time on, uh- over the weekend to make sure that- that our advisors have the best information possible.

Next, I want to congratulate, it was alluded to, but I wanna congratulate our Chairman, Jim Gibson, for being sworn in as the Chairman of the LVCVA at our last board meeting, uh- a week ago today. Uh- he, along with others, were, uh- selected for the Executive Committee and, uh- I appreciate his service there as well as here.

Uh- next we had, uh- with the partnership of our Arts Department and Clark County Parks and Rec Department, we had, we've, I know we've all been enjoying the exhibit in the rotunda for the last couple of weeks. I had the pleasure of, uh- hosting, um- along with Mickey and others, uh- the artists and their families for rec- reception to celebrate their contributions, uh- to the arts community here. Uh- the exhibit is still up and running and invite everybody to take a look, while it's still in place.

Over the weekend, I had the pleasure of, uh- celebrating, commemorating the Epiphany with the Ethiopian community of Southern Nevada. Um- f- more than 1,500, uh- individuals gathered, uh- to celebrate the occasion. Um- it was really a- a special opportunity for me and glad to have the invitation to participate.

Uh- we, uh- oh, I- I... this was right afterwards, I got to go from this over to the Broken Yolk Café, um- which is the newest Broken Yolk location in Clark County. They have one at Town Square, uh- now they have one, uh- up on St. Rose, uh- and Eastern area in between Inspirada and Seven Hills. Um- and they have great plans for expansion. Uh- I think into probably just about everybody's district here.

Um- and coming up in the near future, we have our next Coffee and Conversation, Commissioner Jones and I, in Inspirada, uh- R- Romano Mercato on Saturday, January 21st, from 9:00 to 11:00.

Um- and lastly, Shoes that Fit, I think I'm the last one here to get to do, have this opportunity in District A, um- but nevertheless, that'll be on January 31st, um- at, uh- Jydstrup Elementary. Thank you, Chairman.

GIBSON

Commissioner Jones.

JONES

Thank you, Mister Chair. Uh- I'm gonna skip a couple of slides 'cause my colleagues have already, uh- hit on them. Uh- we had the opportunity, my team and I had the opportunity to, uh- attend the ribbon cutting and grand opening of NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal's, uh- second Big Chicken restaurant. It's the first one that will have a, uh- a drive-thru. Um- I sampled I think everything on the

JONES

menu and I can attest that everything is delicious. Uh- if you're interested in, uh- stopping by, that's at, uh- 9595 West Tropicana Avenue in District F. Um- and just, uh- a testament to the fact that, uh- we are open for business and, um- encourage, uh- our local folks, um- to, uh- to- to- to open new small businesses like this.

Uh- on Friday, had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the Meadows Outpatient Treatment Center. Um- this was, uh- a great opportunity for a, uh- a, uh- behavioral health provider, uh- based in Phoenix who looked around the Country and- and, uh- were looking at where the opportunities are for providing more outpatient behavioral health services, and they saw the tremendous need here in Southern Nevada, and I can tell ya, uh- having talked to the CEO for a while, um- they're already looking at additional, uh- locations here in Southern Nevada, because the g- need is, uh- so great. And I think this really, uh- fits in with some of the other work that we're doing when it comes to the SNAMHS campus, and, and working with the Legislature on, uh- additional fac- inpatient facilities.

Uh- we have, upcoming, at, uh- Desert Breeze, our Spring Festival, um- second annual. Last year, if you were able to attend, uh- our s- our Parks and Rec, uh- folks did an amazing job, um- and the kids at, uh- Desert Breeze, uh- decorated the entire facility there, uh- for what was a, which was a fan- fantastic, um- Lunar New Year. Uh- that's, uh- the Sunday, or next Sunday, uh- Saturday, January 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. And, uh- just again, thank you to Desert Breeze staff, our parks and rec team for, uh- for all that they do in order to make these events, uh- tremendous, and invite the community into our facilities. Thank you.

GIBSON

Okay, Commissioner Miller. And Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM

Thank you, Mister Chairman. Um- uh- excuse me. So, last week I had the opportunity to present the Key to The Strip, um- um- to Frank Sidoris, who, I didn't realize this, but he's m- m- born and raised here in Las Vegas, but he's a, a lead guitar player for Slash. And I asked who Slash was, and everybody said, "Guns N' Roses."

GIBSON

(laughs)

SEGERBLOM

So, anyway. He's very famous, but he also has just purchased the Hard Hat Lounge, and I don't know if you ever been to the Hard Hat Lounge, but this is not the kind of place you would think of, of a guitar player or, um- anyone other than... it was r- previously a pretty much of a dive bar, but, but it's, it's come up. And their pizza is just to die for. So, anyway, wanted to congratulate him, and, and thank him for, for, um- investing in our community.

Uh- next, I wanna, um- give an update on our Hollywood Regional Park. As you can see, we- we've made a lot of progress, we have this great, uh- running, walking trail on the right. Uh- we have our pickleballs on the left, we have four, um- full-sized, um- soccer fields. And, um- it's, it's 80% done, we're almost there. I, I know we don't have as many pickleball courts as you do, but, um- our, ours are gonna be better.

And finally, I wanted to say that, th-, um- on the 19th, at the El Mercado, um- at

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the Boulevard Mall, we're bringing Business Licensing to the community. So, you know, instead of having to come down here and, and, and update your business license or ask questions, Business Licensing, uh- and Vince are actually going out there. Uh- we have one of the little booths, and so there's, like, 90 businesses right there in the Mercado, but anyone around that area that wants to come and, and, and check on their license, update their license, pay, make a payment, uh- this is really exciting. We did this once before, and, and we had a lot of participation. So, uh- I would encourage you, if you have any questions about the business licensing, to come on, on the 19th. Thank you.

GIBSON

Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK

Yeah, thank you, uh- Mister Chairman. I just wanna remind everybody that January, the whole of month of January is National, uh- Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness. And it's really important, as a community, that we keep this at the forefront, and continue to talk about it, um- so that people know where they can do to, um- get the assistance that they need to get back on track.

Um- so we, um- were at Ardiente, uh- Senior Community Center. That is a community center that's off of Pecos and the 215. Um- so the thing I love about doing things with my seniors is they're pretty engaged, and they always wanna learn new things. We cook, um- so this year, um- this month, we had a, um- potato bar so that they got to make their own potato. And it was, kind of, cold weather, and kinda worked out. But two of our guest, um- one was Nellis, and I just wanna remind everyone that Nellis is a huge partner. Um- their hospital is a huge partner with, uh- UMC. So, they train, uh- back and forth. And it's recognized nationally. So, we worked with UMC and Nellis, and they are the only, um- federal trauma III center. So, people can, um- i- by ambulance, be transported to Nellis, um- Air Base to receive medical care. So, that is another option as we go into the season, where flu season, and a lot of people are, um- trying to get into our emergency rooms, Nellis is a great partner of UMC, and so we just wanna let folks know, especially for th- you that represent the east sides, um- they can go directly to the Base, and, um- the ambulant folks should be able to tell them how to, uh- should be able to go right through.

Um- the second guest that we had was, uh- the Attorney General's office. So, the Attorney General has a lot of great information when it comes to Medicaid and Medicare fraud, assisted living, what should you look for, what type of questions, uh- consumer advocates. So, we like to bring them out, um- and they do a great job on telling the seniors the direct line... and, you know, one thing that, um- they really highlighted is that p-, "Here's my card, and I may not be the right person, but I will get you to the right person," which is the most frustrating part for seniors, they get passed around and passed around. So, and we always have about 100 folks, so it was, um- great to do it.

And then we, um- also with C-, um- as C- Commissioner McCurdy said, we did the Martin Luther King Parade (laughs). So, we had a few hiccups, but it was a teaching moment for all the kids, all day long. Um- we hit a rock, and the radiator, uh- exploded (laughs), so we had to turn off our float. But we told the kids, "You know what? We're gonna walk it, wind, rain, sunshine (laughing)." And so, it was a teaching moment, so we had, um- kids from Martin Luther King school, um- that were, are Dreamers, that came out. And we had over 100 kids

from District B, all throughout District B that participated. So, it's always fun, and we're always up for a challenge. But it's nice, each year we grow, we had 80 last year, 100 this year. So, um- Commissioner McCurdy, we're gonna try for 200 next year, so (laughs). Um- and it's great. When I was a kid, I walked in every single parade we used to have, and kids need that experience.

Um- so lastly, Southern N-, uh- well not lastly, but Southern Nevada Health District, uh- just a reminder that the, um- some of the, uh- immunization clinics will be closed, um- the 19th, uh- 2023. Um- but services will be available in the afternoon, 'cause I know a lot of people now are trying to get caught up on their shots, and, uh- TB testing. Um- but I also wanted to say that, um- and, um- Bobbette Bond and I are working with John Hammond at the Health District. And we're actually gonna do a presentation, uh- here at the County to talk about the network of care as whole, what does it look like, patient rights, um- all the things that, uh- everybody needs to know when choosing, uh- their next steps.

Um- people don't realize is the Health District f- worked for five years to become a federally qualified health center, uh- so they can take your insurance, they can do all these things, and get you in sometimes much faster. So, we're gonna do a, um- Face Time live, and, uh- tell people how the 14 hospitals, uh- work together, potentially two additional hospitals, uh- the ambulatory component, what is the difference between a standalone ER, versus an urgent care, versus a regular emergency room. So, um- I'll make sure it's recorded so if other commissioners want to share that information, uh- to their constituents, th- that'll be available.

Um- we are doing the clothing drive. Um- I don't know if you all remember, but, uh- recently, there was a flood at the Greystone building (laughing). And so, we lost a lot of the clothes that we had, but we get good success, uh- mid-February through March on all the clothes for kids. And the great thing is, um- we set up a boutique so that the kids can actually go and try on things. And we got a lot of brand-new clothes in the last couple years. But most importantly, socks and underclothes are a number one, so you'll see the barrels out, and we'll thank Parks and Rec ahead of time, because they're a good partner at the rec centers, um- helping us get that information.

Um- so I do wanna ask staff, though, uh- I have a, I'm, um- I'd like a report from Human Resources on what we're doing for recruiting... I, I, every time I talk to a constituent, they tell me all their experience they have, I say, "You should a-, you should apply at the County." And then they apply at the County and they never get past the, applying at the County. So, I'd like to know what are we doing, um- for that? How many positions do we have vacant? What are the needs? Are we...I recently met with some other folks, 'cause I know we have tons of positions in Planning, and, um- I met with architects and engineers (laughs), and so many of them aren't qualifying, so I wanna see what, what are we doing different, um- than anyone else. 'Cause, uh- I just, there's a lot of folks that are willing to go work, but I wanna know what, how our system is working. So, if you could bring a, a report back, and presentation on something that we, I wanna hand it out at every event that I go to say, "Hey, this is available." So, um...

And I will tell you this, lastly, I went on the website myself, for the TPOP stuff, and, 'cause I know we have a big need for that. But, I mean, I, I couldn't find it, 'cause I didn't know what I was looking for. And I just think that maybe we've

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gotta have a better idea of how we refer to things, or sh- something. So, I just watched a person have 24 years of experience in family services be turned down, and told she had to take a test, so (laughing) I wanna know what that test is, and why. And how do we, um- fix it? So, Clark County's a great place to work for, so, um- sometimes if they don't meet 100% of the thing, we may, maybe we're, we have different standa-, we, we need to look at the standards or something. So, thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you. Couple of things, um- Commissioner Naft and I serve on the Metro Fiscal Affairs Committee, and newly, um- sworn-in Sheriff, Kevin McMahill, and his new u- Undersheriff, Andy Walsh, joined Assistant Sheriffs, new Assistance Sheriffs, James Seebock, Yas Yatomi, and Sasha Larkin, in leading, uh- the Metropolitan Police Department. The 2022 year-end crime numbers are in, and they have work to do, but there have been some progress too. Violent crime was down 4.3% year-over-year, property crimes were up 9.5%, society crimes, as they're categorized, which included narcotics, prostitution, and weapons, were down 13.1%. But altogether, total crimes were up 1.7%. We're glad that we have a really strong team that is pressing forward to... And the, the thing that we hope that our constituents know is that each one of us has an area command in our district, or various area commands that serve the people in our district, and we meet regularly with them. And Metro has been very good about keeping us informed and involving our offices and responding when we need help from them. And we appreciate that, and we know that it'll continue.

Last week, uh- Commissioner, uh- Naft and I attended the LVCVA meeting, and an interesting report was provided to us by the consultant to our Department of Aviation, uh- analyzing how air service fared at Harry Reid International Airport. And it was reported that Las Vegas set a new record in October 2022, with more than 5.17 million passengers. That's 31.7 million passengers through November. We plan to meet that record in March of 2023. Right? Fingers crossed, nod. Um- and we estimate that, uh- we'll be able to exceed the record that we set last year, maybe as early as, uh- the last quarter some time, of this year.

It was also reported that Harry Reid's the most recovered large airport in the United States. We're 124% over where we were in 2019, which is really a fascinating thing, in terms of the passengers that have come through the airport. There are three new airlines that are now offering service to Las Vegas, Breeze Airways, Cana- Canada Jetlines, and Lynx Air. In addition, there are 36 new markets added by 10 different airlines. Our Director of Aviation Rosemary Vassiliadis advises that she and her staff are still working to address additional flights that are specifically coming to Las Vegas for the sole purpose of major sporting events. And that includes the, uh- general aviation, uh- airplanes that, uh- typically come and accompany, uh- those events.

The consultant also provided details about the impact to Las Vegas from the Southwest Airline service challenges over the holidays. As many as 1,200 flights into Las Vegas were impacted, representing a 10% reduction in scheduled flights. The consultant is still working with LVCVA on exactly how negatively impacted our local economy was.

We received the final numbers, uh- for the CES show, over 115,000 industry professionals attended. Out of those 115-, uh- out of those, 40,000 were

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international from more than 140 countries. And that's noteworthy because international travel has been lagging, and it was important to be able to get them back, particularly to the CES show.

Some of the largest attended events, as reported by Las Vegas Events in 2022, were the Mint 400, that saw 50,000 off-road and recreation enthusiasts, enthusiasts from 25 states, and 15 countries. Um- both men's and women's PAC 12 tournaments saw 66,000 attendees. The West Coast Conference, uh- had more than 38,000 at its, uh- tournament. Mountain West Basketball Tournament had over 45,000, the NBA Summer League had over 138 attendees, and almost 140,000 attended Life is Beautiful in September of 2022. The National Finals Rodeo is always a special event, 173-plus-thousand, uh- attendees were here in December. Cowg- Cowboy Christmas, which is a companion to the NFR, uh- saw over 279,000 attendees. And New Year's Eve and America's Party 2023, the estimated number of attendees was 400,000 on the Las Vegas Strip and the Fremont Street Experience, uh- with 80,000 pyrotechnics. Um- it's a massive, a massive event. And all of them amounted to an incredible year for the destination, which is, uh- an important aspect, because the economy, in so many other ways, is not roaring like Las Vegas appears to be roaring. And we're happy for all the work that the LVCVA, the DOA, and our Sheriff's Department at Metro, um- do.

That concludes our, um- our emerging issues. Mister Schiller.

**ACTION:** No action was taken by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 45** Appoint three qualified individuals to serve as members of the Department of Family Services Citizen's Advisory Committee for three-year terms ending on January 3, 2026, from the list of the following applicants: Incumbents: Matthew Cox (Child Welfare Advocate) Andre Bailey (General Public); and New Applicant: Stephanie Charter (local Juvenile Probation Services). (For possible action)

SCHILLER

Uh- Commissioners, Item 45 is to appoint three qualified individuals to serve as members of the Department of Family Services Citizens Advisory Committee for three-year terms, ending on January 3rd, 2026, from the list of the following applicants. Incumbents, Matthew Cox, child welfare advocate, A- Andre Bailey, general public, and new applicant, Stephanie Charter, local and Juvenile Probation services.

JONES

Mister Chair, I'd make a motion to appoint Matthew Cox, Andre Bailey, and Stephanie Charter to the DFS, uh- Citizen Advisory Committee

GIBSON

There's a motion by Commissioner Jones to follow the recommendation. Uh- any comments? Please cast your votes. And the motion carries. Thank you.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Commissioner Justin Jones, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including appointment of incumbents Matthew Cox, Andrea Bailey, and new applicant Stephanie Charter for a three-year term ending January 3, 2026) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 46** Appoint a qualified nominee to fill a vacancy in the Nevada Assembly District 10, vacated by Assemblywoman Rochelle T. Nguyen for the remainder of a term to expire upon the next regular election from the following list of nominees received by Assembly Speaker Designate Steve Yeager: Sabra Smith Newby; or take other action as deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

SCHILLER Item 46 is to appoint a qualified nominee to fill a vacancy in the Nevada Assembly District 10, vacated by Assemblywoman Rochelle Nguyen for the remainder of the term, to expire upon the next regular election, from the following list of nominees received by Assembly Speaker Designate Steve Yeager, Sabra Smith Newby, or take other action as deemed appropriate.

GIBSON Thank you.

SEGERBLOM Mister Chair?

GIBSON Yes...

SEGERBLOM If I could make the motion...

GIBSON Commissioner.

SEGERBLOM 'cuse me, since this is my District, um- but, and- and Sabra, if you want to come on down. Um- I just have to get a little background to it. I, I've known Sabra f- probably she was a baby, but, but, um- at least since her professional career, and have seen her go from mid-level management to high-level management, to wherever. But the reality is, there's never been anyone who would be in the Legislature with her background at a local government like Sabra will. And as people keep telling me, "Why did you vote for that?" And now, uh- when you're in the Legislature, they tie your hands here. I'm hoping that, Sabra, when you're in the Legislature, you don't do anything to harm local government (laughs). Including the open meeting law.

So, with that, um- I would urge her to, uh- us to nominate, uh- Sabra Newby for, um- is it District...

SABRA SMITH NEWBY 10.

GIBSON (laughs)

SEGERBLOM District 10. It was my old district.

GIBSON Thank you. (laughing).

SMITH NEWBY (laughs)

GIBSON So, thank you for being here this morning. Before we take action, uh- i- is there anything you wish to tell us and your constituents?

SMITH NEWBY Well, I wanna thank, uh- Speaker Designate, uh- Steve Yeager and Assembly Democratic Caucus for putting my name forward for this appointment. And, um- my friends and family, and my husband, Craig, who's doing the people's work in the AG's office right now, um- without whose support I really couldn't, um- do anything.

And I'm very excited for this appointment, it's great to be back in the chambers among friends and former colleagues, um- to receive this appointment. I'm

SMITH NEWBY

looking forward to service. Um- I stand among legislative greatness.

Um- I was just up there counting how many of you served, um- so distinguishedly... is that a word? Um- (laughs) at the Legislature. And I only hope to be able to make a similar impact for the better in this state. And don't worry, I won't forget my local government roots. Um- we work best as Nevadans when we all work together and recognize that, that we all have some of the same constituents, and our, our, uh- purpose is to serve them and to make our state better for everyone. Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you very much and thank you for being here today. And thank you for your willingness to serve.

There's a motion on the floor by Commissioner Segerblom. Any discussion? Please cast your votes. The motion carries, congratulations.

SMITH-NEWBY

Thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you.

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Commissioner Tick Segerblom, and carried by unanimous vote, that the recommendation (including appointment of Sabra Smith Newby for the remainder of a term, expiring upon the next regular election) be approved.

**ITEM NO. 47 Receive a presentation regarding Clark County's foster care recruitment efforts. (For possible action)**

SCHILLER

Commissioners, Item 47 is to receive a presentation regarding Clark County's foster care recruitment efforts. Um- as a brief introduction, um- Deputy County Manager Abbie Frierson and Assistant Director Jill Marano, and I want to introduce, um- Patrick Barkley who was just promoted to Assistant Director.

Um- as you, as you all know, um- on this topic, foster care, mental health, uh- Child Haven, all of those things, kind of merge into one. Um- it's a difficult process, so, um- I did want to recognize him, he was the former manager at Child Haven. If anybody's been there and walked through there, it's, it's a yeoman's job every day. So, wanted to make sure I pointed that out. And with that, I'll pass it over to Abbie and Jill.

ABIGAIL FRIERSON

Uh- thank you, I don't have anything to add. Jill, you can go ahead and start.

JILL MARANO

Okay, okay. Um- good morning, um- good morning, Chair Gibson, Commissioners. Thank you for having me here today to talk about the department's efforts around foster parent recruitment and retention. Um- as County Manager Schiller mentioned, my name is Jill Marano, I serve as an Assistant Director with the Department of Family Services.

Before I talk about, specifically, some of our recruitment efforts, I wanted to just give some basic, um- demographics and some information about the department. So, on the first slide that you have in front of you, it has just some of the, some of the highlights of the, the quantity and who we're working with here. You can see from this slide, we completed, um- 13,000 investigations, investigations last year.

Um- at any given time, we've got about 3,300 children in foster care. And along the bottom of this slide, it highlights where those children are placed.

There's two things in particular I wanted to highlight about where children are placed. Um- you can see between our number of children in relative care and number of children in fictive kin care, that's about 46% of our placements. Now, fictive kin are ch- are people that a child has an, an existing emotional attachment to, or a relationship with, so we consider them like relatives. So that puts us at about 46% of our children in relative, uh- foster care, which is among the highest in the country. We do a really great job of making placements with relatives. The, the key number on this slide, though, and what we're really here to talk about is our number of licensed foster homes. And you can see that we have 684 foster homes, at the end of last year. Now, 684 foster homes, 3,300 children in care, you do not need to be a mathematician to know that that is a problem.

So, what happens when we don't have enough foster homes is that we end up... well, actually, let me back up first. The first thing that we do when we go out on an investigation is determine whether or not those children can be safely maintained in the home. If they can't be safely maintained in the home, we look for relatives or the aforementioned fictive kin placements for those children. If that doesn't work, then we look to foster care. And when we don't have foster care, we look to an emergency shelter. And that emergency shelter that we have is Child Haven.

So, Child Haven is a congregate care shelter that is specifically designed to house children while we seek foster care placements. And the, the slide that I have up right now is addressing some of our particularly concerning trends that we're seeing, um- with our use of Child Haven. You can see, um- that in 2020, 81% of our children were not placed in Child Haven as their first placement. That meant 81% of the time, we were able to find a relative or a foster home for that child to be directly placed into that home. Now, you can fast forward to '22, and we're down to 73%. Now, that's a concern, because really, what we want to see is children being placed with families all the time. It minimizes trauma for them, it's most natural for them, it's the best situation that we can have, that children are placed with families. So, we're very concerned about that number.

The other thing that you can see on this slide is that the time spent in Child Haven is, is extending. There were a lot more children that were, that were spending less than a week there in 2018 and 2019, and you can see our number of kids that are staying in Child Haven for up to three to six months has increased quite a bit.

So, there's a couple of reasons that, that we think this has happened, beyond just the low number of foster homes. Um- and we really f-, uh- believe that we are still seeing some of those impacts from COVID, and some of those things that we maybe didn't expect to see from COVID. So, there's a quote from a study on the side of this slide, and essentially, what it's saying is that when children were home, and they weren't receiving services, and they weren't being seen by mandated reporters and professionals, they were, there was still abuse and neglect occurring in the home. And I think we knew this during COVID. That's something that we talked about a fair amount, was asking people to still make sure they were reporting a- abuse and neglect. But what this study found is that these children were, had prolonged exposure to abuse and neglect. That prolonged

exposure to abuse and neglect increased mental health and behavioral health issues. So now that they've been identified and they've come into care, we have children that have experienced more and more significant abuse and neglect than they would have in the past. These increased behavioral mental health issues make it more difficult for us to find foster homes that can meet those needs. So, what we're finding is that kids are staying in Child Haven longer. They're getting stabilized. They're getting their assessments done. We're identifying what their needs are and wrapping them in services before foster parents are feeling comfortable to be able to take them in their homes.

The other thing that we saw, um- and that we really believe impacted the population, you can see on the, the line graph there, when school is in session, and at those key points when the School District, um- brought kids back or brought back, uh- distance learning, you see that it had a big impact on our increase in kids coming into foster care, um- and when coming into foster care, coming into Child Haven. So, while, while it is important that, that the children are getting recognized and that th- that it, um- that the concerns are being, their concerns are being addressed, it has definitely impacted our population on campus.

So, what are we doing about it? Um- so over the last year, you can see we did 187 events in our small but mighty foster parent recruitment team. And in these 187 events, they talked to nearly 7,000 participants, alright? 7,000 participants had an opportunity to hear the message. So, some of the things that we're doing when they do these community events is really just this, um- trying to, trying to expose the community in a, in a large, sort of a, the "big bang" kind of way of getting out into the community and letting the community know what our needs are, and also dispelling some of those myths about who can or who can't foster.

So, we want to make sure when we go to these kinds of things that people know if you're single, you can foster. Um- if you live in an apartment, you can foster. Um- you can be a part of the LGBTQ community and foster. So that's why we go to these different kind of community events, to educate the community on what our need is and who can foster.

We also have done a fair amount of, of paid advertising and media over the last year, and you can see here some examples of some of the places where we've either been in the media or where we've done paid advertising. I wanted to take a moment on this slide, talk a little bit about the media impact that we see. We definitely note that when the VIPs of the County, whether it's the County Manager or the Commissioners, have done interviews about the need for foster parents, we see an increase in our number of people that are calling, that are calling in. So, we do appreciate when you take your time and use your platforms to talk about the need for foster parenting, because it does make a difference. We do see an increase in, in calls that come in and people being interested in fostering.

This next slide, um- is really where we anticipate spending a fair amount of our time and resources over the next year. We, we refer to, to the process of somebody calling up and expressing interest in becoming a foster parent and to actually getting licensed as that pipeline. And you can tell from our pipeline here, while we had nearly 2,800 people express interest and call us about becoming a foster parent, we had 215 homes get licensed. That equals about 8% of the people

that call in actually become licensed. Now, that's not, it is typical across the country to see a low number of people that call in actually get licensed, but 8% is probably a little bit low. We might really more expect that to be around 10% to 15% of people who are calling in are getting licensed. But even just an increase of 2% to 5% is going to make a big difference on our numbers if we focus on some of our efforts on increasing those number of folks who are getting licensed.

A few of the things that we are doing to address this and to keep people interested throughout that process is looking at some changes we can make to that process. One of the things that we are kicking off at the end of this, end of this month is an expedited training program. So normally, our training program is nine weeks. It's one, one day a week for nine weeks. We'll be doing an expedited training program where you're doing all of those classes in two weekends. So same amount of training. Same amount of information. Just doing it in a shorter amount of time and then expediting the licensing after that. We are also specifically doing this only for infants and young children, and that is, um- because that is one of our biggest needs right now. As of this morning, there were 32 children six or under on the Child Haven campus. And living in a congregate setting is the worst for small children, because they really need that time to bond and that time to have consistent caregivers. So, we really want to focus on moving those young children off of the campus. So, we'll pilot this training program, and if it goes well, then we'll plan to, um- to continue as is with more of these expedited programs. If there's other things that we can learn from this, we will take it back and adjust, um- and move forward that way.

We have also, um- in the process of vending out our foster parent training. And the reason that we're going to use a vendor for our foster parent training is because it frees up our trainers to be able to do more recruitment and retention work. So, this will give us more staff to be able to focus on helping those 2,800 people actually get through to the point of licensure w- and, um- to support them once they become licensed.

We'd also like to move forward in the future on using more technology to help us recruit foster parents. So, this would be things like automated responses if, um- after you've attended your first class, to remind you, thank you for coming, please n- we look forward to seeing you in the next class, or a reminder, "Hey, you haven't submitted this application yet. You haven't submitted this paperwork yet. Please go ahead and do so or reach out to us if you have questions." We want to move into that s- that technology space to help encourage people to come in the front door, because the other issue is we have a small team. And if we have a small team, we need to be able to identify other resources that can help so that they don't get overwhelmed and that we create our own bottleneck by having to have too many people do things that we could use technology for.

Foster home retention is another, is another huge issue, and really, quite frankly, if we could solve the foster parent retention issue, it would take a lot of pressure off of our recruitment efforts. Now, you can see foster home closures are noted on this slide, and there is a lot of relatives and kinship providers that closed. We kind of expect that. Most relatives who get into fostering do so to help out their family, and they're not necessarily interested in helping out people that are unrelated to them. We do offer it to them at the point of w- during, when they are a f- a licensed foster care provider. We offer for them to transition their license to

regular foster care. They don't necessarily want to. Um- but the number that we hear that we really want to focus on is our number of regular foster homes that are closing. Those are the foster homes that we really need to keep more of. Um- we want to keep our experienced foster parents that understand the system, that understands what it's like to work with kids. And so, figuring out how we can address this issue will really help us with our recruitment numbers. You can see here, we closed, um- more homes last year than we actually licensed, and that is atypical. Usually, we're pretty close, but usually, we're not closing more than we're actually opening. This is another issue that has created the low number of foster homes that we have.

So, like I said, there's a few things that we are starting to do to try and address this retention issue. One is, um- transferring this training to raise the future to free up folks to be more of retention workers. We are also doing more reverse matching of placements for children in foster homes. Now, what that means is, as opposed to looking at the needs of the child and trying to plug 'em into a home, looking at that home and what that home can handle, and finding children that meet the need of that home so that we can do better matches and that we can have more successful placements.

We've also done several different events that we do to try and support foster h-foster parents, such as the back-to-school events. We do holiday giveaways. We've, um- we've highlighted folks on Facebook and other social media. Uh- we do a foster parent, we have a partnership with a couple of different churches. We do foster parent night out to give foster parents a break so that they can go have some time to themselves and the churches, um- provide the daycare for the children.

Some of the things that we want to do moving forward is really focus on strengthening that relationship between the foster parent and our workers so that we work more as a part of a team and that the foster parents feel more like they are contributing member to, to family services.

So just to kind of summarize everything that I talked about, kind of our four big buckets, the four big things that we want to focus on coming in the coming year, is the generalized recruitment. This is that, this is that blast in the community, blitzing the community with information about what it takes to become a foster parent, why we need you to become a foster parent.

The second issue is targeted recruitment. That targeted recruitment is looking more at our areas where we have, like, highest number of removals and trying to figure out what we can do to create foster homes in those areas. It is better for children if they can stay in their communities. It makes it easier to go to their school of origin. It's just easier for them if they're still going to the stores that they know and still on the streets that they know, instead of going somewhere else in the community. Right now, we have, we have such a shortage of foster homes that we really don't have that luxury to be that strategic about where we're placing children. Um- targeted recruitment may, will also be things like looking in, um- the medical profession to, to find people who might be more interested or more immediately able to handle children with special healthcare needs. So, trying to do more of that, that good matching at the time when we're cr- when we're identifying foster parents, instead of once we're trying to make a placement into

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the home.

Um- streamlining the licensure process is the third thing that we really want to do. Like I mentioned, we're trying the expedited class. We'll see what we learn from that. Uh- we also need to identify internal barriers and make sure that we really are asking only f- of foster parents what we need them to do, um- not things that we would like them to do, um- but there isn't really any, any need for it. Um- an example that I've used for a long time is when you, um- in order to adopt, you have to have a, uh- divorced, you have to be able to sh- if you've been divorced, you have to show you've had your divorce decree. We often require that at the time of licensure. Well, you don't need to be able to document your divorce at the time of licensure. You need to do it for adoption. So, let's make sure that we're reducing those barriers and eliminating those kinds of things so that people aren't trying to go back, oh, 20 years ago. Let me figure out how I track down this decree, in order to be able to foster. So, we have a series of things like that that we're looking at.

And then finally, like I mentioned, our relative caregiver supports. Since relatives take nearly 50% of our children, and we'd like to get that to 50% of our children, we want to make sure that we're adequately supporting them and providing them the resources they need. One of the big differences between relative foster care providers and regular foster care providers is that relatives weren't necessarily planning on this until they got the call that said, "surprise. I have an emergency." And so, they come into this not necessarily being prepared, not necessarily wanting to do it. So, we really have a duty to wrap them in everything that, that they can, that we can offer them to make it as easy as possible for them. We do that now by doing things like providing the fire extinguishers, the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, those kind of things that are required for licensure. We want to, we also have a contract with Foster Kinship, which is an organization in the community, and they will go out and assist the family with completing the application for licensure, providing them some, um- in ki- in some supports, such as, you know, extra food, clothing, those kind of things that, that they can provide.

They will also help families apply for TANF so that families can get TANF funding up front, um- while they're waiting to get licensed. But we're also looking at figuring out, how do we move forward with expediting a relative licensure process so that they can immediately start getting, uh- foster care reimbursement, instead of having to go through that TANF process.

So, I know I've, I've gone through this, um- pretty quickly, but before I go to my last slide, I do just want to say to, I want to thank the Board for all of the support you've given, particularly over the last year. I know, like I mentioned, several of you have done media interviews. You've put our information in your newsletters. You've sponsored events for us. You have invited us to your events. All of that makes a big difference. We really appreciate that help. Um- if you're interested in doing more, I have a list of eight things in front of you that you can consider doing. Um- and with that, I'll close and take any questions.

GIBSON

Thank you very much. I think before other comments l- let us just recognize the immensity of the work that you do. Uh- you and, uh- a group of other people who are at this 24/7. We recognize that. We appreciate your example in the

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community, and we also understand the depth of the challenge that we face right now and appreciate the opportunity to be reminded that we might intensify the work we're doing. Are there, uh- comments or questions? (crosstalk)  
Commissioner Kirkpatrick.

KIRKPATRICK

Happy to go first. Uh- one, so I agree. Thank you. It's always hard, right, at Child Haven. Breaks your heart to go there every single time. One kid is too many, but it's a necessary that we must have in our community.

Um- uh- uh- I like, uh- some of these ideas, because I will tell you, thanking foster parents goes a long ways, because it is hard. Uh- and I'd like to see us do more of that, so happy if our office, uh- can sponsor some in our district. I'd like to know who our foster parents are in our district so we could help them. Uh- one of the things I see, crazy enough, on social media a lot, is when families are asked in the middle of the night to take in the kids, because that's the reality of what happens. They're scared to death to ask for the crib, or they're scared to ask for the diaper bag, or all those other things, because they already feel like CPS is involved, and they don't want to make any waves. So, h- have we or could we look at maybe, where we give 'em, you know... And, and Ellie does a great job at Foster Kinship. She's amazing. Um- but is there a way to give 'em, like, the welcome packet so they don't feel like they have to, uh- beg, borrow from everybody to have that port-a-crib that they weren't expecting to have, to have that highchair or, or whatever? Because it's more than just clothes. It's having the equipment to get it. Um- so I don't know if there's a way that, um- we could offer some of those supplies. Uh- and maybe it's budget cycle, we look at putting dollars set aside, um- for that, or, um- m- maybe it's, um- uh... And foster care's hard, but I do think, you know, one of the other things is, we don't fund the families the same as we fund others. But m- maybe there's information.

And I was just sitting here feeling guilty, because I go to Glittering Lights every year at least twice, and I don't ever remember seeing (laughs) seeing that flyer, because usually by the time the hot chocolate's spilt in the car and the popcorn, I'm done with any papers. So maybe a better way to do it is to maybe have one of the signs there so that people see, and they can text this number if they're interested.

Um- so I'm willing to help, whatever you need. I think you guys do Yeomans work. I think that, um- um- it's a hard issue to ever solve. But, um- any resources that we can give will only make our community that much better. And I would offer up Nellis too. I've offered it up before. Um- many of those military families come here. They're here for at least two years, and they've always been interested in having something, um- to be engaged in. So, I would offer up, um- putting, uh- someone out onsite so that you, the military families can think about it too.

MARANO

Okay.

GIBSON

Commissioner Segerblom.

SEGERBLOM

Yes, so..I would..I, I'm sorry. How is the reimbursement, um- formula? How- when's the last time we raised it, and is that something we can do (inaudible) here at the County?

MARANO Yeah. Th- Thank you for, for asking. So, it is probably roughly 20 years or so, maybe only 16 or 17, since that reimbursement raised. So, I say that bit, that's a bit tongue in cheek that it's only been a couple of decades.

Um- we are hoping, so there was a rate study done by Division of Child and Family Services that recommended an increase to close to doubling that foster care rate. We are hopeful that we will see that in our DCFS budget. We have certainly advocated that that should be in the budget, um- with DCFS. That would raise it from somewhere aro- it's about \$21 and change a day right now that you get for reimbursement for a foster care provider. And it would be, um- in the, like, 35 to 37 from what I recall if they go with that recommendation.

SEGERBLOM Well hopefully you know the County Manager.

MARANO (laughs)

FRIERSON Um- also, uh- but, but the way that we're currently set up is you don't receive payments until you're licensed, so we are looking at, um- provisional licenses or providing payments, uh- earlier in the process, because like we said, these families are getting children in the middle of the night, and they do need as much support as possible at the beginning.

GIBSON Thank you. Commissioner Naft.

NAFT Thank you, Chairman, and add my admiration for you and your colleagues. You do incredibly difficult work, and I really appreciate it.

Um- couple of questions. Uh- you mentioned the 8% success rate or transition rate from a initial call-in into somebody who actually goes through the fo- and foster. Do we do any kind of analysis of the 92% that don't? You, you've already talked about a lot of the barriers that exist, but do we a- do we have an ability to reach out to those 92% and actually study what the barriers are?

MARANO We have done that, and, I would say, more of an informal basis. Have not tracked it-

NAFT Sure.

MARANO ... to the level that you're probably asking about. A lot of times, it's, it just wasn't the right time or, um- I realized I didn't have whatever it was that I needed to have. So that's part of this goal of this retention unit, would be to get more of that information and help strategize with those families around how to address those barriers.

So, the other, the other thing that is in- that's, um- I think is relevant to note is most f- when you ask people, "How long did it take you to think about b- becoming a foster parent before you did?" It's typically somewhere from two to five years.

NAFT Yeah.

MARANO So, so, we know that we need to continue to get this message out and that these

MARANO folks that have at least gone as far as calling us are people who might come back in two to three years. So, we need to continually reach out to them. That's another thing we would do with the tech, you know, this technology that we'd like to do, to do, is remind people, "Hey, we're still here. We still need you," kind of messages.

NAFT And then, you mentioned the, that we had done more paid advertising than in previous cycles. Is that the \$6,000, \$6,500? Is that-

MARANO No. That's on-

NAFT ... is that the total budget?

MARANO ... on the next... Let me skip back to this slide. The, um- the paid advertising slide shows, um- some of the different amounts that we've d- specifically, we spent the, um- the six, almost seven thou- looks like \$6,557. I should've put my readers on for that one. Um- specifically for social media marketing. I can get you the total amount for all of the paid advertising. I haven't, I don't have it with me.

NAFT Well, okay. I'd like to see that, but I guess my overall point, and I think we've all probably done digital purchases, that, that is nothing. Um- I mean, that really is inadequate for what we ought to be doing. And so, if that's something we need to address through the budget process, we should do that, because that m- that's not going to get the kind of reach that we need.

Um- and then lastly y- I know we've all spent time at Child Haven. It's, Child Haven, I think, should be the nicest county facility that we have. We're far from it. Um- will there be an effort through the capital, um- process or through budgeting? And this is p- probably more a question for Miss Colvin or Mister Schiller and Miss Frierson, but we've got to do something over there.

SCHILLER So, a couple points. I think one piece, um- first on the capital side, obviously, um- it's the care of our most valuable resource, so I think we want to look at what we improve and how we improve it.

I think the other piece is, when you look at the population total, when you look at, you know, 70 kids, 100 kids, and you break that down into smaller age groups, those types of pieces, the other part of this recruitment strategy is how we somewhat capitate that number. Um- if we bring down the population and at the same time can change kind of the structure of that, I think that kind of becomes the perfect scenario, um- which I-

NAFT Yeah. Obviously, the goal is to reduce the population there, but-

SCHILLER Yeah. Yeah. So, I think that's part of it, and I think as, as you've heard many times, the mental health crisis, all the pieces we're struggling with in terms of moving kids around. You guys supported us, um- very clearly in the Oasis Campus, which has made an impact.

Um- the other thing is there was a one-time ask for foster care recruitment, um- and, uh- training dollars that we put in, um- just at the end of December. Um- so we may get one shot dollars back at us to support, um- kind of to your advertising

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point.

And then, the last piece, I'd say, is the block grant, and you've heard us say this many a times, is a deficit. The front end and the back end services the block grant is the state funding. Um- in the legislative process, we are working diligently to try to change that, because a lot of the rate structures, to Commissioner Segerblom's question, are tied into that block grant. So, when you have a 25 plus million-dollar deficit in the block grant, that's part of what we're talking about in terms of how do we get our rate structure up? But those are two key pieces.

NAFT

Has there ever been an effort to utilize private funds for the physical, um-buildings at Child Haven?

KIRKPATRICK

Yes.

MARANO

We-

KIRKPATRICK

Sorry.

NAFT

No. I'm. (laughs) who ever has the answer.

MARANO

(laughs)

KIRKPATRICK

Well, I'm just going to tell you, Child Haven's a lot better today (laughs) than it was years ago when kids went. Um- uh- but there, yeah, people have donated dollars to sponsor a cottage in particular, over the past.

And, um- but I'm kind of curious myself, um- like, what kind of capital things? Is it more things for kids to do? Is it the inside of the, the rooms? So, I, I'd be cur- I think we should talk about specifically what we'd like to see, um- because I will just tell you that it is (laughs) way better today than it was years ago, and some of those cottages have continually had private folks adopting a, a particular cottage. So, I just-

NAFT

Yeah.

KIRKPATRICK

... I'm, uh- I'm curious as to what capital, and I think we as a Board should talk about that so, it could be pretty good.

NAFT

And, and, and maybe, maybe we could kind of see a report on that, because I don't, I don't see that. I, I've been there. Um- um- not to s- ... I know the playground was privately funded, but if there are efforts that we can engage in, um- maybe we ought to, because I, I think it should be more hospitable to the people who are there. There are obviously needs that the staff have from that facility that we should be paying attention to. Um- but I just, I think it ought to be for the, for the ... Hopefully, people are there for a short time. Hopefully, the population is as low as we can possibly make it, but there is a vulnerable population there. And while they're there, we should, they should have everything we can give them, in my opinion.

KIRKPATRICK

So, so Commissioner Naft, one thing that we've at least done in our office, which I think every commissioner should do, we invite them out to our different, uh-

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venues, so that the kids get that opportunity outside of those four walls. Um- but yeah, I'm, I'm down with supporting any private folks coming in and redoing cottages. But, I mean, specifics, and, that I can help do.

SCHILLER

And I was just gonna add to, uh- both your comments. I think the Child Haven model, if you go back historically, the physical layout of Child Haven in relationship to the population we are serving has somewhat changed, you know, our, in terms of large sibling groups, mental health, behavioral health. So, I think only thing I would add is, we'll, we'll incorporate and kind of combine that into our discussion on what should the, what should the, the, the campus look like, um- kind of in a short-term realm, and then also kind of more in a long-term realm. Because I think it's, it's a combination of the two as we evolve.

GIBSON

Commissioner McCurdy.

MCCURDY

Uh- thank you, Mister Chairman, and, and thank you for the work that you do.

Uh- this is a subject that touches, uh- home quite, quite closely. Uh- my grandmother was a foster parent. Looks like my mother will- and my father will be foster parents, and it really shows, um- a condition of what's happening within the homes across our valley, right? Um- it's not just the fact that we have vulnerable kids inside of, you know, in- in- in our care, but that stems from vulnerable communities.

MARANO

Mm-hmm.

MCCURDY

So, we have to have a whole-home approach and a whole-home, a whole-community approach in how we're not only addressing the needs of parents, and trying to, um- I guess, reunite them with their, with their children, but also seeing how are we, um- I guess, aligned with the parents' progress, in terms of getting their selves into a place of self-sufficiency as well.

So as we consider, um- you know, looking at a complete master plan for our campus, I-, in the long term, which is much more expensive, we also have to take a look at how are we tracking the progress of the parents in concert with the courts, who they're probably more frequently in front of, and how are we leveraging the resources that we have available to us also within the other, uh- structures that we have, like the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority, Workforce Connection Boards, and so forth, uh- to, you know, systematically and vertically align all of the resources that we have available to us to address the entire child, home, and community.

So, um- I would ask that, as you go back, and, you know, you think about some of the things, and, and considerations that we have here, uh- that you compile, uh- uh- I guess a whole list of things, a wishlist, if you will, um- o-, of how we can best support you, your office. And we know the work is heavy, and we're so grateful and thank for you, sincerely. Uh- but also, how we can, I guess, address all the boards and so forth that we sit on, will a-, with the philanthropic communities, and, and, and, and religious institutions and so forth, uh- to make sure that, you know, we're pooling all of our resource together to address the entire community and family.

MARANO

Cou- could...

GIBSON

Our challenges are not... Did you want to make a...(crosstalk)

JONES

I think she was gonna make a comment.

GIBSON

Oh, I'm sorry.

MARANO

(laughs) I'm sorry. Thank you, Chair. No, I just wanted to say, uh- Commissioner, agree completely. Obviously, the best-case scenario is strong families that don't need our intervention at all. There is, um- a considerable amount of work that we're also putting in on the prevention side of things to stop children and families from even coming to our attention. There's some, uh- creative projects that we've done, um- on the housing side to divert families who only need housing away from us.

Um- Families First Prevention and Services Act, which is a federal law that you may have heard of, or certainly will be hearing more about, um- shortly, is, um- is really about changing the federal funding to align more with supporting prevention activities instead of just children in foster care. And so, we are working with the State on putting a plan together, about what are those services that we'll provide on that very front end to stop peep-, to stop families from ever even coming in the front door.

GIBSON

Over the years, we've, we've struggled from time to time, right, um- at, at, uh- Child Haven, and in terms of housing, and meeting the needs of children. I remember many years ago, um- while serving on the Juvenile Court Services Committee at the behest of Judge Mendoza, um- the challenges were huge. But today, homelessness is one additional challenge, and, frankly, this, the County has stepped up. And we've done a lot to avoid having to remove children from parents who did- had already been removed from a home.

Um- the population at Child Haven was not intended to be 100-plus children, and with the challenges that we have with mental illness, and other things that are now a part of life, uh- we... It's something that needs to be addressed really soon. And I think that what you're hearing, uh- Mister Manager, is that, while it's important that we continue to work to strengthen the community, and the families, and all of the things that were mentioned by Commissioner McCurdy, it's also especially important that we get after this. Um- and if we need augmen-, augmented, uh- dollars, then we do that. If we, if there are things we can do with our budget that you haven't already done, uh- as we prepare it for, uh- the coming year, then we need to do those things, too. But let's hope that it isn't about, um- waiting to figure out what those resources are gonna be, when we know there are things that we must do now. It's, this is a really urgent situation.

Are there other comments or questions? Mis-, yes, yeah, Commissioner Jones.

JONES

Thank you, Mister Chair, and, and thank you, uh- Jill, for your presentation. I want to compliment you. Sometimes we have presentations here, and we get some information, but there's not, "Here's where we are. Here's what we need. Here's where we're going." So, I appreciate the information that was presented here today, um- and I understand sort of on the ground how challenging this work is. A couple years ago, I worked with, uh- Tim and, and the crew to do an event in my district. We did it at the Crossing Church. We sent all the information out through

JONES social media, and we had one person show up. So, I know that this is challenging, and it's, um- on the ground. And, uh- it takes a lot of investment.

Uh- how many, um- people do you have in the department right now that are doing recruitment, um- and training? I know we're sort of moving the training piece off, and how many open spots are there?

MARANO So, we have three full-time recruiters, and three part-time recruiters. Um- I'd have to double-check. If you want the answer right now, I can phone a friend, who's in the back of the room-

JONES (laughs)

MARANO ... um- to give you the exact numbers, but our full-time positions are full. Uh- but we also have a new public information com-, um- com-, coordinator, um- and she has also been, she's the one who put together this lovely presentation, and is helping us with a lot of our, uh- with a lot of our print, um- and will be helping us with more of the recruitment. The- there will be three new retention specialists that will be from the trainers.

JONES That's great. Uh- I know I'd talked to Miss Frierson about reporting. I think, obviously, we've gotten great information today, uh- but we all wanna be able to, to see that we're making progress. It's not gonna happen overnight, obviously, but we wanted to s-, be able to see that we're making progress, um- and how we, particularly as we go into budget cycle, can, can support the department in making sure that you have the resources. Um- so, I don't know, Miss Frierson. Are we sort of on the same page as to when that information is gonna be coming to the Board?

FRIERSON Um- yes, I, I believe so. I'll, I'll have something prepared for you all to give feedback on soon.

JONES Great. Um- w-, one other option for sort of helping to support you, I know I'm, I'm on the DFS, DJDS Policy and Fiscal Affairs, uh- committee. I know you and, and others have been involved in that. And I think that some of us on that have recognized that it feels sometimes like it's not, not as targeted and functional as it could be. So I think it would be, um- helpful to, to work with you all, to, to make sure that it really is focused on how can we support you and, and juvenile justice in caring for these kids that are in our system, and that, if there are policies and, uh- funding that we, that we need to provide more of, that, that we get that, and it's not just checking a box to have a meeting once a quarter.

Um- I am really excited personally, uh- on the expedited, uh- procedure for, for, for licensing. I know my wife and I had looked into it, um- and actually started the process a couple years ago but trying to come up with nine weeks in a row at a specific time frame is just really challenging for a lot of folks. And so, uh- I think that, obviously, once you get through this, this first, uh- course, I think that really gives the people on this Board, and, and a lot of others an opportunity to present something new. And obviously, you get people who start the process, and as you go through nine weeks, you're gonna lose people. If it's two weekends, that's much easier to, to sort of see the end result there. In terms of other jurisdictions, other counties, et cetera, h-, where have you looked at, and, and what are they

JONES doing, um- differently, or better than, than us, so that we can do whatever we need to, to, to meet their, their examples?

MARANO Sure, Uh- the expedited training is something that a lot of other areas do do, so that they aren't spreading it out over that long, so that's one of the things that we did want to try. Um- there are m-, there are jurisdictions that, that are able to license and pay their relatives much sooner than us. So that's, that is one of the things that we mentioned that we wanna start doing, is figuring out how do we do that at the onset of them accepting the child into their home, or within, you know, the first several days, as opposed to five to six weeks, or sometimes even, you know, the kids returned home before they're even licensed. So, we definitely need to fix that. Those are kinda two of the biggest areas that we really want to address.

JONES Okay. Mister Schiller?

SCHILLER And I was just gonna add, I think, um- to your point, and kind of everybody's point, to the issue of kind of a mass campaign, and kind of, you know, all hands on deck is one side of that. If we can't license effectively (laughs), we kinda shoot ourselves in the foot, right? So, I think the licensing side, and looking at those practices... I do think, um- as Abby indicated, the provisional licensing is something a lot have done, and then, I kind of equate it even to the adoption world. We do lots of adoptions, but once that adoption ends, what are the support services on the back side, when you have special needs kids? It's the same issue on the foster care side in a relative placement.

So, I think tackling in those three areas will be big, and then I think, to Commissioner Naft's point, the issue of social media, how we approach, and how we target in our specific communities... I think one thing I just wanted to add is, when we place a child, we're... And, and it's part of normalcy, keep them in their school of origin, right? That's, that's a key critical component. That becomes difficult if you don't have homes within that community, as, um- Commissioner McCurdy talked about. So, I think we'll, uh- be approaching all of you about how we can target, um- and be unique, I think, in those perspectives.

And then, the last thing I wanted to add, just on, when you look at these numbers, they're number. When you think about it as kids, and you walk through there, I think it's a, it's, you know, you guys have all been involved in media campaigns for your whole careers. I think this is a very important one, um- with the private side of the community also. How do, how do we help people step o-, step up? How do we become a part of that?

Um- and then, just recognizing our staff. I think that, if you walk across Child Haven, I think it's one of the hardest jobs in the County, to walk in there, and walk out, and not be in tears. So, commending that, but I also think, we'll get reports back to you. Um- Abbie I know is working really hard, in terms of how we can angle and look at new approaches in this. So, we appreciate your support.

JONES Um- yeah, I, I, I think that some of the advocates that are best able to, to talk about the, the foster care op-, opportunities are our existing foster parents.

MARANO Mm-hmm.

JONES

Uh- I know my next-door neighbors are, are foster parents. They're amazing people, and if we have them... I don't know if it needs to be financially incentivized, but at least give them opportunities for sharing their experience. I think that's, that would be a great, uh- opportunity to, to really get the word out from, from people who are on the ground, and know the challenges, but also know the joys that come along with, with being foster parents.

Um- and then, last but not least, uh- uh- have... I assume that you are talking with people, uh- like your recruiting folks to ask them what they need more of, um- and if there are more things that, uh- they come up with, certainly communicate to, to us, uh- what they need, because we're here for you.

MARANO

I thank you.

GIBSON

Thank you very much for being here with us, and please take back our a- a deep sense of appreciation for the work that you and your team do.

MARANO

Okay, thank you.

**ACTION:**

Staff directed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

ANESON

I apologize. It's my-

GIBSON

That's alright.

ANESON

... my first experience with this group but thank you for your forbearance.

Uh- we put together this program, uh- really tailored for inner-city youth, and for a lot of the inner-city youth where they don't get the same parental guidance. Uh- we have facilities here in the hospitality capital of America, and things are transitioning dramatically now, from what had been the most labor-intensive industry in the country. The primary entry-level job in this country is gone, and as we transition to the technologies, we thought that, with the facilities that we have here, we can provide advanced food safety training to juniors and seniors who aren't getting the same parental guidance as some of the more outlying districts.

So, we particularly noted the comments that Commissioner Segerblom had pointed to, some of the, the challenges, the recent challenges of the interruption to schools, and what we can do tailored to the inner-city here. And, uh- we had developed this after-school program some years ago. Uh- I spoke to the Education Director of the Nevada Restaurant Association, the Hotel and Lodging Association in a comprehensive effort to provide a program like this that we know is very needed. And I know this is for the education community. I, I did speak to the director of the after-school programs for the K-5, and she had directed me to the GIT program.

And the reason that I'm coming here today is to get some guidance from the Commission to prepare something that we can bring, that we can very ably do, especially at a time when the population is sensitized to food safety, after what has happened with the last couple of years. (silence)

GIBSON We can take your name and address, and if you'll leave your phone number, we'll make sure that someone who is the right person for you to con-, have contact with reaches out to you. Will you fill out a card, uh- and leave us that number, so that we can do that? This is not a time when we can have a, a back-and-forth.

ANESON I understand that this is not a time for dialogue.

GIBSON Yeah.

ANESON Uh- I had, uh- left a message at the, at the office, and, and forwarded some material, but, you know, in my group, we thought that, being as the beginning of the year, that's something that, that we should do, and to really galvanize an effort that's gonna really be sustainable, we need to bring all the oars in the water. My name is John Aneson, A-N-E-S-O-N. I, I saw that in the very beginning. I'm sorry that I didn't complete that.

GIBSON It's all right. If you'll just do it before you... Oh.

ANESON Sir?

GIBSON No, in fact, I do have your card, and your number, I don't... What we don't have is a phone number. I'm gonna hand this to you again, so you don't have to tell the whole world what your phone number is, but we'll give this to you. If you'll put your phone number on it, we'll make sure that you get a call.

ANESON Thank you so much.

GIBSON Thank you.

ANESON Thank you.

GIBSON Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during public comment?

BRAISTED Mister Chairman, Daniel Braisted, B-R-A-I-S-T-E-D. Um- couple items I want to congratulate Las law enforcement for catching the coward that shot the, the tow truck driver in Art District onto... They went all the way out to Henderson to catch him. Uh- reference the See, Click, and Fix program. I think government is relying too much on that. There is over 200 overhead lights out on Charleston from Nellis to Las Vegas Boulevard. There are 100 overhead lights out on Sahara from Maryland Parkway to Nellis. Now, if the copper has been stolen, then we should post a sign, "Caution, lights are out because they were sabotaged," but there's too many lights that are out.

Uh- I'm looking forward to the class on, uh- uh- copyright. Consider offering that also to the individuals under foster care, if they're old enough. I think that's in uh- the Vegas Inventors Group is gonna have a, a meeting on, uh- Monday the 23rd, and we're covering design patents. We don't charge for it. It's out at Subaru. Uh- I'll give you some information on that.

Reference your information on CES, Mister Chairman. I encourage you and, and Mister Naft to pressure the government or somebody to report the attendance by zip code, because then each individual one of you can say, "Hey, my people are

BRAISTED

going to CES," or "My people are going to SEMA." I encourage you to help pursue that.

Uh- by the way, Yahoo Finance is broadcasting CES 2023 with great interviews. I just star-, I just found out about it by myself. You might be able to see that on yahoo.com. I know you can see it on pluto.tv, and it's free. I think it's a good thing to pass, and it's something that we need to show in the homeless cen-, sects, uh-centers. You know, they just sit there, and they learn nothing. And, and we got all this free information to pass onto them.

Um- foster care in the future, include the individual that spoke in the agenda, so I know who to contact. There's no, no mention of her name.

Um- the other thing that comes to me is, what if we have a, a database of slides that anybody in any organization that's gonna be giving a presentation, they could have those slides? Maybe one on foster care. I m-, and, and it may be a, a Rotary Club, and they could go to the database and download these slides for the copyright class, for your other projects. They could choose to just include it in their PowerPoint before or after, the slides from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Sortie on Air Traffic. I mean, uh- that's, that's something that we should consider doing, and other communities in the state, if they want us to know about their events, include that database in that slide category. Thank you.

GIBSON

Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during the public comment period this morning? There being, uh- no one, then this meeting will stand in recess, and we'll go into closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, at the hour of 11:08 a.m., Chair Gibson recessed the meeting to the hour of 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, for the Zoning agenda.

APPROVED:

/s/ James B. Gibson  
JAMES B. GIBSON, CHAIR

ATTEST:

/s/ Lynn Marie Goya  
LYNN MARIE GOYA, COUNTY CLERK