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Item	Description	Outcome	Vote Count
1	CALL TO ORDER	Called to Order	N/A
2	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by Commissioner Tarkanian	N/A
3	PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)	Comments Received	N/A
4	APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Approved with Consent Item J Pulled	(5-0)
5	APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES	Approved	(5-0)
6	RECESS AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENE AS DOUGLAS COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD	Recessed/Convened	N/A
7	DOUGLAS COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD: Approve Restricted Mobile Liquor License for Board & Barrel	Approved	(5-0)
8	ADJOURN AS DOUGLAS COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD RECONVENE AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	Adjourned/Reconvened	N/A
9	CONSENT ITEMS (A-I, K-M)	Approved	(5-0)
9J	Consent Item J: Approve Contract for Mountain View Tank Replacement Project	Approved (Pulled for Discussion)	(5-0)
10	ITEM(S) PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA	Heard (Item J)	N/A
11.1	PRESENTATIONS: Proclamation for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month	Presented	Information Only
11.2	PRESENTATIONS: Integration of Dial 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	Presented	Information Only
12	COMMUNITY SERVICES: Accept Grant and Approve Contract for Stodick Park Playground	Approved	(4-0)
13	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: Presentation on 2026 CDBG Program	Presented	Information Only
14	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Adopt Ordinance 2025-1658	Adopted	(4-0)

Item	Description	Outcome	Vote Count
15.1	COUNTY MANAGER: Nominate Lay Member to TRPA Advisory Planning Commission	Approved (Garth Alling)	(4-0)
15.2	COUNTY MANAGER: Announcements/Reports/Updates from Commissioners	Presented	Information Only
16	CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action)	Comments Received	N/A
17	ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned	N/A

Executive Summary

The Douglas County Board of County Commissioners convened on September 4, 2025, for a comprehensive meeting that addressed administrative, fiscal, and community health matters while incorporating joint sessions as the Liquor Board. Key actions included approving a restricted mobile liquor license, adopting an ordinance to expand the 9-1-1 Surcharge Advisory Committee, nominating Garth Alling to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Advisory Planning Commission, and authorizing contracts for infrastructure projects such as the Mountain View Tank Replacement and an inclusive playground at Stodick Park. Presentations emphasized suicide prevention, with a proclamation declaring September as Awareness Month and details on integrating the 988 Crisis Lifeline to alleviate pressure on emergency services. Commissioners provided updates on local events, partnerships, and upcoming initiatives like stormwater workshops and fundraising, reflecting ongoing efforts in community engagement and resource management. Public comments underscored infrastructure concerns related to mining operations, fiscal perceptions, and appreciation for board service, highlighting tensions between development and environmental safeguards. The meeting demonstrated efficient governance, with unanimous votes on actionable items, fostering preventive health measures and infrastructural enhancements amid resident input on transparency and sustainability.

Highlights

1. **Suicide Prevention Focus:** The board proclaimed September 2025 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and received presentations on the 988 Crisis Lifeline, emphasizing its role in providing immediate, empathetic support for behavioral health crises. This initiative aims to reduce reliance on law enforcement for mental health interventions, with data showing over 80% of calls stabilized without further escalation, potentially lowering hospitalizations and costs while addressing Nevada's high suicide rates.
2. **Infrastructure and Contracts Approvals:** Significant approvals included a \$4.3 million contract for the Mountain View Tank Replacement Project and a \$521,889 joinder contract for an inclusive playground at Stodick Park, funded partly by grants and residential construction tax reallocations. These actions reflect commitments to water system reliability and accessible community spaces, with budget augmentations ensuring project viability amid rising needs.
3. **TRPA Nomination and Regional Updates:** Garth Alling was unanimously nominated for reappointment to the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission, with discussions highlighting his objective expertise in environmental and economic balancing for basin-wide projects, including the upcoming Barton Hospital EIS review. Commissioners also updated on transportation changes and events, signaling proactive regional collaboration amid public scrutiny of development impacts.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)

Public Comments: Brooke Adie, Community Services Director, announced that the day marked the start of the first congregate senior meal dining at the Cale Community Center, with doors opening at 11 a.m., lunch served at 12 noon, occurring every Thursday, expressing excitement and hope for participation. Jim Jackson addressed statistics criticizing the traffic numbers on Fremont and East Valley as lacking, particularly the count of longer trucks, noting he observed five long empty trucks heading to the mine that day and five trucks at Tony and Fremont another day, contrasting with the county's low count. He described the county's August 21 presentation as biased, showing a pristine road image with blue skies and puffy clouds, which he said was only true on weekends, while weekdays featured dust clouds from trucks. He compared it to faults in the initial approval process. He criticized the portrayal of the four-way stop at Johnson and Fremont as not meeting standards, comparing it to Stephanie and East Valley intersection with less traffic but having a four-way stop, suggesting dishonesty. He noted that only Commissioner Tolbert's point about increased noise from a stop sign made sense as a valid reason, though safety should still be considered, rather than manipulable numbers. Ron Conway addressed covering of loads, refuting a recent statement that tarps would not hold material, explaining that tarps break wind to keep material in, and only a specific 10-wheeler truck design might have issues, but improper tarping would violate statutes, falling on the driver. He criticized using a minor issue to excuse all, insisting loads need covering by state law to prevent detachment, which is preventative not reactionary. He addressed wetting loads, noting it helps but does not fix the issue due to evaporation from heat and wind, especially without covering, predicting skyrocketing water consumption in full production, offering his expertise on the matter. Commissioner Gardner recognized the ongoing rodeo week in Douglas County, with an event at TJ's Corral that night, rodeo at the fairgrounds Friday and Saturday nights, and Cowboy Church on Sunday. He noted new bleachers adding 1,200 seats, warning they are aluminum and hot, suggesting not to wear shorts and to bring padding, describing it as one of the best investments for capacity. General admission tickets were \$65, available walk-up, with 85 vendors and local talent, mentioning Mr. Coverley in team roping on Friday and Saturday, wishing him luck.

Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

The Douglas County BOCC considered the adoption of the agenda and previous meeting minutes, with the change to move item J from consent to administrative agenda.

Commissioners Comments: None received.

Public Comments: None received.

Vote: Vote unanimous to approval agenda and previous minutes.

Douglas County Liquor Board

Mobile Restricted Retail Liquor License for Board and Barrel

Restricted Mobile Liquor License for Board & Barrel represented by owner Marcella Crandall. Marcella Crandall has signed a Waiver of Notice of Hearing. Board & Barrel is located at 3539 Tourmaline Court, Carson City, Nevada 89705.

Captain Stork from the Sheriff's Office confirmed that Board and Barrel completed all required paperwork and passed background checks, with no objections from the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Comments: None.

Public Comment: None received.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0) approval.

Ceremonial presentation of Proclamation 2025P-082

Debbie Posnien, Executive Director of the Suicide Prevention Network, was presented for ceremonial purposes. September 2025 was declared as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Douglas County. Hales read the proclamation, which recognized September as National Suicide Prevention Month, highlighted suicide statistics for the U.S. and Nevada, acknowledged the Suicide Prevention Network's free services since 1999, and encouraged reducing stigma and promoting resources like the 988 lifeline. Posnien addressed the group, reflecting on the progress made in discussing suicide openly, crediting her team and community support, and noting challenges with grant funding, including the loss of a long-standing grant, while mentioning a fundraising effort led by Dan Coverley.

Public Comments: None taken

Vote: N/A (Presentation only).

Presentation regarding the integration of the "Dial 988" Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

The 988 line serves as a resource to connect individuals experiencing behavioral health emergencies with trained crisis counselors, aiming to reduce reliance on law enforcement and emergency medical services for mental health interventions. The presentation covered the operational structure of the 988 lifeline, which includes a three-digit number available for calling, texting, or online chatting to provide immediate behavioral health assistance. This assistance addresses a range of issues, including suicidal thoughts, life crises, and lower-level concerns such as financial or relationship problems, with an emphasis on prevention. A second 90-day call center, launched on July 1, 2025, in Southern Nevada through a contract with Carillon Behavioral Health, expands capacity alongside Crisis Support Services of Nevada, which has operated for nearly 60 years, with a target to answer 95% of calls within 20 seconds by counselors residing in Nevada. The lifeline conducts screenings for suicidality, develops safety plans, and offers empathy for various life stressors, maintaining caller anonymity unless immediate risk to the caller's or public safety is identified, differing from 911, which requires full caller information, with only approximately 0.5% of calls necessitating law enforcement intervention when safety cannot be guaranteed. The service employs a least invasive approach prioritizing caller comfort and connects individuals to tailored

local resources based on their location, utilizing geo-routing rather than 911's geo-location, which pinpoints exact locations, and addresses issues including stress, substance use, suicide, and gambling. It does not replace long-term care such as therapy but provides immediate support and referrals. Eligibility extends to anyone, with crises defined individually, allowing use by family, friends, law enforcement, EMS, and medical providers, supported by 52,000 Nevada contacts in 2024, including 414 from Douglas County. Access methods include dialing 988, texting 988, or using the chat option at 988lifeline.org, with planned integration into the state website and a suggestion to include the link on county websites, plus support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals via the lifeline website. Calls begin with an automated message offering options for Spanish speakers and veterans, bypassable by pressing zero to connect to a counselor within 20 seconds, though texting may take longer, with Southern Nevada handling Clark County calls and Reno's Crisis Support Services covering the remainder of the state. The lifeline's counselors conduct an initial safety assessment to ensure no imminent danger, followed by empathetic, non-judgmental listening, and provide resources for long-term care if necessary. The service's necessity is supported by research indicating over 80% of Americans prefer mental health-focused responses over law enforcement, less than half feel safe calling 911 for behavioral health emergencies, and over 38% are unsure how to assist loved ones, highlighting a need for public education. In 2023, Nevada recorded 654 suicide deaths, over 2,100 attempts, and more than 12,000 hospitalizations, with the lifeline managing up to 4,200 calls monthly, contributing to reduced jail and hospital usage, as demonstrated by Colorado's 78% drop in inpatient admissions and over \$3 million in jail cost savings, with approximately 80% of Nevada contacts stabilized without further law enforcement or EMS intervention. The presentation included a comparison between 988, designed for behavioral health crises, and 911, intended for crime, physical emergencies, and life threats, as part of a broader crisis continuum. This continuum comprises contact via 988, response by mobile teams like the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST), safe places such as behavioral health urgent care and crisis stabilization centers, and follow-up care, with current efforts focused on establishing public understanding before full implementation. The 988 program involves a partnership between NAMI, the state, and Carillon Behavioral Health, with Carillon providing national expertise combined with local capabilities through three operational pillars: Crisis Contact Center services for calls, texts, and chats, including the Southern Nevada center opened on July 1, 2025; Crisis System Management for operational oversight and quality control as the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for Nevada; and Total Crisis Solutions combining both services. Carillon marks Nevada as its ninth state partnership over the past 10 years, leading a 48-person Nevada team with a focus on local service under the motto "nothing about us without us," integrating best practices from northern, southern, and rural Nevada into a cohesive statewide framework respecting regional needs, building on Crisis Support Services of Nevada's 60-year history as a delegate on the crisis safety platform starting October 1, 2025. Call volumes align with origins via local routing, enhanced by clinical oversight, unified metrics, key performance indicators (KPIs), and reporting, with efforts extending beyond call centers to collaborate with stakeholders. The 988 Coalition, led by NAMI Nevada, gathers feedback on effectiveness across Nevada's diverse rural, frontier, and urban counties, holding meetings every couple of months to share updates and collect data for the state and Carillon, aiming to save lives and reduce financial burdens on jails, hospitals, and indigent funds. Funding for the 988 lifeline derives from a \$0.35 monthly fee per telephone line, including landlines, established by the state legislature, with potential for increases as seen in Utah and

California to support local partners, though most current funds support the Carillon contract, with legislative requests exceeding the approved amount secured by nonprofit efforts. The presentation addressed marketing efforts to develop a Nevada-specific 988 logo by fall 2025 through the Estepona Group, involving research, focus groups, and surveys, with a toolkit for wide use, alongside free federal marketing materials available on the SAMHSA website, including stickers, magnets, bumper stickers, and posters. Partnership suggestions with Douglas County included aligning systems, improving outcomes, reducing duplication, and maximizing resources to support behavioral health and suicide prevention efforts, tailored to Nevada's diverse urban, mining, ranch, and farm communities. The presentation also covered integration challenges, including a pilot with Las Vegas Metro PD since July 2025, successfully transferring 12 callers from 911 to 988 without incident, and ongoing efforts to build partnerships for warm handoffs between 988 and 911, ensuring support continuity. Jurisdictional issues were noted, particularly for Douglas County dispatching for Alpine County and the Washoe Tribe, with 988 calls from California routing to California centers, and geo-routing based on location, not area code, currently limited to Verizon, T-Mobile, and AT&T, with plans to expand, though chat and text geo-routing remain under development due to federal shifts. Public input highlighted local impacts, with the Suicide Prevention Network managing 15-20 daily crisis calls two years ago, now handled by 988 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) since 2017 handling 700 annual 911 calls and 12 monthly 988 calls with 55% jail diversions and 65% hospital diversions, plus the HEART program for youth aged 18 and under, and Alpine County's reliance on Douglas County resources due to limited local services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Commissioner's Comments:

- **Commissioner Gardner** acknowledged seeing the presentation at NACO. He commended the presentation's public awareness value and reported \$3 million savings in jail and court systems, encouraging other counties to host it.
- **Commissioner Hales** inquired about funding details for the 988 lifeline and expressed concern about the lack of dedicated local funding sources for the program
- **Commissioner Rice** appreciated the coalition's relevance to his past policing experiences with unsupported calls.

Public Comments: Discussion included the impact of 988 on managing 15-20 daily crisis calls previously handled by the Suicide Prevention Network, now reduced since the lifeline's introduction two years ago, operating from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Details were provided on the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) grant initiated in 2017, handling 700 annual 911 calls and 12 monthly 988 calls, achieving 55% jail diversions and 65% hospital diversions, alongside the HEART program targeting youth aged 18 and under. Alpine County's reliance on Douglas County resources was noted due to limited local services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, via Alpine County Behavioral Health and the Washoe Tribe Peeling Center. A personal motivation was shared from an individual's loss of a younger sibling to suicide seven years ago, driving their work to create positive outcomes through the 988 program.

Vote: N/A (Presentation only).

Consent Item J

The Board of County Commissioners heard agenda item J, pulled from the consent agenda, for possible action discussion to approve a \$4,318,300 construction contract with Resource Development Company LLC for the Mountain View Tank Replacement Project. The item included authorization for the County Manager or Public Works Director to execute the contract and change orders up to 5% of the original contract price, amounting to a maximum of \$215,915, and approval of Resolution 2025R-081 to augment Project 23W01 budget by \$685,000 from Capital Reserves to Capital Outlay. Rick Robillard, Deputy Public Works Director, and Phil Ricker, Public Works Director, were present. Rick Robillard provided a brief overview, identifying the Mountain View Tank at the end of Vicki on Hot Springs Mountain, visible to the east, as having reached its useful life. The preliminary design report by Public Works engineering evaluated feasible alternatives, including rehabilitation, which proved difficult due to taking storage capacity offline, risking inadequate fire protection and storage for East Valley residents. The report favored two tanks to increase capacity: one tank would be built and put into service, the existing tank demolished, and a second tank constructed, ensuring long-term redundancy for maintenance and rehabilitation with adequate storage. The project was publicly bid, with Resource Development Company (RDC) as the apparent responsible bidder at approximately \$4.3 million. Rick Robillard confirmed the quantity one was a lump sum bid item covering all specifications and plans, including two tanks

Commissioner's Comments:

- Commissioner Gardner apologized for pulling the item, recognized Bob Lucey, noted the project's necessity, and moved for approval.
- Commissioner Tolbert sought clarification on tank quantity and seconded the motion. Commissioner Tolbert, familiar with the tank from his move to the area, recalled helping clean the road by moving rocks for landscaping, possibly illegally, and sought clarification on the contract specifying quantity one. He confirmed with staff during meetings that this represented the entire scope, not the number of tanks, ensuring two tanks were included.

Public Comments: Bob Lucey thanked the board and praised the county's progress, introduced RDC representatives, and emphasized local service. He appreciated pulling the item from consent, highlighting its \$4 million value, and shared his background as a Washoe County Commissioner and Chairman, and State Infrastructure Coordinator under Governor Lombardo for a year and a half, emphasizing infrastructure importance. He praised Douglas County's progressive approach to new residents' issues, introduced Chris Earp and Brianna from RDC, thanked for considering their bid, and noted RDC as a local/regional company committed to serving Nevadans with direct contact, referencing past conversations with Commissioner Rice. He offered to answer questions

Vote: Approved (5-0)

Community Services

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a discussion for possible action on agenda item 12, which encompassed four components. The first component involved discussion to accept a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the construction of an inclusive playground at

Stodick Park. The second component addressed discussion to approve a \$521,889.92 joinder contract through Omnia Partners Public Sector, a cooperative purchasing organization, between Douglas County and Playcore Wisconsin, Inc., and authorized the Community Services Director to execute the necessary documents and change orders up to 10% of the total amount, equating to a maximum of \$52,188.99. The third component included discussion to approve Resolution 2025R-080, augmenting the residential construction tax budget by decreasing the budget in the Central County Reserve account (420-440-625.600) by \$232,380 and increasing the budget in the Parks Improvement account (420-440-563.301) by the same amount of \$232,380. The fourth component authorized the Community Services Director to allocate additional residential construction tax within the Central County as it becomes available to fund the project. Brooke Adie expressed excitement about presenting, noting it as a significant community asset, and introduced Ryan Stanton to discuss the project. Ryan Stanton, Deputy Director of Community Services, presenting the Stodick Park Inclusive Playground project, prioritized by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Board of County Commissioners for fiscal year 2025-26. The project received Land Water Conservation Fund funding on a 50-50 match between Douglas County and the fund, with additional funding from room tax and residential construction tax. The initiative aimed to better serve residents, including children and adults with physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board, in collaboration with persons with disabilities, prioritized Stodick Park as the location after evaluating two sites: Stodick Park and Aspen Park. Stodick Park offered parking adjacent to the playground and a bathroom within walking distance, while Aspen Park had parking and restrooms further away. The board engaged with GameTime and Great Western Recreation for renderings of both locations. Stodick Park was selected to become a National Demonstration Site, promoting accessibility, enhancing community well-being, supporting families, increasing park value, and strengthening community identity. As a National Demonstration Site, it would model best practices in inclusive play, collect data on community impact, and mark Gardnerville, Nevada, as the first such site in the state, with the closest similar site identified on a map shared during the presentation. The existing playground would be removed and disposed of in a landfill due to liability concerns, preventing reuse, with the new blueprint expanding beyond the current size, particularly near the football field. Additional shade was planned due to limited current coverage, deemed essential for visitors. The playground would feature pour-in-place surfacing, a state-of-the-art accessible option, replacing the 5R wood chip material used in other playgrounds, which posed challenges for accessibility due to wind and rain effects. Examples of pour-in-place surfacing included Johnson Lane swing set, Gale Community Center's 205 playground, and Ironwood Park. Renderings showed chimes, sensory toys, and a swing set accommodating persons with disabilities. Stanton noted straps or buckles might be included but further research may be required. The purchase utilized a cooperative agreement with Omnia Partners, with the \$521,889.92 covering equipment, pour-in-place surfacing, and installation as a turnkey project, aiming for purchase shortly after approval and construction starting next calendar year.

Commissioner's Comments:

- **Commissioner Gardner** praised the partnership, recalling cheaper past playgrounds built by community organizations like Rotary and Kiwanis, now unfeasible due to modern

requirements, appreciating the effort and term “gift approved” while noting it required a vote.

- **Commissioner Tolbert** emphasized surfacing maintenance for compliance as a National Demonstration Site, noting lab-based ASTM standards may degrade under sun exposure at 5,000 feet altitude versus 1,200 feet elsewhere. He referenced a local Access Board Coalition member who helped write guidelines, suggesting frequent inspections with a rotational penetrometer for indentation, softness, and stability for wheelchairs and mobility devices, contrasting with wood chips’ compaction issues. He recommended a contract for periodic testing over 10 years, citing past Parks Department collaboration.
- **Commissioner Rice** thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for passion and commitment, suggesting an exclusive opening for special needs children if feasible, expressing excitement.
- **Commissioner Hales** thanked the effort placed into the park and recommended closed hours for children with disabilities only.

Public Comments: Public comment included Gary Dove, not a Park and Recreation Advisory Board member but active, providing backstory on Action Club’s 10-year anniversary in October, leading to organizations like ABLE and NVPRO for adults with disabilities. He credited Anita Everts’ September 2019 letter to the editor, “Playground for Disabled Children Needed,” for inspiring the project, noting it took six years to reach this stage through capital improvement programs. He thanked past and current board members, staff, and commissioners, highlighting the grant’s role in reallocating funds, and hoped Everts could attend the grand opening with Action Club members. Jim Jackson supported the park idea, citing a similar failed park in Rancho Cucamonga, California, torn down after one year due to inspection failures from neglected surfacing, worsened by 5,000-foot altitude UV rays versus 1,200 feet. He stressed maintenance for a National Demonstration Site, raised public perception issues of spending on parks versus road repairs, referencing budget claims of no funds, and advised better communication, noting his wife’s text comparing roads to a Disney Cars jalopy. Commissioner Gardner responded to Jackson, explaining the residential construction tax as a \$1,000 developer fee allocated to South County, Central County, and North County including Tahoe Basin, mandated by Nevada Revised Statutes, requiring expenditure or return to developers, emphasizing communication needs. With Commissioner Tarkanian absent, the four remaining commissioners voted.

Vote: Approved (4-0). Commissioner Tarkanian left the BOCC Meeting.

Presentation on the 2026 Federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program

Linda Doherty introduced herself as the Assistant Planner in Community Development, providing a brief overview of the CDBG program. She explained that CDBG, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides grants on a formula basis to over 1,200 general units of local governments and states. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants directly to larger cities with populations of 50,000 or more and urban counties with 200,000 or more. Smaller cities and counties, such as Douglas County, are classified as non-

entitlement cities or counties, necessitating competitive grant applications based on priorities and criteria set by the state. For 2026, the state's priority is projects focused on infrastructure, though other projects are not excluded. To qualify, applicants must meet at least one of HUD's national objectives: benefiting low to moderate income households, aiding in the elimination of slums or blight, or meeting a community development need of an urgent nature, with the first being a primary state goal. The state of Nevada received approximately \$2.8 million for the 2026 cycle, available for all 14 rural counties to compete for. Douglas County's past funding included projects, with the last being the food closet in 2022. As a non-entitlement county, Douglas County can submit two applications for the general competitive pool and sponsor two additional applications. Currently, one application is requested from the Tobias Ranch Estates General Improvement District, seeking funds to improve their system and possibly build a structure with an office, bathroom, and employee break room. Funding is not guaranteed, determined by a committee based on factors like other projects, available funds, and priorities. Deadlines were noted in the packet, with September 30, 2025, as the hard deadline for the job matrix spreadsheet, requiring job titles and wages from applicants, submitted through Doherty to the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GO-ED), with missed deadlines disqualifying applications. The next deadline, October 17, 2025, is for application submission to determine eligibility, also a hard deadline with no exceptions, requiring submission through Doherty, with no changes allowed post-submission. Notification of eligibility is expected late October. Eligible projects require additional documents, potentially including an environmental impact study, which can be time-consuming. The final full application package is due in February 2026. The CDBG method of distribution document in the packet provided funding details, with high scores determining success. Doherty acknowledged Debbie Swickard, Douglas County Grants Administrator, for her expertise and assistance.

Commissioner's Comments:

- **Commissioner Tolbert** asked if the county could apply directly or if it must come from another entity, and Doherty confirmed the county can apply directly.
- **Commissioner Hales** inquired if information was sent to General Improvement Districts (GIDs), and Doherty noted a public meeting on July 21, 2025, with a newspaper notice and press release on the county website, but no specific GID outreach. Hales asked about additional applications, and Doherty mentioned a remote possibility for Kings Lane GID for sewer improvements, based on last year's interest, but noted the effort's uncertainty.

Public Comments: None taken

Vote: N/A (Presentation only).

Discussion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1658, amending Douglas County Code, Chapter 3.50-Surcharge for Enhancement or Improvement of Telephone System Used for Reporting Emergency

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a discussion for possible action on agenda item 14, focusing on the adoption of Ordinance 2025-1658, which amended Douglas County Code

Chapter 3.50, Surcharge for Enhancement or Improvement of Telephone System Used for Reporting Emergency. The amendment increased the membership of the Douglas County 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee from five to seven members, marking the second reading of the ordinance. Brent Finster, Emergency Communications Manager, and Kerry Easton, Emergency Manager, were present to address the item. Brent Finster thanked the Chairperson and Commissioners, inquiring if there were any questions.

Commissioner's Comments:

Commissioner Rice confirmed the ordinance ensures compliance with state law and moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-1658 as presented, based on the recommendation of the 911 Surcharge Advisory Committee and discussion with county commissioners. Commissioner Gardner seconded the motion.

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

Vote: Approved (4-0)

Discussion to approve Douglas County's nomination of a lay member to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission

The Board of County Commissioners conducted a discussion for possible action on agenda item 15.1, focusing on the approval of Douglas County's nomination of a lay member to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Advisory Planning Commission for a two-year term effective August 2025 through August 2027, in accordance with the TRPA Bi-State Compact. The Board identified one applicant for the open position and expressed gratitude to Garth Alling for his patience as the agenda progressed. Jennifer Davidson explained that the position, reviewed every two years as past practice, carried a two-year term, and the commission was asked to consider a recommendation for a formal appointment to TRPA. The position was advertised in both the Valley newspaper and, with an extended timeline, the Lake newspaper to attract interest from the Lake area, but no other applications were received. Garth Alling expressed interest in continuing, and he was available for questions. The Chairperson invited Mr. Alling to share perspectives on his work and experience. Garth Alling, for the record, noted his service on the TRPA Advisory Planning Commission since 2017, expressing pride in participating, emphasizing his lifelong residency at Lake Tahoe, and highlighting the importance of protecting the environment and economy. He utilized his expertise as a wildlife biologist and ecologist to review scientific and technical aspects of documents, finding this role fulfilling. He clarified that the Advisory Planning Commission only reviews and advises the Governing Board, where Commissioner Rice serves, with no decision-making authority, handling detailed documentation reviews.

Commissioner's Comments:

- **Commissioner Rice**, as a Governing Board member, thanked Alling for his efforts, acknowledging the verbal abuse and community criticism, some impossible to satisfy, and appreciated his contributions to TRPA and Lake Tahoe. Rice added that TRPA roles extend beyond Douglas County, covering basin-wide projects like the Biltmore, involving polarized

groups and a tightrope of objectivity with California and Nevada vote dynamics, expressing no envy for Alling's task.

- **Commissioner Gardner** also thanked Alling for his volunteer public service, noting its unrecognized nature, and appreciated his focus on balancing environment and economy in the Tahoe Basin, describing it as a teeter-totter requiring careful equilibrium.
- **Commissioner Hales** offered a comment and question, recognizing Alling's discretion, expertise, and lifelong community knowledge, suggesting enhanced dialogue with staff and Commissioner Rice without compromising independence to benefit all perspectives before decisions. Alling agreed, identifying communication opportunities with staff and Rice, and mentioned the upcoming Barton Hospital project at the old Lake Siding Casino site, noting a potential conflict due to his work on technical environmental documents. He refused subcontractor participation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to maintain his APC role and avoid recusal, looking forward to pre-project communication. Commissioner Hales segued to ask about maintaining an open mind, addressing community accusations of pre-decided backroom deals, which she refuted, inviting Alling to affirm his objectivity on the record. Alling confirmed his intent to remain objective as a scientist, stating no preconceived stance, acknowledging community division on the project, and supporting the TRPA's EIS requirement for public input and impact review, committing to assess document adequacy. Deputy District Attorney Doug Ritchie sought clarification on whether Alling's employer was creating or reviewing the Barton EIS, which Alling repeated for clarity, confirming self-employment and refusal of subcontractor work, easing concerns

Public Comments: No public comments were received.

Vote: Approved (4-0)

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Tolbert reported attending the Partnership Douglas County board meeting on September 6, 2025, noting a significant reduction in grant funding, which prevented support for the suicide prevention program, and outlined plans for fundraising events including Two Dope for Drugs on October 11, 2025, featuring a concert and skate competition, participation in Fight Night with a booth and raffle on September 7, 2025, and a tentative Chipotle fundraiser on October 18, 2025, where meal proceeds would support the partnership when mentioned. He attended a parks meeting on September 2, 2025, where the advisory board monitored projects, including a parking program raising \$159,180 to date, dispersed to schools and the school district for cleanup, with remaining funds reinvested, and a fairgrounds land study due for completion in late fall 2025. Approved projects included the Stodick Park playground and TRE splash pad. He noted 45 capital improvement projects, with five advanced annually, explaining the six-year timeline for Stodick Park, funded by room tax or residential construction tax (RCT) across North County, Central County, South County, and Lake County. The paid parking program at the lake exceeded last year's totals with weekends remaining.

Commissioner Rice mentioned upcoming snow removal, reported Kingsbury GID and Roundhill GID operating well with no updates from Upaway GID, attended a TRPA meeting, and the State of the Lake meeting with California and Nevada congressmen, noting DRI's water mixing presentation. He would be unavailable the week of September 14, 2025, for his 65th high school class reunion.

Commissioner Gardner reported a NACO notification on September 4, 2025, of the Capitol Christmas tree from the local forest, with an essay contest for fourth graders and winner transportation to the Washington, D.C. lighting ceremony, shared with Superintendent Mr. Alvarado. He noted the rodeo on September 8 and 9, 2025, with new bleachers and door-available tickets, the Smash Hunger Pickleball Tournament on September 13, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for school lunches, and Commissioner Tolbert participation on Team Babs with a duck tank stint at 11 a.m. He attended the airport open house on an unspecified date, thanked Mr. Jackson for a model train open house with 31 trains and eight running, attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on September 6, 2025, noting the NNDA executive director's move to the Nevada Builders Alliance, and the NACO conference in Las Vegas on September 23-25, 2025, where he expected election as president.

Commissioner Hales reported attending a Tahoe Transportation District committee and board meeting on an unspecified date, proposing route changes including eliminating the tramway loop with less than two riders daily, with public comment in coming weeks, presented to the Good Governance Group, and noted the Stormwater Workshop on September 17, 2025, from 3 to 6 p.m. at CVIC Hall. She visited Jim Jackson's railroad display on an unspecified date, which opened again on September 13, 2025.

Closing Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items)

Jim Jackson addressed the board, noting his recurring role in closing comments, and thanked commissioners for attending his open house, describing it as a long-standing hobby initiated by his father with an HO layout, inherited after his father's death. He clarified that his earlier remark about perceived misuse of tax funds targeted politicians generally, not the board, citing federal agency spending and the California lottery, where school budget cuts matched lottery funds, negating benefits. He emphasized that perception, not intent, challenges the board, as public observation of spending on various projects like movie theaters and bleachers, contrasted with claims of no road funds post-budget, fuels confusion and upset over deteriorating roads. He acknowledged understanding fund sources from repeated attendance but noted public ignorance, suggesting more community meetings, especially in his area, and clarified no personal attack, attributing issues to broader political consequences. He reiterated thanks for the open house visit, announced its reopening on September 13, 2025, prompted by the local car club and accommodating those rained out. Bob Lucey, for the record as a former Washoe County Commissioner and Nevada State Infrastructure Coordinator, thanked the Chairperson, Vice Chairman, and Commissioners, commending their underappreciated work and the County Manager's thankless role, echoing Jackson's point on opaque decision-making. He highlighted the difficulty of regional board decisions beyond local issues, like TRPA, and expressed pleasure in returning after three years, recalling service memories and thanking for commitment. He mentioned omitted earlier discussion on CDBG grants and his new role as a senior advisor with the Porter Group, a Washington, D.C.

lobbying firm working with NACO and Nevada municipalities, urging contact with Sherry Davis at the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GO-ED) for CDBG and Main Street grants, and exploring Community Project Funding (CPF) from Congress, given Nevada's small delegation and 85% federal land ownership, offering assistance from his NACO presidency and federal lobbying experience.

Meeting Adjourned.