

Key Votes in Douglas County Board of County Commissioner's Meetings:

Board of County Commissioners Meeting – June 5, 2025 - Highlights

- **Painted Rock Mine:** Residents of Johnson Lane continue to claim that Knox Excavation is violating the agreement that Knox reached with the County regarding hours of operation, speed limits on truck, and debris falling from trucks.
- **Garbage Rates to Rise:** The Board approved a Douglas Disposal rate increase of 2.59% for residential and commercial customers
- **Dangberg Ranch Cultural Center to Receive Grant:** The Board unanimously approved a proposal to accept a grant of \$75,000 from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation. The money will be used to restore the bunkhouse on the historic ranch.

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting – July 17, 2025 - Highlights

- **Justice Center Project Approved:** The Board approved a construction contract of \$47.9 million for the new judicial center to be built on Buckeye Road as well as material testing and Supplemental Design contracts.
- **Tahoe Micro Transit 3 year funding approved:** The Board unanimously approved a three year funding commitment of \$650,000 with annual increases. Board members noted that South Lake Tahoe benefits disproportionately from this funding.
- **New Collective Bargaining agreements approved for Sheriffs Dept:** The Board approved a three year collective bargaining agreement for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 for Douglas County Sheriffs with salary adjustments and cost of living increases plus an incremental County contribution toward a 8.75% increase in the contribution required to PERS (Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada)
- **County IT Department reorganized:** The Board unanimously approved a reorganization plan for the County IT department with a cost neutral plan. The plan focuses on cross functional teams for cybersecurity, software integration and web development emphasizing developing internal expertise.

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting – August 8, 2025 Highlights

- **Painted Rock Mine Public Comment:** Multiple residents complained of violations of the BOCC agreement with Knox Excavation and the Painted Rock Mine. Violations include trucks operation outside of designated hours, debris and dust from uncovered loads and speeding violations.
- **The Internal Audit Plan Approved:** The Board unanimously approved the internal audit plan for 2024-2025
- **9-1-1 Surcharge Advisory Committee:** The Board reviewed a proposal to increase the membership composition of the Douglas County 9-1-1 Surcharge Advisory Committee from its current five members to seven members. No vote taken.
- **New Justice Center Breaks Ground:** Commissioners attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Justice Center

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting – August 21, 2025 Highlights

- **Painted Rock Mine Enforcement Update:** The board reviewed the agreement with Knox Excavating, highlighting resident evidence leading to NDEP interventions on dust control; data showed southbound truck traffic reduction from 56% to 22%, but multiple residents continue to voice concerns that the agreement is being violated in a number of ways by Knox. Concerns persisted over pre-7 a.m. access, untarped loads, speeding trucks and water usage, prompting suggestions for ordinances on haul hours, tarping, and route restrictions. The Board has not responded in any meaningful way to Johnson Lane residents concerns.
- **Floodplain Management Plan Adoption:** Resolution 2025R-076 was unanimously adopted, updating strategies to reduce watershed flood risks, incorporating stormwater and low-impact development solutions, with emphasis on preserving open spaces to save \$7 in recovery for every \$1 in mitigation, contrasting Douglas County's lower 1997 damages (\$29 million) versus Washoe's \$500 million.
- **Public Guardian Appointment and Bond Cap Transfer:** Angelique Ard was appointed Public Guardian, bringing five years' experience from Eureka County, while Resolution 2025R-079 transferred \$3.6 million unused bond cap to Nevada Rural Housing Authority, supporting affordable mortgages for 491 Douglas homebuyers since 2006 (\$113 million total).

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Board of County Commissioners Meeting – September 4, 2025 Highlights

- **Painted Rock Mine Public Comment:** Residents continue to present evidence as to trucking violations of Knox Excavation at the Painted Rock Mine and are demand action from the Board.
- **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.
- **Water Tank Replacement:** The Board voted unanimously to replace the Mountain View Tank at the end of Vicki Lane on Hot Springs Mountain as having reached its useful life. The project was publicly bid, with Resource Development Company (RDC) as the apparent responsible bidder at approximately \$4.3 million.
- **New Playground at Stodick Park:** The Board voted 4-0 to approve the following projects using the Residential Construction Tax as revenue source: 1) 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.

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