

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, November 9, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 9th day of November 2021; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Ray A. Haupt and Nancy Ogren, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Supervisor Ed Valenzuela was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Off-agenda item – County Administration – Consider approval of a letter to the State Water Board regarding water curtailment orders. Item added to the agenda; staff directed to develop letters to the State Water Board with regard to curtailment orders in the Scott and Shasta Rivers.

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan provided an overview of the request to consider an urgency item to develop a letter to the State Water Board with regard to water curtailment orders in the Scott and other rivers.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, to consider an item not on the posted agenda regarding development of a letter to the State Water Board regarding water curtailment orders in the Scott and Shasta Rivers.

Later in the meeting, Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the different weather patterns and drought conditions in the Scott Valley versus other areas of the state and the possible negative impact of the State's drought emergency declaration on the curtailments in local rivers/waterways. Supervisor Haupt further advised of the increased Scott River flow following recent precipitation events, speaking in support of drafting a letter to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) to end their curtailment orders associated with irrigation diversions from the Scott River.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen and Mr. Kiernan regarding the possibility of including the Shasta River curtailment orders in the letter, the need to include support for the groundwater recharge effect from 'leaky' irrigation ditches, the importance of water diversions to provide water for livestock (versus pumping groundwater for livestock) and the benefits associated with water storage during times of precipitation and snow.

Supervisor Criss suggested that a letter regarding the curtailments in the Shasta River watershed be drafted, to be sent out when the river meets minimum flow levels.

Following further discussion regarding the urgent nature of the letter to DWR regarding the Scott River curtailments and the request to draft a similar letter to DWR regarding the Shasta River watershed to be sent if/when the river flows meet minimum levels, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff to direct staff to draft a letter to the Department of Water Resources with regard to the curtailment of diversions in the Scott River and a letter regarding curtailments in the Shasta River, authorize the Chair to sign both, with the Scott River letter to be sent immediately and the Shasta River letter to be sent out if/when river flows meet minimum levels. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES, and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, the motion carried.

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Off-agenda item – County Administration – (continued)

The Chair opened the item to public comments.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Caller William E. Simpson II shared concerns that the Water Board could look to the Scott River for additional water to provide flushing flows in the Klamath River during times of low water flows and following potential removal of Klamath River dams.

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES, and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

County Administration

Accept the awarded grant funds, approves the Grant Agreement for the McKinley Scott Fuel Reduction Partnership, authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement, and authorize the Auditors' Office to establish budget.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to the Citizens Redistricting Commission signed by the Board Chair on November 3, 2021.

County Administration - Personnel

Approve Resolution 21-158 amending the Siskiyou County position allocation list to create Department Fiscal Officer - 1.0 FTE, in Health and Human Services Agency effective November 28, 2021.

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Approve the contract between Community Corrections Partnership and Rose Therapy to provide individual and group counseling, not to exceed \$35,000.00, for the term of November 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve the Loan Agreement with Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation and the County of Siskiyou.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Dunamis Wellness.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 21-159 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health (CDPH), California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) for FY 21/22 and 22/23, in the amount of \$300,000, to address COVID-19 and advance health equity, authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the agreement amendment guidelines.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve the contract with Kenny's Lock Shop.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement between California Department of Health Care Service and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Division for the Intergovernmental Transfer funding.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and ratify the Proclamation of Local Health Emergency by the County Health Officer as executed by Dr. Aaron Stutz on November 3, 2021, and direct County Clerk's Office to schedule the future status review every 30 days with a recommended action to the Board of Supervisors to extend or terminate.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Governing Board Resolution 21-160 with the State of California – Health and Human Services Agency – California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office, Public Health Workforce Development (WFD) to address projected jurisdictional COVID-19 response needs and administer vaccine, authorize the County Administrator to act on behalf of the County to execute any and all program award documents as outlined in Section 2 of the Resolution and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the agreement amendment guidelines.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign this Resolution 21-161 to authorize the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, to accept the Transitional Housing Program Allocation. Allow the County Auditor to establish budget once funds are received.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign this Resolution 21-162 to authorize the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, to accept the Housing Navigator Program Allocation. Allow the County Auditor to establish budget once funds are received.

Probation

Approve 4th Addendum with First 5 Siskiyou for facilitation and coordination of services to support youth involved in the juvenile justice system in the amount of \$218,738.00 for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$1,750. Resolution 21-163 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$440. Resolution 21-164 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Public Health - \$98,115. Resolution 21-165 adopted.

Public Hearings - County Clerk - Public hearing to review proposed redistricting Supervisorial District boundary maps and possible selection of a Draft Plan containing draft maps with which to proceed. Public hearing continued to November 16, 2021 for further consideration regarding the various Draft Plans.

This was the time set for a public hearing to review proposed redistricting Supervisorial District boundary maps and possible selection of a Draft Plan containing draft maps with which to proceed.

Chair Haupt opened the public hearing.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff regarding his participation in reviewing the Draft Plans and whether to recuse himself from discussion due to a possible conflict, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan advised that the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) would be the entity to recommend whether he should recuse himself from discussion of the redistricting Draft Plans.

Mr. Kiernan recommended that Supervisor Kobseff focus on discussing Communities of Interest versus where a Supervisor might reside should he decide to participate in the public hearing.

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Public Hearings - County Clerk – (continued)

Supervisor Kobseff advised that he had not yet received a recommendation from the FPCC, stating that he would recuse himself from the discussion. Supervisor Kobseff left the Board Chambers.

County Clerk Laura Bynum provided a brief overview of the request, and introduced Redistricting Partners representative Liz Stitt who participated via ZOOM/teleconference phone. In addition, Ms. Bynum advised of receiving email correspondence from Supervisorial District 2 resident Alice Rogers, who stated support for the proposed Draft Plan/Map 1.

Ms. Stitt presented a powerpoint presentation, including a recap of the Fair Maps Act criteria utilized in creating district boundaries, and a brief overview of the public's redistricting participation process. Ms. Stitt additionally provided an overview of two additional draft maps (Draft Plan 3 and Draft Plan 4) that were created following previous public hearings and Board discussions. Ms. Stitt advised that the County's current Supervisorial District boundaries need to change to take into account changes in population from the recent census.

Members of the Board and those present examined various overlay views of the proposed District maps, and lengthy discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Bynum, Ms. Stitt, GIS Coordinator Holly Baun and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the four draft plans/maps, the boundary changes reflected in Draft Plans 3 and 4 affecting Districts 2, 3 and 4, concerns regarding the potential impacts to County residents associated with revised Supervisorial District boundaries and the inability for Census Block/Tracts to be split in development of the proposed boundaries.

The Chair opened the item to public comment. No public comments were received.

Ms. Bynum advised of the State's December 15, 2021 deadline for adoption of Supervisorial District Plan/Map, requesting that a Plan be adopted by the Board prior to December 6th, as to lessen the impact of new District boundaries on the election and candidate filing deadlines for the June 2022 Primary.

Following further discussion regarding possible dates for a special Board meeting to continue the public hearing to discuss and consider the various Draft Plans and the need for additional details regarding the changes identified in Draft Plans 3 and 4, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Ogren and Haupt voting YES, Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT and Supervisor Kobseff RECUSED, to continue the public hearing to a special meeting on November 16, 2021 at 1:00p.m.

Public Requests - Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to withdraw Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District funds from the Siskiyou County Treasury. Approved.

Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) Manager Rod Dowse provided an overview of the request to withdraw Shasta Valley RCD funds from the County Treasury.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT to allow Shasta Valley RCD to remove SVRCD funds from the County Treasury to Banner Bank as outlined in the SVRCD Board approved resolution. Fund #205052 on November 23rd 2021.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division - Presentation of an update re COVID-19 and vaccinations as they pertain to Siskiyou County. Presentation and discussion only.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), participation in presentations from the public by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Deputy Director Public Health Division Brenda Harris participated via ZOOM/teleconference phone, providing an update regarding COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the County.

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Health and Human Services - Public Health Division – (continued)

Ms. Harris additionally provided summarized vaccination efforts, including those available for children and the availability of booster shots.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Harris regarding the possible availability statistics related to recovery of those people who have received the antibody therapy and the process for collecting vaccination statistics and data.

County Clerk - Discussion, direction and possible action regarding appointments in lieu of election of eligible persons to various Special Districts pursuant to Elections Code §10515. Appointments in lieu of election made for Callahan Water District and Butte Valley Fire Protection District; remaining vacancies were continued to November 16, 2021.

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Laura Bynum provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received a letter of interest in reappointment to the Callahan Water District from Lynda Collins.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff, and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to appoint in lieu of election to the Callahan Water District, Lynda Collins, for a full-term, December 3, 2021 through December 5, 2025.

In response to Ms. Bynum regarding two vacant positions on the Butte Valley Fire Protection District, Supervisor Criss advised that he was contacted by Patricia Cacka-Williams who was interested in continuing to serve on the District Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff, and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to appoint in lieu of election to the Butte Valley Fire Protection District, Patricia Cacka-Williams, for a full-term, December 3, 2021 through December 5, 2025.

In addition, Ms. Bynum advised that the Copco Lake Fire Protection District had two remaining vacant positions that could be filled.

Brief discussion followed between Supervisor Kobseff and Ms. Bynum regarding the process for the Board to make appointments in lieu of election.

Chair Haupt advised that remaining vacancies were continued a special meeting on November 16, 2021.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution recognizing Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 13 through 21, 2021. Resolution 21-166 adopted.

Health and Human Services Director Sarah Collard and Housing Coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board.

Ms. Bryan provided an overview of the request, including various statistics related to homelessness and hunger in Siskiyou County and the impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Bryan and Ms. Collard regarding the need for information related to food insecurity, the need for many to utilize local food banks when assistance runs out before the end of the month, efforts being made to work with the Veterans Service Officer to assist veterans, the County's No Place Like Home housing project, the need to research the 211 service/system and the need to provide positive reports on the County's efforts toward homelessness.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, to resolve to recognize the week of the 13th through the 21st of November 2021, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and to express support for service efforts towards reducing hunger and homelessness in Siskiyou County.

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Health and Human Services - Social Services Division – (continued)

The Board authorizes the Chair to sign Resolution 21-166 to that effect.

County Administration – Personnel - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution adopting the comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriff's Management Unit and implementing the provisions thereof, effective November 28, 2021, and ending June 24, 2023. Resolution 21-167 adopted.

Following an overview of the request from County Administrator Angela Davis, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Ogren to adopt the Resolution regarding the amended Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Siskiyou and Sheriff's Management Unit effective November 28, 2021. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela ABSENT, the motion to adopt Resolution 21-167 carried.

Presentations from the Public

County Administrator Angela Davis introduced new employee Management Analyst Anna Hendricks, who was assisting with the ZOOM meeting and high school senior Corey Sloan who was participating in the Board meeting to learn about local government for her senior project.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to appoint a successor to the upcoming vacancy for the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector due to retirement, effective December 31, 2021.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request to appoint Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector Jennifer Taylor to the Treasurer-Tax Collector position following Treasurer-Tax Collector Wayne Hammar's retirement effective December 31, 2021.

Chair Haupt advised that Ms. Taylor would need to run in the next election in order to continue as an elected official.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, the motion to waive Siskiyou County Personnel Policy, Section 3: Employment Policies in order to appoint a successor to the upcoming vacancy for the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector; appoint Jennifer Taylor to the Office of Treasurer-Tax Collector effective December 31, 2021 for the remaining duration of the unexpired term, lasting until 12:00 noon on January 2, 2023; approve granting authority to Ms. Taylor to invest or reinvest funds of the County of Siskiyou pursuant to Government Code Section 53607; and approve granting Ms. Taylor authority to continue with all existing contracts in the Treasurer-Tax Collector Office.

Mr. Hammar appeared before the Board, speaking in support of Ms. Taylor's appointment.

Ms. Taylor appeared before the Board and thanked the Board for their appointment.

County Administration - Discussion, direction, and possible action re possible response(s) to the Shasta-Trinity and Klamath National Forests' Schedules of Proposed Actions (SOPA's) for the fourth quarter of 2021. Presentation and discussion only.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen provided a brief overview of the request to regularly present National Forest Schedules of Proposed Action (SOPAs) to the Board. Ms. Nielsen advised that Administration staff would be available to assist the Board in commenting on various projects listed in the SOPAs for the Shasta Trinity and Klamath National Forests.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding various projects in both SOPAs, including the Locatable Mining Rule, Bradley Fire Restoration, Lower McCloud Fuels Management, 2021 Guzzler Infrastructure Rehabilitation Replacement, Mt. Shasta Board and Ski Park Parking Lot Expansion, Lava Fire Restoration and grazing allotment analysis, the need to draft support letters for certain projects and the public's ability to review the SOPAs.

Appointments - County Clerk - Discussion, direction and possible action re: Appointment of a Delegate and one Alternate from the Board of Supervisors to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors for 2022. Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt appointed Delegate and Alternate, respectively.

Appointment of a Delegate and one Alternate from the Board of Supervisors to the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors for 2022.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt served on the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors and the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors in 2021.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Supervisor Ogren ABSENT, to appoint Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt, as Delegate and Alternate, respectively, to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors for 2022 and as Delegate and Alternate, respectively, to the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors for 2022.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(a), two cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, agency designated representatives: Angela Davis, name of employee organization: Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA), commenced at 11:40a.m., concluded at 2:15p.m, with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 2:15p.m., with no reportable action taken.

Board and Staff Reports

There were no board or staff reports given.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy