

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, January 17, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 17th day of January 2023; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren, Ray A. Haupt and Ed Valenzuela, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum and Deputy County Clerk Taylor Brummett.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Valenzuela. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou Power Authority and County Service Area 4. Supervisor Haupt led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain

Presentations from the Public

There was no public comment.

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

Chair Valenzuela advised that item 4B, Community Development, contract with Mintier Harnish for a comprehensive General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and associated Zoning Code Amendments, was pulled from the consent agenda.

At the request of Supervisor Haupt, item 4D, County Administration, approve letter in support of Supervisor Ray Haupt's application to serve on the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Agriculture

Authorize the Agricultural Department to apply for California Department of Fish and Game Interim Wolf Livestock Loss Carcass Compost Grant for the implementation of the carcass composting pilot project in the amount of \$23,500, authorize the Ag Commissioner to accept and execute the grant award and authorize the Auditor to appropriate budget.

County Administration

Approve contract with Vestra Resources, Inc. to increase GIS parcel boundary accuracy and create a Parcel Fabric for County use for the term January 23, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$137,926.

County Administration - Personnel

Authorize County Administration to execute a side letter between the County of Siskiyou and the Sheriffs Management Unit for Duty Commander Pay and Extra Shift Premium Pay effective January 22, 2023 with both provisions expiring on June 24, 2023.

County Counsel

Approve Fourth Addendum to professional services retention agreement with Abbott & Kindermann, Inc., increasing the agreement by \$25,000 for a total not to exceed \$120,000.

Emergency Services

Ratification of a Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services related to winter storms and flooding within the County. Continued...

Consent Agenda - continued

General Services

Approve contract with Ray-Mac Mechanical Inc. for the replacement of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems at the Community Development Building effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$18,975.

General Services

Approve contract with Ray-Mac Mechanical Inc. for the replacement of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems at the Farm Advisory Building effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$32,950.

General Services

Approve contract with Ray-Mac Mechanical Inc. for the replacement of the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems at the Happy Camp Substation effective January 17, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$11,400.55.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve Real Property Lease Agreement with Jaskarn Johal for the real property located at 1200 S, Main St, Yreka, CA for the purpose of providing government funded low-barrier homeless shelter and treatments services for an initial six-month term ending June 30, 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve First Addendum to Contract with Prevent Child Abuse America/Healthy Families America (HFA) to provide training and technical assistance to all home visitors, Supervisors and Program Managers for the term October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$42,875.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve the FY 22/23 contract for the Children's Medical Services (CMS) Plan that consists of three programs: California Children's Services, Child Health & Disability Prevention, and the Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care in an amount not to exceed \$270,909.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve the First Addendum to the Contract with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. to provide substance abuse testing for client services for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$270,000.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve the First Addendum to the Medi-Cal Privacy and Security Agreement with the California Department of Health Care Services Agreement to establish statewide minimum criteria and procedures for handling physical and electronic data containing Personally Identifiable Information inherent in the determination of Medi-Cal eligibility for the term September 1, 2019 through March 1, 2024.

Probation

Approve the First Addendum to contract with Relias Learning, LLC agreement to provide supplemental online training, with the necessary Standard and Training for Corrections accreditation that meets the mandated requirement for department staff for the term December 1, 2022, through November 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$121,745.73.

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Consent Agenda - continued

Sheriff

Approve agreement with PropertyRoom.com, Inc. to provide auction services related specifically to firearms booked into evidence at the rates specified in the contract, authorizing the Sheriff to sign the agreement and the Auditor to accept payment upon completed sales of Siskiyou County property.

Siskiyou Economic Development Council

Adopt Resolution 23-12 supporting renewal of the Siskiyou County Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ).

Transfer of Funds

Information Technology - \$221,922. Resolution 23-13 adopted.

Inmate Health - \$115,000. Resolution 23-15 adopted.

Community Development Block Grant - \$8,218. Resolution 23-14 adopted.

Community Development Block Grant - \$60,000. Resolution 23-16 adopted.

Community Development Block Grant - \$555,834. Resolution 23-17 adopted.

Community Development - Contract with Mintier Harnish for a comprehensive General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and associated Zoning Code Amendments for the term January 17, 2023 through August 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$999,318.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised that this item was pulled from the consent agenda.

County Clerk Laura Bynum advised of a comment letter received from Anne Marsh, which copies were provided to the Board and Staff.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES, to approve contract with Mintier Harnish for a comprehensive General Plan Update, Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and associated Zoning Code Amendments for the term January 17, 2023 through August 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$999,318.

County Administration -Approve letter in support of Supervisor Ray Haupt's application to serve on the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at the request of Supervisor Haupt.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen advised of edits and corrections to the letter.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES to approve letter in support of Supervisor Ray Haupt's application to serve on the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee with the edits and corrections provided by Ms. Nielsen.

Off-agenda item – County Administration – Resolution supporting State Legislation to revise the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Region to include all areas and watersheds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties.

County Counsel Edward Kiernan provided an overview of the off-agenda item, advising that the a Resolution would be needed prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES to add an item not on the posted agenda with regard to a proposed Resolution supporting State Legislation to revise the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Region to include all areas and watersheds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties.

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Off-agenda item - continued

Following an overview of the Resolution by Supervisor Kobseff, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES, to adopt Resolution 23-11 supporting State Legislation to revise the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Region to include all areas and watersheds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties.

Public Requests - Siskiyou Economic Development Council - Presentation regarding the rehabilitation efforts in Yreka's West Miner Historic District which includes Yreka's Carnegie Library. Presentation only.

Siskiyou Economic Development Counsel (EDC) representatives Tonya Dowse and Kory Hayden appeared before the Board. Ms. Hayden provided an update on the rehabilitation efforts of the Yreka Carnegie Library located in Yreka's West Miner Historic District, advising that this project has been a project of the EDC since 2019 with an anticipated opening date in 2024; which includes a fundraising strategy. Ms. Hayden advised that it will be utilized as a facility that will house business innovation, including the creation of new products and an effort to increase sales for local business as well as a venue to hold events and conferences.

Public Requests - Siskiyou Economic Development Council - Update on new agriculture programs such as the Siskiyou AGccelerator program and Siskiyou Farm Co. Presentation only.

Siskiyou Economic Development Counsel (EDC) representatives Tonya Dowse and Kory Hayden appeared before the board. Ms. Dowse advised of the role the agriculture community plays within Siskiyou County, and efforts being made to support this sector, including the AGccelerator Program.

Ms. Hayden advised of upcoming workshops available to those in the Agriculture Community as part of the AGccelerator Program. Ms. Dowse advised of the Siskiyou Farm Co, which is a program for agricultural producers to deploy their products to the public. Ms. Hayden shared a video which included a local producer.

Ms. Dowse also advised of the EDC and partners receiving a Climate Resiliency Planning Grant and presented a video entitled "Siskiyou's Working Landscape". Ms. Dowse advised that this is a three year planning grant, which will include the development of a strategy to bring technical assistance and additional resources as climate strategies are addressed.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Dowse advised that the Climate Resiliency Planning Grant was in the amount of \$1.5 million and will be used amongst the EDC and partners in preparing three years of planning work for technical assistance which could generate future funding opportunities.

Supervisor Haupt suggested carbon capture on public lands be pursued due to the financial benefits.

Community Development/Office of Emergency Services - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to reaffirm continuation of the Proclamation of Local Health Emergency by the County Health Officer associated with the health and safety issues caused by the destruction of structures from the 2022 McKinney, Mill and Mountain wildland fires. Proclamation Ratified.

Following an overview by Community Development Director Rick Dean it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES to ratify the proclamation of local health emergency by the County Health Officer associated with the health and safety issues caused by the destruction of structures from the 2022 McKinney, Mill and Mountain wildland fires.

Board of Supervisors - Discussion, direction and possible action regarding members of the Board of Supervisors committee selections for 2023.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised that Supervisor Ogren would now be the delegate, and he the alternate, to the PSA II Area Agency on Aging Executive Board. Supervisor Ogren advised that she would be delegate to the RCRC Golden State Connect Authority and Supervisor Kobseff would be the alternate.

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Board of Supervisors – continued

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES and Supervisor Haupt ABSENT to approve the changes to the Board of Supervisor committee selections for 2023 as outlined by Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren.

Public Hearing - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider adopting Resolutions approving the Rescission and Re-Entry of Existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-22-12 and finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the Crawford Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry project.

Chair Valenzuela opened the public hearing.

Supervisor Criss recused himself from this agenda item and left the Board Chambers.

Criss, recused and leaves the board chambers.

Assistant Planner Bernadette Cizin provided an overview of the request and staff report.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 153147, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and Adopt Resolution 23-18 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancies on the Etna Cemetery District, for a term ending January 5, 2026. Peggy Whipple appointed.

County Clerk Laura Bynum advised of receiving a letter of interest from Peggy Whipple.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES, to appoint Peggy Whipple to the Etna Cemetery District.

Minute Approval - January 3, 2023. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff, and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Ogren, Criss and Valenzuela voting YES, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023 as presented.

Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), one case, commenced at 9:54 a.m. and concluded at 10:43 a.m., with no reportable action taken.

Report on Closed Session

County Counsel Edward Kiernan advised that closed session began at 9:54 a.m. and concluded at 10:43 a.m. with no reportable action.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt advised of grant money received for a pellet mill in Scott Valley and meeting with a company who purchased CalForest Nursery.

Supervisor Criss advised of receiving emails regarding the vacation rentals policy that is before the Planning Commission on January 18, 2023.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at upcoming meeting with RCRC and CSAC.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy