

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, June 18, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 18th day of June 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham. Supervisors Ed Valenzuela and Nancy Ogren were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff. 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 Robert Mason provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Chair Kobseff advised those attending the meeting that certain public hearings regarding Williamson Act contracts/Agricultural Preserves would be continued due to the lack of a full Board.

County resident Toni Holley appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the potential for damaging wildfire impacts and spoke in support of the Board supporting grazing by wild horses, deer, etc. in their comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concerning the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

Grenada resident Kevin Levy appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the poor condition of Siskiyou Boulevard in Grenada and the need for an increased law enforcement presence and additional speed limit signs.

Copco resident Chrissie Reynolds appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for stronger language in the Board's letter to the BLM with regard to the BLM's efforts to eliminate grazing on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument property. Ms. Reynolds further shared concerns regarding the status of wells and a possible helicopter landing area at Copco.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) representatives Jacob Hibbitts and Sarah Casia appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the County's IHSS workers, the benefits they provide to County residents and the need for a fair contract.

Participation in presentations from the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Callers Chet Hubble and Patty Zinico shared concerns regarding the negative impacts associated with local wildfires and spoke in support of the Board supporting grazing by wild horses, deer, etc. in their comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concerning the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and the Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised of the need to pull item 5E - County Administration's letter to Bureau of Land Management Medford District providing comments on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement; item 5N - Behavioral Health Division's addendum to contract with The Sail House, Inc.; and item - 5FF, various Transfers of Funds.

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 5H - County Counsel's addendum to contract with Nossaman LLP was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5S – Behavioral Health Division's Enforceable Funding Commitment letter to Danco Communities; item 5DD - Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District's Resolution directing the County Treasurer to temporarily loan funds to the District; and item 5EE – Weed Recreation and Parks District's Resolution directing the County Treasurer to temporarily loan funds to the District, were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

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

Auditor Controller

Approve and the Chair sign the new Agreement between Siskiyou County and Avenu Insights & Analytics LLC for the full term of July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027.

County Administration

Approve the draft Resolution which would replace Resolution Number 23-83, and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution 24-104.

County Administration

Approve the Addendum, authorize Chair to sign, authorize the Auditor to establish budget as necessary, and authorizes the CAO or her designee to modify security coverage as needed.

County Administration

Ratify the letter to Governor Newsom urging the rescission of Executive Order N-5-23, and all other executive orders associated with the Klamath River related to Drought.

County Counsel

Approve the Second Addendum to Agreement for Services with Matheny, Sears, Linkert, Jaime, LLP, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$35,000, and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

County Counsel

Approve the Fifth Addendum to Agreement for Services with Spinelli, Donald & Nott, increasing the compensation under the contract by \$50,000, and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

District Attorney

Approve Fourth Addendum to increase funding of contract between Siskiyou County District Attorney and Karpel Solutions for case management system software, eDiscovery software, and External Agency eSubpoena software in a rate agreement extending the term to June 30, 2027.

General County Fire

Approve and sign the contract and the County Auditor to pay for services provided under Agreement 2CA06894 for \$751,929.00 for CAL FIRE contracted services for staffing of the Hornbrook Station and Yreka Interagency Command Center for the 24/25 fiscal year from July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025.

General Services - Communications

Approve the Site License Agreement with Shasta Cascade Timberlands LLC and allow Auditors office to establish budget.

General Services - Communications

Approve the donation of one surplus radio to the Tulelake Police Department.

General Services - Sanitation

Approve this first addendum to the Yreka Transfer contract.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the CAO to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) through one year from the effective date (Term).

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and for the term commencing May 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Auditor to make budget appropriation and set expenditures and the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Advocates for Human Potential, for the term of January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the 2nd Addendum between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Michael Brown, MSW, LCSW.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and for the term commencing the day fully executed by both parties through June 30, 2024.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Contract for Services between Dr. William E. Lofthouse and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division/Correctional Health Services for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and chair sign the Contract between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and SolutionsWest, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the new Rate Agreement between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Dr. J. Reid McKellar for the full term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract for Services between the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Exemplar Human Services, LLC. for the amount of \$133,500.00 for the entire term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the new Rate Agreement between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and Wright Education Services for the full term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Office of Emergency Services

Accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Listos California CERT Support Grant (LC) Program grant award in the amount of \$20,786 and direct the Auditor to create an activity code and establish budget.

Probation

Approve agreement between Siskiyou County Probation and County of Tehama for the placement of Juveniles for the term of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Sheriff

Ratify the creation of the new account. Approve the Sheriff to use such account provided by the Auditor for future deposits from PropertyRoom.com. Allow the Sheriff and Auditor to make any necessary adjustments to the original agreements signature page to reflect changes following this approval.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Treasurer - Tax Collector

Approve the Siskiyou County Treasurer's Investment Policy as presented with the change to section 15.2 removing the requirement for annual Board of Supervisors review and approval.

County Administration - Approve letter to Bureau of Land Management Medford District providing comments on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. Letter approved as amended.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Chair Kobseff's request.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the lack of County coordination efforts with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding the Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) and requested development of an additional letter to the BLM identifying and detailing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. In addition, Supervisor Haupt requested that the letter be copied to Oregon Congressman Cliff Bentz.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Nielsen advised that she would research whether coordination with the BLM was possible at this late date.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Nielsen regarding the inclusion of the County's Grazing Policy with the letter and the need for more aggressive, stronger language in the letter.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk and members of the Board received an email from William Simpson with regard to the draft letter.

County resident William Simpson appeared before the Board, advising of the wildfire mitigation benefits associated with wild horses grazing. Mr. Simpson shared concerns regarding the need for stronger language in the Board's letter to the BLM with regard to the Horseshoe Ranch area of the Siskiyou Cascade Monument.

Participation in this agenda item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Wayne Linklater, California State University Professor, spoke in support of stronger language with regarding the grazing in the Board's letter to the BLM.

Ms. Nielsen advised that she would copy the letter to Oregon Congressman Cliff Bentz and add additional language as discussed by the Board.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed requested clarification as to the language to be added to the letter.

Additional discussion followed, including County Administrator Angela Davis, regarding the need to add language demanding that grazing continue in the Monument, Grazing Policy language that can be added to the letter, the benefits associated with including all of the Board's concerns in one letter versus sending an additional letter at a later date, a request for Supervisor Haupt's assistance in drafting the letter and recommendation that the revised letter be ratified at the Board's next regular Board meeting on July 2, 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT to approve the letter to the BLM providing comments on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, including the changes directed in the previous paragraph, authorize the Chair to sign with the letter to be brought back for ratification at the next regular meeting.

County Counsel - Approve addendum to contract with Nossaman LLP (Klamath Basin legislation, litigation and administrative proceedings), increasing the contract by \$5,000 to a total not to exceed \$719,750. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request. Supervisor Haupt requested an update regarding the Nossaman LLP contract, addendums and cases. Continued...

County Counsel – (continued)

In response to Supervisor Haupt, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that she would provide the requested updates.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to approve the Twenty-Ninth Addendum to Professional Services Retention Agreement with Nossaman increasing the compensation under the Contract by \$5, 000.00, and authorize the Board Chair to execute same.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with The Sail House, Inc. for provision of certain room and board services, deleting and replacing Exhibit A - Scope of Services as detailed in the addendum. Dropped from the agenda.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request. Ms. Winningham advised that the Department requested that this item be pulled and dropped from the agenda as it would be placed on a future agenda.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve Enforceable Funding Commitment letter to Danco Communities for the Danco Mount Shasta Project - Mountain Townhomes Affordable/Permanent Supportive Housing Development project. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request.

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

Ms. Bryan provided a brief overview of the request, advising that Danco Communities was not the same developer as the Yreka housing project.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Bryan and Ms. Collard regarding the City of Mt. Shasta's housing project, the anticipated number of units (3-6) that would be designated for permanent supportive housing for those experiencing homelessness, the availability of the remaining units for County residents, the funding processes under new mental health funding legislation and the location of the housing project, it was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to approve the PLHA Enforceable Funding Commitment Letter and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services Agency to sign the letter.

Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District - Adopt Resolution directing the County Treasurer to temporarily loan funds to the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District in the amount of \$90,000, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2025. Resolution 24-105 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request.

Supervisor Kobseff requested research into possibly modifying procedures in order that the Special District would not need a loan to meet their expenses (due to the timing of receipt of tax revenues) from the County annually.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the requested research, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to approve the Resolution 24-105 for a temporary loan in the amount of \$90,000 to the Dunsmuir Recreation and Parks District, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2025.

Weed Recreation and Parks District - Adopt Resolution directing the County Treasurer to temporarily loan funds to the Weed Recreation and Parks District in the amount of \$100,000, which loan shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2025. Resolution 24-106 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request.

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Weed Recreation and Parks District – (continued)

Supervisor Kobseff requested research into possibly modifying procedures in order that the Special District would not need a loan to meet their expenses (due to the timing of receipt of tax revenues) from the County annually.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and County Administrator Angela Davis regarding the requested research, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to approve the Resolution 24-106 for a temporary loan in the amount of \$100,000 to the Weed Recreation and Parks District, which shall be repaid to the County on or before April 10, 2025.

Transfers of Funds (Various) – Continued to July 2, 2024.

At the Chair's request the following Transfers of Funds were pulled from the consent agenda and continued to the July 2, 2024 meeting/agenda: Data Processing - \$24,550; Emergency Services - \$15,532; Fish & Game Commission - \$8,000; General Fund - Administration - \$120,389; Sheriff - \$1,402.30; Sheriff - \$99,527.07; and Sheriff - \$ 29,950.

County General Fire - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to donate one 1985 International Type 3, Model 5 fire engine, estimated value \$0, Asset number 921142, to the Hilt Volunteer Fire Department. Approved.

County Fire Warden Greg Roath appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Chief Roath regarding the Fire Department's willingness to accept the donation, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT to approve the donation and instruct staff to complete necessary documentation.

Public Requests - United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Discussion and possible direction re request for sale of real property from the Klamath Sprig and Honker Club, a private entity, to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as detailed in 'White Paper on Sale of Klamath Sprig and Honker Club', property located adjacent to the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge boundary west of the City of Tulelake CA. Presentation and discussion only. No action taken with regard to the sale of real property.

Klamath Sprig and Honker Club President Michael Gillum appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to sell Duck Club property to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Mr. Gillum briefly summarized the White Paper explaining the history of the property and the purchase/sale request, advising that the White Paper did not indicate that there is a Warranty Deed on the property that would not allow for the property to be used for commercial agriculture now or in the future. Mr. Gillum voiced concerns that the Duck Club was unable to sell the property for commercial agriculture and that there was no plan nor anticipation that the Duck Club would resume active hunting, primarily due to the change in water management in the Klamath Basin. Mr. Gillum spoke in support of allowing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to purchase the property and manage the property as part of the larger wildlife refuge.

USFWS Klamath Basin Refuge Manager Ken Griggs appeared before the Board and summarized the Department's anticipated uses (including wetland management and public uses) for the property should the sale be approved by the Board.

In response to Supervisor Criss regarding the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Mr. Griggs advised that the Act was the source of funding for the potential purchase and would require the County/Board to approve the purchase.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Griggs and Mr. Gillum regarding the need for County rather than State approval under the Act in California, the location of the subject property, the inability of the property to be used for agricultural production with only 5% of the property that could be used to produce food crops for wildlife, the minimal hunting pass fees that the property could generate for the USFWS, the Duck Club's lack of revenue being generated and the possibility that the Duck Club could appeal their property taxes.

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Public Requests - United States Fish and Wildlife Service – (continued)

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the potential loss to the County should the property be sold to a Federal agency.

Participation in this agenda item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Easement Program Manager Dean Kwasny provided a history of Conservation Easements, and an overview of the activities that would be allowed on property under a Conservation Easement as is the subject property. Mr. Kwasny advised that the USFWS would be able to manage the property for public uses and/or as a wetland/refuge if the rights were granted back to the USFWS.

Lengthy discussion followed, including Mr. Kwasny regarding the inability of property under a Conservation Easement to be utilized for commercial agriculture, the estimated price/value for the property when placed into Conservation Easement in 2005, the difficulties associated with terminating conservation easements, the anticipated process for the USFWS enter into an agreement with NRCS to manage under the easement, only natural vegetation that would be allowed to be grown on the property under an easement, the various compatible uses that the property could be managed, the other entities approached to possibly purchase the property and the County's policy under Resolution 13-87 related to no net increase in State and Federal land ownership in the County.

In response to Supervisor Haupt regarding the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that County Counsel's Office did not review as the Act was not referred to in the agenda item's backup material.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the potential impact of dam removal on migratory birds in the County and the Klamath Basin.

Participation in this agenda item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller USFWS representative Viola Randall provided an overview of the process to utilize Migratory Bird Treaty Act funding to purchase the property and a brief history of the USFWS interaction with the Duck Club concerning the property.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office mails out hard copies of Resolution 13-87 and another Resolution adopted in 2008 annually to various governmental agencies.

Audience member Kevin Levy appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the potential type of hunting that would be available on the property should the USFWS was to purchase and ultimately manage the property.

Further discussion followed regarding the lack of water in the lower Klamath Basin and associated negative impacts to waterfowl and upland birds, Board members' concerns regarding the potential negative impacts to the County should the property be purchased by USFWS, the County's policy of no net loss to the County, the possibility that adding to the lower Klamath Refuge land base that could positively impact/benefit the County, the limited ability of the Duck Club to receive water allocations on the property (the Duck Club does not have water rights), the different types of conservation easements including those that allow for agricultural production activities and Board members' support for the County's no net loss policy.

Klamath Sprig and Honker Club member Jeanna Culrich advised that the money received for the Conservation Easement in 2005 was used to improve the property.

The Board did not support the request for sale of real property from the Klamath Sprig and Honker Club, a private entity, to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

No action was taken.

County Clerk - Discussion, direction and possible action re clarification of timing for a Personnel hearing for an appeal of termination filed on behalf of a Sheriff's Office employee scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2024. The Board clarified the August 6, 2024 start time as 1:30 p.m. with a 9:00 a.m. start time on August 7, 2024, if needed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request to establish a start time for the Personnel hearing for an appeal of termination filed on behalf of a Sheriff's Office employee scheduled for August 6 and 7, 2024.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Winningham, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to set the start time for the Personnel hearing on August 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. and to set 9:00 a.m. as the start time on August 7, 2024, if needed.

If either side feels that it cannot adequately prepare for the hearing within the time set for the hearing or should any dispute arise in preparing for the hearing, either party shall immediately petition the Board of Supervisors for any relief which the party(ies) deem appropriate and which the Board may, in its discretion grant.

If an official transcript of the hearing is desired, the requesting party shall make arrangements for a court reporter and said requesting party shall be responsible for payment of said service. Copies of the official transcript shall be paid for by the party(ies) requesting such copy. Unless a request for an official transcript is made in accordance with the foregoing provisions, it shall be deemed that the right to an official transcript has been waived.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member and three alternate members to scheduled vacancies on the Siskiyou County Assessment Appeals Board, for terms ending September 6, 2027, September 1, 2025 and September 7, 2026. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Brian Devlin was not interested in reappointment. Ms. Winningham requested continuation of the item as no other letters of interest in serving on the Assessment Appeals Board had been received.

The Chair advised that this item was continued to a later date.

Minute Approval - June 4, 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to approve the June 4, 2024 minutes as presented.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to four existing Agricultural Preserves and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-05 for the Nielsen Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-23-05), for property located in Gazelle CA. Public hearing continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-05 for the Nielsen Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-23-05), for property located in Gazelle CA, having been continued from May 21, 2024.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing and advised that the hearing was continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-22-18 for the Lassen Canyon Nursery Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry Project (APA-22-18), for property located in Macdoel CA. Public hearing continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-22-18 for the Lassen Canyon Nursery Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry Project (APA-22-18), for property located in Macdoel CA.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing and advised that the hearing was continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-05 for the Guertin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-24-05), for property located in the unincorporated area of Montague CA. Public hearing continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-05 for the Guertin Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-24-05), for property located in the unincorporated area of Montague CA.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing and advised that the hearing was continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to two Agricultural Preserves and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-01 for the Iron Horse Acres/Ericson Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-24-01), for property located in Macdoel CA in order to effectuate a Boundary Line Adjustment and to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-renewal for a 15 acre substandard parcel. Public hearing continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to two Agricultural Preserves and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-01 for the Iron Horse Acres/Ericson Agricultural Preserve Amendment and Williamson Act Rescission and Re-entry Project (APA-24-01), for property located in Macdoel CA in order to effectuate a Boundary Line Adjustment and to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-renewal for a 15 acre substandard parcel.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing and advised that the hearing was continued to July 2, 2024 due to lack of a quorum.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

Public Hearings - County Administrator - Public hearing to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Recommended Budget as presented, of which includes but not limited to; County Department budgets, Committed Accounts, Fixed Assets, Capital Improvements, Contribution to Others, Statement of Salaries and adoption of a Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and Position Allocation List. Fiscal Year 24/25 Recommended Budget approved; Resolution 24-107 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Recommended Budget as presented, of which includes but not limited to; County Department budgets, Committed Accounts, Fixed Assets, Capital Improvements, Contribution to Others, Statement of Salaries and adoption of a Resolution amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and Position Allocation List.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided a brief overview of the budget process, the County's "spending plan".

Deputy County Administrator Chief Fiscal Officer Sherry Lawson appeared before the Board, advising that a balanced budget was being presented with an increase of less than 1% of an increase over the previous Fiscal Year's budget. Ms. Lawson summarized two new County's departments, advising that the County would now undertake janitorial and information technology services in-house. Ms. Lawson advised that most Personnel requests were put on hold except for a few cost-neutral in the General Fund and summarized the process for balancing the budget by utilizing certain one-time funding options.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Lawson and Ms. Davis regarding the timing related to CalPERS finalizing their annual health insurance cost information, the efforts made to stabilize staffing levels and the General Fund's portion of the total budget.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Criss and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisors Valenzuela and Ogren ABSENT, to adopt the FY 2024-2025 Recommended County Budget as presented, adopt Resolution 24-107 amending the Siskiyou County Salary Schedule and Position Allocation List and; authorize the Auditor to establish budget upon approval by County Administration, to fund allocated vacant positions as requested by the respective department.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division - Public hearing re presentation of the Existing Conditions Background Report for the Siskiyou County 2050 General Plan Update. Presentation and discussion only.

This was the time set for a public hearing re presentation of the Existing Conditions Background Report for the Siskiyou County 2050 General Plan Update.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Deputy Director of Planning Hailey Lang appeared before the Board, presenting a 25-page powerpoint presentation the Siskiyou County General Plan Update, including an overview of the various meetings, workshops and outreach efforts made related to the General Plan Update Process, the Existing Conditions Background Report and Community Vision and Guiding Principles. Ms. Lang summarized the timelines associated with zoning code revisions, General Plan preparation and Environmental Impact Report document finalization and adoption.

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Lang regarding public outreach efforts being made, additional methods for gathering input from members of the public and the options and timelines for providing public comments.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Lang provided an overview of the various sections in the Existing Conditions Background Report (i.e. Land Use, Population, Employment & Housing, Economic & Market Analysis, Circulation & Transportation, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Public Facilities, Services & Infrastructure, Safety & Hazards and Hydrology & Water Quality). Continued...

Public Hearings - Community Development - Planning Division – (continued)

Further discussion followed regarding the reference to local Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) and fire protection in the Existing Conditions Background Report.

Ms. Lang finished the powerpoint, including an overview of upcoming Vision and Guiding Principles community workshops and the next steps in the process (i.e. Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors’ Study Session, etc.) and associated timing. Ms. Lang summarized the process for public to provide input, advising that the comment period for the Existing Conditions Background Report ends on June 30, 2024.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk’s Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

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

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt advised of providing a tour of Supervisorial District 5 with State Assembly candidate Tenessa Audette, and his attendance at a meeting with a researcher from France regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), a General Plan Update workshop in Fort Jones and reported on his attendance at a Republican Womens luncheon in Montague.

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at working group meetings regarding the Lost River Watershed and Klamath Watershed and his attendance at an Ore-Cal RC&D and a North Coast Resource Partnership Resiliency workshop.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at a Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission meeting in Lake Shastina, a California Deer Association event in Mt. Shasta, a Local Transportation Commission (LTC) meeting, a General Plan Update workshop in Gazelle and a Father’s Day archery event/tournament at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park.

Closed Session - 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, commenced at 12:05 p.m., concluded at 12:19 p.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 12:19 p.m.

With regard to item 12A, 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, Ms. Reed advised that County Counsel did not participate and left the Board room from 12:05 p.m. to 12:19 p.m.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy