

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, November 12, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 12th day of November 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren 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.

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 County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Siskiyou Power Authority, County Service Area 4 and In Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Chaplain Keith Bradley 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 Counsel – Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Samantha Schlieter v. County of Siskiyou, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV12876. Added to closed session agenda.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised of the need to add an off-agenda item came to the County’s attention after posting of the November 12, 2024 Board of Supervisors’ agenda. Ms. Reed further advised of the need for Board input/direction prior to the next regular Board meeting on December 3, 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to add an item not on the posted agenda regarding conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Samantha Schlieter v. County of Siskiyou, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV12876.

Presentations from the Public

There were no presentations from the public.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Ogren’s request, item 5C and 5E, Behavioral Health Division’s addendum to contract with Innovatel Telepsychiatry, LLC and agreement with North American Mental Health Services, were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff’s request, item 5F, Behavioral Health Division’s addendum to contract with Yreka Union High School District was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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

Community Development

Approve the MOU with the City of Mount Shasta and authorize the Community Development Director to sign and execute the MOU and further execute any amendments or revisions that do not substantially change the substantive provisions of the MOU.

Community Development

Approve the MOU between the County of Siskiyou, the cities listed in the MOU and Great Northern for program management and implementation of a Community Service program funded by the CDBG program. Please authorize the Community Development Director to sign and execute the MOU and further execute any amendments or revisions that do not substantially change the substantive provisions of the MOU. Continued...

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 and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Northstate Nursing, Inc. for the term commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Aurora Behavioral Healthcare - Santa Rosa, LLC for the term commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30 2025.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency - Public Health Division and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Social Services Division CalWORKS MOU Home Visiting Initiative sub-award and sub-recipient agreement and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriation and set expenditures per the agreement for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and the not to exceed amount of \$146,340.00.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Second Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding between SCHSA and the Siskiyou County District Attorney to increase the staff levels from one 1.5 FTE to up to 2.0 FTE. The term of Memorandum of Understanding remains effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve (adopt) and the Chair sign this Resolution 24-177 to authorize the Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Social Services Division, to accept the allocations for the Transitional Housing Program and the Housing Navigator and Maintenance Program. Allow the County Auditor to establish a budget once funds are received.

Public Defender

Approve Second Addendum to contract with Karpel Solutions, case management system, increasing the contract by \$7,800 to a total not to exceed amount of \$59,150.

Public Works

Approve the Interagency Agreement for Road Maintenance Services between the County and the Town of Fort Jones, to provide road maintenance services to the City as set forth in the Agreement.

Public Works

Approve the Interagency Agreement for Road Maintenance Services between the County and the City of Yreka, to provide road maintenance services to the City as set forth in the Agreement for a term of five years.

Sheriff

Approve contract between James N. Olson, MD and Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office for autopsy and examination services. Terms are valid from November 12, 2024 through June 30, 2029. Allow the Auditor to make appropriations.

Transfer of Funds - Human Services Administration - \$480,000. Resolution 24-178 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Information Technology - \$138. Resolution 24-179 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$2,000. Resolution 24-180 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$7,500. Resolution 24-181 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$15,000. Resolution 24-182 adopted.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$66,149. Resolution 24-183 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$500,000. Resolution 24-184 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$49,105. Resolution 24-185 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Solid Waste Disposal - \$62,800. Resolution 24-186 adopted.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Innovatel Telepsychiatry, LLC to provide certain telepsychiatry treatment and consulting services, increasing compensation by \$87,805 to a total not to exceed \$291,800 and extending the term through January 31, 2024. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Ogren's request. Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding the length of time to process and bring the item before the Board and the currently expire contract term.

Health and Human Services Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, advising that changes in the process for payment at the State's level (payment reform) had impacted the Department's processing of the addendum with Innovatel Telepsychiatry, LLC and that there was a new contract/agreement template, also required by the State, for provision of certain Behavioral Health Services. In addition, Ms. Collard advised that the Department would not be contracting with Innovatel in the future and that this item was only to finalize the original contract date and compensation.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Collard regarding difficulties encountered in recruiting for in-house psychiatric services, the potential negative impacts to patients associated with tele-med psychiatric services, the California Department of Health Care Services' slow process for rolling out the new contract template and associated processes and the Department's efforts to streamline the contracting process.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Imagine Medical Group of California, PC, to add Solution Focused Training. Contract term is July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. Please refer to the Contract reassignment with this documentation.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve FY 24/25 agreement with North American Mental Health Services, a Corporation to provide certain telepsychiatry services, at the rates identified in the agreement. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Ogren's request. Supervisor Ogren shared concerns regarding the length of time to process and bring the item before the Board and the potential for a gap in services.

Health and Human Services Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding difficulties encountered in recruiting for in-house psychiatric services. Ms. Collard advised that the California Department of Health Care Services had made changes to allow flexibility in options for certain providers of behavioral health services.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the potential negative impacts to patients associated with utilizing certain tele-med services.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement for Services between Siskiyou County Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and North American Mental Health Services (NAMHS) for the term commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve addendum to contract with Yreka Union High School District for certain Prevention, Outreach and Access & Linkage services for at risk populations, deleting and replacing Exhibit A, Scope of Services, increasing compensation by \$150,000 to a total not to exceed \$300,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2025. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request. Supervisor Kobseff shared concerns regarding the County contracting with the schools to provide certain services, although the schools receive a large portion of the taxes received from Siskiyou County residents.

Health and Human Services Director Sarah Collard appeared before the Board, advising that the schools could provide early intervention and prevention services to populations that the Department was unable to provide and that the Department receives early intervention and prevention funding for that purpose.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Collard regarding the engagement flexibility provided by the schools, the inability of Behavioral Health Services (BHS) staff to engage all students as BHS staff provides to those on Medi-Cal, the possibility of parents to not be engaged should certain legislation become effective and the BHS Department's practice to engage and include parents in students' treatment/counseling efforts.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Haupt and Kobseff voting NO, to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency - Behavioral Health Division and Yreka Union High School District.

Public Requests - Ore-Cal Resource Conservation & Development Area Council - Presentation re the Interstate-5 Siskiyou Wildlife Crossing Planning Project. Presentation and discussion only.

Ore-Cal Resource Conservation & Development Area Council Executive Director George Jennings appeared before the Board, advising that the Council had been awarded grant funds from the California Wildlife Conservation Board which were being used to fund a wildlife study and engineering design work to develop wildlife safety crossing(s) over Interstate 5 (I-5) to reduce vehicle/wildlife collisions. Mr. Jennings further advised that the project had several supporters and partners, including CalTrans, California Deer Association, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission. Mr. Jennings presented a one-page map/section of Interstate-5 (I-5) corridor and introduced Fraser Shilling from UC Davis and Dudek (consulting firm).

Mr. Shilling appeared before the Board and presented a powerpoint presentation on the Interstate-5 Siskiyou Wildlife Crossing Planning Project, including an overview and locations of various existing wildlife crossing structures (pipe/box/arch culverts, bridges, and under-crossings, etc.). Mr. Shilling continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the process to collect data and determine the feasibility and possible locations for crossings to best benefit wildlife and human/vehicle traffic and reduce collisions.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Shilling and Mr. Jennings regarding the possible future funding for construction of wildlife crossing(s), the need to consider potential crossing sites in other areas of the County, the increasing number of elk in/around I-5 within the County, the potential for and time related to letters of support for the project from the Board and anticipated maintenance required for wildlife crossing structures.

Public Requests - Daughters of the American Revolution - Siskiyou Chapter - Discussion, direction and possible action re Proclamation of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors proclaiming the month of November, 2024 as National American Indian Heritage Month. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the Proclamation recognizing National American Indian Heritage Month, and authorize the Chair to sign.

Office of Emergency Services - Presentation of an update and after action analysis re the Shelly Fire. Presentation and discussion only.

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Director Bryan Schenone appeared before the Board.

Mr. Schenone presented a powerpoint regarding the Shelly Fire, including an overview of various fire related statistics (i.e. location, start date, containment date, total acreage, etc.) and various evacuation alerts, warnings and orders that were issued. Mr. Schenone summarized the systems used to issue and distribute alerts/warnings/orders to the public, including the new ReadySiskiyou Alerts platform, Integrated Public Alerts and Warnings System (IPAWS), Genasys Protect and social media. Mr. Schenone advised that no structures or human lives were lost although there were impacts on Scott Valley businesses and hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).

Continuing the powerpoint, Mr. Schenone provided an overview of the Agriculture Department and other partners' efforts to provide shelter and food for large and small animals during the event. Mr. Schenone summarized Soil Burn Severity and Vegetation Mortality maps, sharing concerns that a large portion of the fire's 15,520 acres were 75% or higher mortality, and provided an overview of various post-fire cleanup and mitigation efforts being made. Mr. Schenone summarized lessons learned, including the need to decrease the size of many of the fire evacuation warning zones to provide more precise warnings, and the benefits associated with adding a GIS layer identifying structures.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Mr. Schenone regarding the anticipated process to invite public participation with regard to zone modification, the potential process for addressing the timber on both public and private lands, support for modifying the size of various warning zones, the need to refine the process for distributing information to the public during wildfire events, the need to research a possible 'AG Pass' process for livestock owners' access to their animals during evacuations and the potential for flooding events following wildfires.

Scott Valley resident Brandon Fawaz shared concerns regarding the negative economic impacts associated with the Shelly Fire and closure of stretches of the PCT, and the impacts associated with State water restrictions and inability to get fire insurance on local farms and ranches.

Further discussion followed regarding the need to address a new model for fire fighting in the County (i.e. consolidation of local fire departments/districts), the costs associated with fighting wildfires, the need for an agenda item to further research and discuss a possible County-wide fire department or other methods to consolidate services (i.e. cooperating agreements) and the benefits associated with a centrally located grant writer.

Presentations from the Public

First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission Executive Director Karen Pautz appeared before the Board with County Librarian Teresa Johnson and Literacy Coordinator Debra Davis.

Ms. Pautz provided an overview of the upcoming 17th Annual Read Across Siskiyou event happening on November 13, 2024, including members of the Board's participation in reading events around the County. Ms. Pautz presented the one book being read County-wide entitled: Big Dance by Aoife Greenham and requested adoption of a Proclamation for the 17th Annual Read Across Siskiyou event at the next Board meeting. Ms. Pautz and Ms. Davis further advised of upcoming events provided by partnering with the local YMCA and Library branches.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re award of bid for replacement of the County's current Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to Tyler Technologies as detailed in the attached cost analysis. Approved.

Deputy County Administrator Sherry Lawson appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to approve awarding a bid to Tyler Technologies to replace the County's current Banner system, including the three responsive bids to the County's Request for Proposals (RFP). Ms. Lawson spoke in support of the future ability of Tyler Technologies to incorporate many of the County's accounting systems, including their ability to automate manual (hand written) tasks.

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County Administration – (continued)

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board, County Administrator Angela Davis and Community Development Director Rick Dean regarding the benefits of Tyler Technologies' knowledge of the public sector and support for Tyler Technologies capabilities as the Community Development's Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to select Tyler Technologies as the vendor of choice to implement an ERP solution for the County. Authorize the Board Chair to sign the proposal award letter to Tyler Technologies. Authorize the County Administrator or her designee to enter into contract negotiations with Tyler Technologies for ERP replacement & implementation and sign any necessary documents during the negotiation process.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re municipal tax sharing agreement with the City of Yreka regarding distribution of taxes upon annexation of real property to the City, referred to as the Evans-Wilmarth Annexation (3.2 acres within the County (APN 014-430-120)). Agreement/resolution approved.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board and provided an overview and history of negotiations with the City of Yreka (related to the portion of property tax revenue subject to negotiation) to effectuate an annexation of property within the County to the City. Ms. Nielsen shared concerns that the City rejected the County's proposed agreement/resolution and summarized the dispute resolution process which would be costly and lengthy and very rarely utilized by jurisdictions. Ms. Nielsen provided an overview of the County's counteroffer, made in an attempt to bring the issue to resolution, which was also rejected. Ms. Nielsen advised that the County and City entered into an agreement with Berkson Associates to provide a third-party fiscal consultation/report and that, following development of the draft report first phase, the County presented a tax sharing agreement/resolution to the City, which the City had not responded to date at the City staff level. Ms. Nielsen additionally advised that the fiscal consultation costs were \$27,500 which would be evenly split between the County and City and recommended approval of the draft municipal tax sharing agreement (resolution) between the County and City of Yreka, and if approved submit the document to the City and Yreka's Mayor.

In response to Chair Kobseff regarding the Board's options, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed summarized the mediation and arbitration process, during which the Board would retain veto power.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Nielsen and Ms. Reed regarding the County's proposed agreement/resolution that was consistent with County Resolution 24-104 which established a policy for negotiating tax sharing agreements with regard to city annexations/detachments, concerns regarding the potential precedent setting action, the high costs and lengthy time associated with the mediation/arbitration process, the nonbinding nature of the mediation/arbitration process, County staff's process for consulting with South Yreka Fire Protection District regarding the negotiations, the notification that was given to local jurisdictions when the Board adopted Resolution 24-104 establishing a policy for negotiating tax sharing agreements and the discussions that took place between the County and City regarding the Berkson Associates report.

In response to Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham regarding the draft tax sharing document, Ms. Nielsen clarified that the document being considered for approval was titled municipal tax sharing agreement, could also be referred to as an agreement/resolution.

Following further discussion regarding the process to approve the agreement/resolution being presented, the anticipated process for presenting the approved document to City staff and City Council and the failure of staff-to-staff negotiations to result in approval of the agreement/resolution, It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the tax sharing agreement (resolution) and authorize the Chair to sign.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Ms. Reed advised that staff would agendaize a new item for the December 3, 2024 Board meeting to further discuss this matter.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-14 for the L&R Criss Properties LLC Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on State Highway 97 and Macdoel District Road, south of the community of Macdoel. Resolutions 24-187 (amend) and 24-188 (reentry) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-14 for the L&R Criss Properties LLC Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on State Highway 97 and Macdoel District Road, south of the community of Macdoel.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner to effectuate a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts.

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

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-187 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve and adopt Resolution 24-188 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-09 for the Merlo Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Gazelle Callahan Road, east of the community of Callahan. Resolutions 24-189 (amend) and 24-190 (reentry) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-09 for the Merlo Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Gazelle Callahan Road, east of the community of Callahan.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts.

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

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

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding the anticipated process should the property owner change the property's primary agricultural use and upcoming Board consideration of updated Agricultural Preserve Rules.

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

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Cizin regarding the anticipated process should the property owner change the property's primary agricultural use and upcoming Board consideration of updated Agricultural Preserve Rules.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-189 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve and adopt Resolution 24-190 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-11 for the Root Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Long Prairie Road and Technor Robinson Road, east of the community of Macdoel. Resolutions 24-191 (amend) and 24-192 (reentry) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-11 for the Root Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Long Prairie Road and Technor Robinson Road, east of the community of Macdoel.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts.

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

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

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-191 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve and adopt Resolution 24-192 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-03 for the Soule/Smith Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Lower Little Shasta Road and Soule Lane, east of the City of Montague. Resolutions 24-193 (amend) and 24-194 (reentry) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contract under Application APA-24-03 for the Soule/Smith Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Lower Little Shasta Road and Soule Lane, east of the City of Montague.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

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

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner for each parcel to effectuate a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts.

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

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-193 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve and adopt Resolution 24-194 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-12 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 0.34-acres under new Williamson Act Contract for the DeClerck Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Roy Jones Road, north of Copco Road, east of the community of Hornbrook. Resolutions 24-195 (amend), 24-196 (reentry) and 24-197 (nonrenewal) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-12 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 0.34-acres under new Williamson Act Contract for the DeClerck Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on Roy Jones Road, north of Copco Road, east of the community of Hornbrook.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts. In addition, Ms. Cizin recommended non-renewal of a 0.34 acre substandard sized parcel to which the property owner was not opposed.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received four public hearing notification letters that had been returned as undeliverable for the following last names: Trolesi, Muller, Shibata and Prado.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-195 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, adopt Resolution 24-196 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts and adopt Resolution 24-197 directing staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals for the 0.34-acre parcel.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-10 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 23-acres under new Williamson Act Contract for the Carmichael & Manley Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on East State Highway 3, west of the City of Montague. Resolutions 24-198 (amend), 24-199 (reentry) and 24-200 (nonrenewal) adopted.

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 re-entry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-24-10 and a Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for 23-acres under new Williamson Act Contract for the Carmichael & Manley Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry project for property located on East State Highway 3, west of the City of Montague.

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

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the request to establish an Agricultural Preserve consisting of property under one owner and to determine the project exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines regarding open space easements or contracts. In addition, Ms. Cizin recommended non-renewal of a 23 acre substandard sized parcel to which the property owner was not opposed.

In response to Chair Kobseff, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham advised that the Clerk's Office received four public hearing notification letters that had been returned as undeliverable for the following last name: Owens.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts, adopt Resolution 24-198 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve, adopt Resolution 24-199 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contracts and adopt Resolution 24-200 directing staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals for the 23-acre parcel.

Public Hearings - Community Development - Continued public hearing to consider adoption of revised Rules for the establishment and administration of the Siskiyou County Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act Contracts (SP-24-03). Continued to December 3, 2024.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing to consider adoption of revised Rules for the establishment and administration of the Siskiyou County Agricultural Preserve and Williamson Act Contracts (SP-24-03) having been continued from September 17, 2024.

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

Chair Kobseff advised that this public hearing was continued to December 3, 2024 at the Department's request.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors - 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; the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors; and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2025. Supervisors Kobseff and Ogren appointed Delegate and Alternate, respectively, to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Boards of Directors for 2025. Supervisors Ogren and Kobseff appointed as Delegate and Alternate, respectively, to the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2025.

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Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors – (continued)

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Supervisor Kobseff had served as Delegate and Supervisor Ogren served as Alternate to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Boards of Directors for 2024. In addition, Ms. Winningham advised that Supervisor Ogren served as Delegate and Supervisor Kobseff served as Alternate to the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Supervisor Kobseff as Delegate and Supervisor Ogren as Alternate to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board of Directors for 2025.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Supervisor Kobseff as Delegate and Supervisor Ogren as Alternate to the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board of Directors for 2025.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Supervisor Ogren as Delegate and Supervisor Kobseff as Alternate to the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors for 2025.

Appointments - County Clerk/Board of Supervisors - Appointment of one Delegate and one or two Alternates to the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) Board of Directors for 2025. Supervisor Kobseff appointed as Delegate and General Services Project Coordinator Emily Harper and Deputy Director of General Services Jessica Skillen as First and Second Alternates, respectively.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Supervisor Kobseff had served as Delegate and two General Services employees served as Alternates to the Rural Counties' Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) Board of Directors for 2024. In addition, Ms. Winningham advised that General Services Director Joy Hall requested Project Coordinator Emily Harper and Deputy Director of General Services Jessica Skillen be appointed as First and Second Alternates, respectively.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to appoint Supervisor Kobseff as Delegate and General Services Project Coordinator Emily Harper and Deputy Director of General Services Jessica Skillen as First and Second Alternates, respectively.

Minute Approval - October 15 and 29, 2024. Will need to continue to next meeting continued by the Chair.

Chair Kobseff advised that the October 15 and 29, 2024 minute approval was continued to December 3, 2024 at the Clerk's request.

Closed Session - Liability claims pursuant to Government Code §54956.95, Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), three cases, commenced at 11:58 a.m. and concluded at 1:38 p.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed advised that one additional existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) was added to the closed session agenda by earlier Board action. Ms. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 1:38 p.m., with the following reportable action taken.

With regard to item 15E, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Samantha Schlieter v. County of Siskiyou, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV12876, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit and representation by outside counsel LCW (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore).

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

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy