

Board of Supervisors
ALPINE COUNTY
Board Chambers
County Administration Building
Markleeville, CA 96120
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MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Chair Ron Hames called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 AM with Supervisors Donald Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, and David Griffith present.

2. OPEN SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

United States Census Representative January Riddle reported that progress was made on getting applicants. Riddle requested that the Board continue to think about different outreaches got recruitment and added that the Alpine Fire Safe Council and the Alpine Watershed Group agreed to put Census Employment information on their websites. In response to Chair Hames' questions regarding applicants and what the salary, Riddle responded that they had about one-third of the recommended applicants. Riddle explained that the wages were \$18.00 per hour and that employees were compensated for an extra 25% for working Sundays, an extra 10% for working after 6:00 PM as well as overtime and mileage. Riddle stated that the real count would begin in mid-March with a National Kickoff on April 1, 2020. Riddle reported that hiring would continue throughout the year and emphasized the importance of the work and its relevance to federal funding received in Alpine County. Riddle stated that for interested parties without computers and/or adequate internet access, that there were Chromebooks available for checkout and/or use at the Markleeville Library.

Alpine Fire Safe Council Member Kris Hartnett reported that the Council had received 50 vouchers from Douglas Disposal for the Green Waste Disposal program. Hartnett reported that there were burn permits available online, but that the Fire Safe Council was waiting to hear back from local forestry agencies on their preference for issuance on such permits. In response to Chair Hames' question regarding allowable sized vehicles for Green Waste Disposal, Hartnett responded that a pickup truck with a trailer was the maximum allowable size.

Hung-A-Lel-Ti Resident Irvin Jim requested a letter of support for the Washoe Resource Group and Workforce to participate in the Hazard Tree Removal Program outlined in the Yield to Forestry Management Act. Jim reported that the Greenville Rancheria Fire Crew offered training to the local work crew who would perform the work. Jim reported that he met with a Tribal liaison for Governor Newsom who recommended obtaining a letter of support from local governing body. Supervisor Jardine suggested that Jim provide the County Administrative Officer (CAO) with the information to draft a letter of support. Jim also provided information for an upcoming Tribal

Council Meeting Friday, January 24, 2020 and a Screening of the film 'Tribal Justice' Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Woodfords Indian Education Center.

4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Librarian/Archivist Rita Lovell announced an author visit coming up at the Markleeville Library on February 8, 2020 at 2:00 PM featuring Lake Tahoe local author Jennifer Quashnick and her new released book. Lovell also reported that training of new staff was ongoing and the library planned to be open on Tuesday's beginning in February; the actual date was to be determined.

Eastern Alpine EMS/Fire Administrator Terry Hughes reported that there was a vehicle accident on Hot Springs Road last week and that with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office, Road Maintenance and fire crews were able to handle patient care and vehicle removal quickly and safely. Hughes praised all parties involved for their response time and diligent service to the community.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson reported that she along with Sheriff Rick Stephens, Eastern Alpine EMS/Fire Administrator Terry Hughes, and Supervisor Woodrow attended a meeting with Kirkwood/Vail Resorts regarding increasing some resort prices and fees to generate higher tourism tax thus increasing revenues for the county. Williamson also reported that the County had received the last proposal from Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District (KMPUD) regarding Fire Services which still reflected a deficit. Williamson suggested that KMPUD attend a Board meeting to further discuss the issue. Williamson announced that she was recognized and received an award for work done regarding Child Trafficking. Williamson stated that Alpine County was the only county in California with a Joint Protocol with the Washoe Tribe addressing these issues.

6. BOARD MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

Supervisor District 1 Donald M. Jardine gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Jardine announced that Douglas County Dispatch implemented a new Text 911 Program that was available to Alpine County as well.

Supervisor District 2 Ron Hames gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Hames reported that a red fox was identified near Sonora Pass in Alpine County and was being considered for Endangered Species status. Supervisor Hames announced that a Carson City, Nevada contractor had been certified to provide services for the Woodstove Exchange Program.

Supervisor District 3 Katherine Rakow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events.

Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor Woodrow reported that Caltrans had put their new Chain Control Trailers to use and were researching and testing new innovative plow blades and sand spreaders.

Supervisor District 5 David Griffith gave an update regarding county business, meetings attended related to appointed commissions and committees and upcoming events. Supervisor

Griffith stated that more information on a Smoke Management Plan would be available at the April meeting of the Biomass Collaborative. Supervisor Griffith reported that Alpine County was eligible for a Biomass-Bioenergy program. Supervisor Griffith reported that there had been no word from California Fish and Wildlife regarding the Hope Valley Lands Pass. Supervisor Griffith also reported that Tuolumne County was declaring a State of Emergency based on the probable fire threat and meeting with additional counties to make it a regional declaration.

CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson stated that she had met with the CAOs of Amador County, Calaveras County, Mariposa County, and Tuolumne County, and prepared an MOU to formalize the regional agreement and a recommendation that counties were preemptively declaring a state of emergency.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters that are routine and non-controversial and are usually approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately.

MOTION Woodrow / SECOND Rakow approving the Consent Agenda as follows:

AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;

MOTION CARRIED.

- 7.1. This item was pulled.
- 7.2. Approval of County Claims. – County Clerk
- 7.3. Approval of **Contract No. CC2020-02** amendment #2 to Contract No. CAO2018-01 with Rodney Craig Goodman, CPA. Authorize Board Chair to sign contract. – CAO/HHS Director
- 7.4. Transfer of \$25,000 from fund 100-199-595010 General Fund Contingency to fund 100-103-51400-142 PERS Arrears to address a PERS audit determination and settlement in the Morse and Alpine County V CALPERS Case No 2018-0596. – Deputy CAO to Personnel and Risk Management
- 7.5. This item was pulled.
- 7.6. Approval of **Contract No. CC2020-03** amendment #1 to Contract No. CC2019-59 Bear Valley Snow Removal Services with Eastman Snow Removal Services LLC to adjust equipment and labor rates for services provided – Community Development Director
- 7.7. This item was pulled.
- 7.8. Approval to purchase two snowmobiles for the Alpine County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$26,317 and authorize the Finance Department to increase appropriations accordingly (requires 4/5 vote). – Sheriff
- 7.9. Approval to increase appropriation and create an expense for the Public Safety Power Shutoff Allocation and authorize the Finance Department to make the necessary changes. (requires 4/5 vote) – Sheriff

ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE ACTION

7.1. Request approval of regular meeting minutes of 01/07/2020. – County Clerk

Supervisor Griffith read the changes made to the minutes.

MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving the Regular Meeting Minutes of 01/07/2020 as corrected:

AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;

MOTION CARRIED.

7.5. Request adoption of a resolution delegating limited settlement authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to Personnel and Risk Management and Trindel Insurance fund for the settlement of public liability and property claims and rescind resolution R2008-30 – Deputy CAO to Personnel and Risk Management

Supervisor Griffith read the changes made to the resolution.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Jardine adopting Resolution No. R2020-03 as amended delegating limited settlement authority to the Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer to Personnel and Risk Management and Trindel Insurance fund for the settlement of public liability and property claims and rescind resolution R2008-30

AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;

MOTION CARRIED.

7.7. Request approval of Children's Medical Services fiscal year 2019-2020 work plan and budget in the amount of \$106,334 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the certifications. – CAO/HHS Director

Supervisor Griffith stated he did not need to pull this item, that questions had been previously answered.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Woodrow approving Contract No. CC2020-04 for Children's Medical Services fiscal year 2019-2020 work plan and budget in the amount of \$106,334 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the certifications.

AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;

MOTION CARRIED.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. Public hearing and request for the first reading regarding an ordinance to adopt the 2019 triennial edition of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 (California Building Standards Code) with local amendments and a streamlined permit process for electrical vehicle charging stations. – Community Development Director

Building Official Tony Creter provided two handouts outlining Substantial Changes and Additions to the 2019 California Electrical and Energy Codes and Building Codes which would be effective January 1, 2020. Creter stated that the full literature could be found on www.dgs.ca.gov and www.energy.ca.gov. Creter summarized the New California Codes revisions and additions. Creter suggested looking at the possibility of using credit cards for permit payments.

Chair Hames opened the Public Hearing at 10:15 AM.

Chair Hames read an email from Markleeville resident Nick Hartzell.

Markleeville resident Kris Hartnett stated that some of these new codes provide fire protection and suggested that the Board adopt the new codes.

In response to Supervisor Rakow's question regarding homes with previously issued permits, Creter stated that projects, which already have a permit issued and projects in review would be subject to the previous code.

Chair Hames closed the Public Hearing at 10:22 AM.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's questions regarding whether garage doors were mandated to have battery backups, the cost of solar energy ready buildings, and streamlining all of the permit processes, Tony Creter responded that the battery backups were mandated by the state. Creter reported that the new code stemmed from fire danger situations in which some elderly and/or disabled people were unable to get out of their garages during evacuations. Creter stated that the solar ready cost numbers were hard to nail down specifically because they vary, but that there is literature and advertisements available with more specific information. Creter stated that many solar energy retailers offer cost benefits over time or leasing options. Creter also reported that Title 25 homes were exempt from this Code and were an alternative for lower cost homes. Creter stated that the permit process for Streamlining permits for Charging Stations was mandated by the State.

MOTION Griffith / SECOND Jardine to waive the first reading regarding an ordinance to adopt the 2019 triennial edition of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24 (California Building Standards Code) with local amendments and a streamlined permit process for electrical vehicle charging stations with a second reading at the next meeting of February 4, 2020;

**AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;
MOTION CARRIED.**

9. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. Continued Presentation and discussion by Alpine Watershed Group Watershed Program Manager Mo Loden on Year 2 monitoring of STPUD treated effluent in Alpine County for prescription and nonprescription drugs and personal care and common consumer products – Supervisor District 2

Alpine Watershed Group Program Manager Mo Loden gave a presentation regarding Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products and Contaminants of Emerging Concern in the Watershed. Public Health Officer Dr. Richard Johnson provided additional information regarding micro plastics in the Watershed stating that the science was new and research was needed to study the effects of these particles in the Watershed.

Supervisor Griffith suggested that in future tests, field blanks and field duplicated should be tested for results that were more accurate. Supervisor Griffith questioned the need for additional testing if there are no imminent issues with the water quality to which Dr. Johnson responded that the water quality had changed dramatically in the last decade and a three-year study was imperative to clarify trends and changes within the Watershed.

In response to Supervisor Jardine's question regarding the cumulative effects of some of the listed contaminants over a period of time, Dr. Johnson responded that the chemicals found in the Watershed stay for a short period of time and there was no long term effects.

Loden stated that the need to continue monitoring was crucial to provide a clear foundation of understanding.

Hung-A-Lel-Ti resident Irvin Jim stated that there was a need to continue monitoring the Watershed reporting that the Washoe Community was inundated with diabetes and lived downstream from the Watershed.

9.2. Continued request approval to utilize STPUD water monitoring funds for Year 3 contaminants of emerging concern including pharmaceuticals and personal care products (CEC/PPCP) program – Supervisor District 2

Alpine Watershed Group (AWG) Program Manager Mo Loden stated that the funds were needed to continue the monitoring program to identify new emerging contaminants of concern.

Supervisor Griffith requested that a scope of work be provided before making a decision and requested the quality assurance and control (QA/QC) tests be administered in further testing.

Community Development Director Brian Peters reported that the scope of work had been worked out between the Alpine Watershed Group, but that it had not been requested by the Board in the previous two years.

Loden stated that the QA/QC tests had not been done because the testing process was very expensive and that the Group was working with a tight budget.

Alpine Watershed Group Executive Director Kimra McAfee stated that the financial reports were available and a scope of work could be provided.

CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson suggested that the AWG bring back to the board, a proposal with financials and a scope of work.

Chair Hames stated that the additional testing being requested by Supervisor Griffith was unnecessary.

MOTION Jardine / SECOND Woodrow approving to utilize STPUD water monitoring funds for Year 3 contaminants of emerging concern including pharmaceuticals and personal care products (CEC/PPCP) program;

AYES: Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow

NAYS: David Griffith;

MOTION CARRIED.

9.3. Continued request selection of Board committee appointments for calendar year 2020. – County Clerk

Chair Hames requested to continue this item again to allow for private discussion and to assign liaisons to agencies who do not currently have specific assignments.

Supervisor Griffith volunteered to be the liaison for Eastern Alpine Fire, the Statewide Forest Taskforce and the Regional Forest Management Task Force for the Sierras.

Supervisor Jardine asked to be an alternate for Eastern Alpine Fire and suggested that a list be compiled and put on the agenda for review at the next meeting.

The Board agreed, by consensus, to continue the item and review a list of agencies without liaisons for assignment at the next meeting.

10. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Presentation by Dr. Richard Johnson regarding analysis of birth and death records from 1961 to 2019 in Alpine County. – CAO/HHS Director

Public Health Officer Dr. Richard Johnson gave a presentation regarding the analysis of birth and death records in Alpine County.

Supervisor Griffith commented that most of California's rural counties have a declining population and that the biggest issues were housing costs and lack of jobs.

Chair Hames stated that the employee and resident data from Kirkwood was not accounted for because the suicide deaths occurred outside of Alpine County.

Dr. Johnson stated that the only data he was able to comprise was that of those who perish inside County lines. While he was able to distinguish resident and non-resident the only non-anecdotal evidence available was for deaths within Alpine County.

CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson stated that she would provide a National Geographic Article regarding why ski towns were seeing more suicide deaths.

Supervisor Rakow thanked Dr. Johnson for his presentation and commented that it showed that prevention programs were working.

10.2. Presentation by Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) General Manager Edwin James on 2020 Water Picture Update and Runoff Projections. – Supervisor District 1

Carson Water Subconservancy District General Manager Ed James gave a presentation on the 2020 Water Projection and Results from 2019.

10.3. Request approval "Right of Way Contract - State Highway - Temporary Easement" with the State of California, Department of Transportation for a temporary construction easement associated with replacement of the State Route 89 bridge over Markleeville Creek in Markleeville, CA on a portion of county-owned parcels APN#002-280-002 and APN#002-290-009 – Community Development Director

Community Development Director Brian Peters explained that the Right-of-Way branch of Caltrans was trying to secure temporary construction easements to use for staging and storage before work begins on the Markleeville Bridge project; the easements were needed beginning May 1, 2020 until August 29, 2023 or the completion of work, whichever was sooner. Peters reported that the actual construction was likely to occur during 2021 and 2022. Peters reported that liability and a hold harmless agreement were added to the contract after submittal to the agenda and read the addition to the contract.

Supervisor Griffith asked that the monies received for the use of the easements was treated as one-time funds and was not put into general fund.

MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving Contract No. CC2020-05 and CC2020-06 for "Right of Way Contract - State Highway - Temporary Easement" with the State of California, Department of Transportation for a temporary construction easement associated with replacement of the State Route 89 bridge over Markleeville Creek in Markleeville, CA on a portion of county-owned parcels APN#002-280-002 and APN#002-290-009 with added liability sections;
AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;
MOTION CARRIED.

10.4. Request approval to adopt a resolution authorizing participation in the Whole Person Care Pilot Project in the amount of \$390,572.03 for the term of March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2025. – CAO/HHS Director

CAO/HHS Director Nichole Williamson reported that paperwork was submitted showing interest in the project and explained that the funds could be used to provide services to people on the fringe of homelessness and preventative services. Williamson stated that funds could also be used to purchase a mobile health van.

Supervisor Jardine reported that homeless sites have been spotted on Monitor Pass and near Wolf Creek.

Williamson stated that there were cases of homelessness, but they usually appeared in the summer months.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question regarding the number of homeless cases in Alpine County, Williamson responded that HHS had roughly 1-2 requests for utility assistance each year, but that Behavioral Health dealt with more issues and often used Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds to assist clients with such issues.

In response to Markleeville Resident Kris Hartnett's question regarding whether the available funds were State or Federal Funds, Williamson reported that the funds were one-time allocated funds from the Governor's State budget.

MOTION Woodrow / SECOND Griffith adopting Resolution No. R2020-04 authorizing participation in the Whole Person Care Pilot Project in the amount of \$390,572.03 for the term of March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2025.
AYES: Jardine, Hames, Rakow, Woodrow, Griffith;
MOTION CARRIED.

11. **ADJOURN TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITS AS OFFICERS: BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, WATER AGENCY**

None.

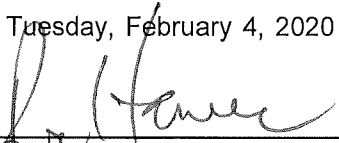
12. **CLOSED SESSION**

12.1. **Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9 (d) (1) – Existing Litigation. Cary V Alpine County L-16-0884** – Deputy CAO to Personnel and Risk Management

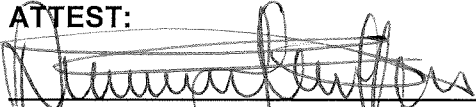
Information was given.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:00am at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleeville, California.



Ron Hames, Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Alpine, State of California

ATTEST:


Neola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: Patricia Griffin, Assistant County Clerk

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