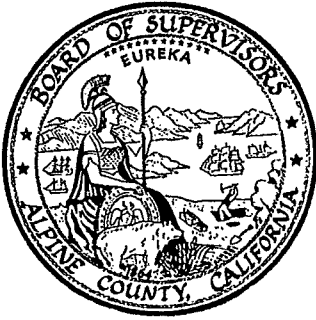


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**MINUTES**  
**JULY 18, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Terry Woodrow 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**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR THE NECESSITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA.**

Chair Woodrow reported that the reason this item was not on the agenda was because information was received after the agenda was posted; action was needed before the next meeting.

**MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving to add the urgency item: Request approval to conduct a concurrent (internal and external) recruitment for Social Worker position to the agenda;**

**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

See Item 9.3

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATION - GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Markleeville Water Company (MWC) representative Kris Hartnett gave an update on water restrictions that outdoor watering was permitted two hours per day for residential and business customers.

Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC) Kris Hartnett reported that Lake Valley Chipping services completed all residential requests for chipping service on 7/13. Hartnett reported that two requests for chipping service were not completed due to piles being placed too far from road; chipping service was not permitted to chip on private property.

**4. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy introduced Deputy County Counsel Kelly Snowden.

Health and Human Resources Director Nichole Williamson announced that through the Tobacco Control Program, the Bear Valley Music Festival and Friends of the Library Music in the Park events adopted smoke free event policies.

EMS/Fire Administrator Terry Hughes reported that fires in California and Nevada were creating poor air quality. Hughes reported that fire resources were limited from outside agencies; Hughes emphasized high fire danger due to dry conditions.

In response to Supervisor Rakow's question regarding fatality on Airport Road, Hughes reported that the individual lost control of their vehicle, landing in a rocky area.

In response to Supervisor Hames' question regarding fire resources from outside agencies, Hughes reported that resources were limited but if there was a priority one fire then resources would be available.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question regarding location of the Long Valley fire, Hughes reported that the Long Valley fire started in Doyle, California then moved into Nevada.

## 5. BOARD MEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

**Supervisor District 1 Donald M. Jardine** volunteered for Death Ride in Alpine Watershed Group booth; attended Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting on 7/12-7/13; Friends of the Library *Wine in the Garden* on 7/15; will attend Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on 7/19; announced passing of Woodfords resident and former Alpine County Treasurer-Tax Collector Delores Clark on 6/28; passing of Markleeville resident and former Alpine County Treasurer Doranna Tognotti Glettig on 7/1; Celebration of Life for Glettig on 7/27; Alpine Trails Association (ATA) cleaning handicap fishing access at Picketts Junction on 7/19; California Highway Patrol Coffee with a Cop on 7/21 at Mad Dog Café/Woodfords Station; ATA quarterly meeting on 7/22; Friends of the Library *Music in the Park* on 7/29; reported that Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board came to consensus regarding Meeks Bay at Lake Tahoe; and Granted a waiver for Bridgeport Valley for Cattle grazing; thanked Caltrans and contractor for repairing State Route Highway 4 in time for the Death Ride.

**Supervisor District 2 Ronald Hames** attended Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board meeting on 7/13 in Markleeville; announced Alpine County Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinic on 7/18 at Woodfords Firehouse; reported that the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board made a declaration for preserving and protecting historical sites in the Owens Lake; emphasized the threat of high fire danger in area and limited fire resources.

**Supervisor District 3 Katherine Rakow** attended Alpine County Unified School District Board meeting on 7/11; will attend Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on 7/25; shared the Mountain Democrat Editorial Article by Assemblymen Frank Bigelow titled "The California Budget: Short-Changing Rural Counties"; announced the Alpine County Unified School District job openings were Cafeteria/Manager/Cook, Teacher on Special Assignments, Grants Planner, School Counselor, Substitute Bus Drivers, Elementary and Pre-School Teachers. Supervisor Rakow reported that internet services were interrupted in Woodfords and the Mesa Vista from 7/7 – 7/10; the reason for the outage was unknown and Frontier Communications had not returned her phone calls. Supervisor Rakow reported that U.S. mail delivery was interrupted to the Woodfords Community after an incident between a resident and the mail carrier; provisional delivery service was restored.

**Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow** hosted Death Ride Hermit Valley stop on 7/8; attended Bear Valley Business Association meeting on 7/12; Calaveras Tree Mortality Task Force meeting on 7/12; flood damage meeting with County staff and engineers on 7/13; Caltrans meeting regarding snow removal on 7/13; will attend Amador Calaveras Consensus Group meeting on 7/19; California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and Rural Counties Representatives of California Cannabis Summit on 7/19; CSA #1 Board of Directors meeting on 7/19; Calaveras Fire Safe Council meeting on 7/20; reported Alpine County Fish and Game Commission Kids Fish Day

on 7/15 was well attended; announced Bear Valley Music Festival would be held on 7/21-8/6; received notification from Eldorado National Forest Service that Deer Valley 4WD trail would open on 8/3; Upper Blues Lakes Road was opened on 7/18; Upper Blue Lakes campground would be opened on 8/1; Forest Service was looking for restoration and repair assistance of the Deer Valley 4WD Trail.

**Supervisor District 5 David Griffith** attended Wood Utilization Team Saving the West meeting on 7/6; Death Ride volunteer on 7/8; Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) meeting on 7/10; Alpine Biomass Committee (ABC) in conjunction with the Alpine Watershed Group meeting on 7/11; Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board meeting on 7/13 in Markleeville; Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on 7/14; Friends of the Library *Wine in the Garden* fundraiser on 7/15; will attend Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) meeting on 7/19; Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on 7/19; Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting on 7/25; Alpine Biomass Committee (ABC) meeting on 8/1; presented a complaint letter from Alpine County ad hoc Committee on Group Homes to Department of Social Services (DSS); requested suggestions for Alpine County Gift Basket for Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) annual meeting in September.

## 6. 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.

Chair Woodrow pulled Item 6.1 for correction.

Markleeville resident Kris Hartnett commented on Item 6.5 reporting that the American Health Care Act was not the law of the land; Affordable Health Care Act was the law of the land. Hartnett expressed concern that credence was being given to an Act that barely passed congress. Supervisor Jardine thanked Health and Human Services Director Nichole Williamson for writing the letter and thanked Hartnett for his comments.

Supervisor Griffith requested to pull Item 6.4 for questions.

**MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving Consent Agenda as follows:**

**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 6.1. This item was pulled from consent.
- 6.2. County Claims.
- 6.3. **Contract No. CC2017-28** with California Department of Public Health in the amount of \$1,386,935 for the term of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2022 for Emergency Preparedness Program and authorizing Board Chair to sign contract and all associated documents. - HHS Director
- 6.4. This item was pulled from consent.
- 6.5. A support letter to Assemblymember Frank Bigelow for reinstating the Community First Choice Option in the American Health Care Act (AHCA).
- 6.6. A support letter to Governor Brown regarding SB447 Multi-County Assessment Appeals Boards and authorize Chair to sign.

## ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT

### 6.1. Request approval of regular meeting minutes of 07/05/2017. - County Clerk

Assistant County Clerk Stephanie Fong reported that corrections to the minutes of 07/05/2017 were as follows: on page 2, Board Member's Announcement or Reports, Supervisor District 2 Ronald Hames: attended Board of Equalization meeting; ~~will attend Amador Calaveras Consensus Group meeting on 7/10.~~

**MOTION Griffith / SECOND Jardine approving regular meeting minutes of 07/05/2017 as corrected:**

**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### 6.4. Request authorization for chair to sign the audit engagement letters establishing understanding of services to be provided by Price Paige & Company in the audit of the County's Financial Statement, Single Audit and the Financial and Compliance Audits for the Local Transportation Commission, Transit Fund and the Agreed Upon Procedures for Gann Limit and Treasury Oversight Committee, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. - CAO and Finance Director

CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy reported that the letters would be revised, correcting the Chair's name with Terry Woodrow.

Supervisor Griffith reported concern regarding independence of the auditor; requested that the firm provide a different managing auditor.

McElroy read the Government Code (GC) regarding the auditor's rotation requirements for annual audits; McElroy reported that the County was in compliance with the government code; Price Paige & Company began working with the County in FY13/14; continuing to work with Price Paige & Company would not exceed the six consecutive year rule.

Supervisor Griffith requested a new managing partner for next fiscal year ending June 20, 2018.

**MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith authorized chair to sign the audit engagement letters establishing understanding of services to be provided by Price Paige & Company in the audit of the County's Financial Statement, Single Audit and the Financial and Compliance Audits for the Local Transportation Commission, Transit Fund and the Agreed Upon Procedures for Gann Limit and Treasury Oversight Committee, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017; and requested a new managing auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:**

**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None.

### 8. REGULAR AGENDA - UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

### 9. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

#### 9.1. Request approval of 2017 Child Welfare System Improvement Plan Annual Report. - HHS Director

Health and Human Services Director Nichole Williamson reported that 2017 Child Welfare System Improvement Plan changed with removal of Safety Oriented Practice which was a training program for social workers. Williamson reported that the training was not financially feasible with number of staff and was not needed by the staff. Williamson reported that Continuum of Care reform activities were included. Williamson reported the changes to the plan required Board approval.

Williamson reported that typos would be corrected on page 133, line six the word "there" would be corrected; and on page 134, line seven, quarter would be changed to July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

In response to Supervisor Hames' question regarding combining services with another county to implement Safety Oriented Practice; Williamson reported that other counties would not have additional resources; recently Alpine County was asked to assist other counties.

**MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving 2017 Child Welfare System Improvement Plan Annual Report;**  
**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9.2. Request approval to participate in the Sierra Institute Rural Community Development Initiative program for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a bio-thermal heating system for County buildings in Woodfords and authorize the Community Development Director to sign all documents necessary for participation**  
- Community Development Director

Community Development Director Brian Peters reported that Alpine County had an opportunity to participate in Sierra Institute Rural Community Development Initiative program for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a bio-thermal heating system for County buildings in Woodfords.

Supervisor Griffith reported that he and Supervisor Hames toured a bio-energy facility in Bridgeport, Mono County. Supervisor Griffith reported that participating in the study was not a commitment to apply for the grant.

In response to Chair Woodrow's concern that the Sierra Institute Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) website link, on the agenda transmittal, listed Alpine County as a partner, Supervisor Griffith reported that information on the website was not accurate and he would contact Sierra Institute to correct the web information.

In response to Supervisor Hames' question regarding researching energy options for the new Behavioral Health Services (BHS) facility, Peters reported that research was underway for energy options.

In response to Supervisor Jardine's question regarding a feasibility study slowing down the BHS facility construction progress, Peters reported that a feasibility study for a bio-thermal heating system would not interfere with the BHS facility schedule.

In response to Supervisor Jardine's question regarding the documents the Community Development Director would sign, Peters reported that the paperwork was reviewed and contained standard language.

In response to CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy's question regarding timeline for feasibility study, Supervisor Griffith reported that a feasibility study would take three to six months.

Markleeville resident Kris Hartnett reported that Alpine County was not like Mono County; studies tend to be broad and may not apply to uniqueness of Alpine County. Hartnett read questions into the record.

In response to Chair Woodrow's question regarding the deadline, Supervisor Griffith reported that Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) deadline was 7/28. Supervisor Griffith reported that information for feasibility study was presented at the Alpine Biomass Committee meeting on 7/11.

In response to Supervisor Rakow's question regarding funding for the study, Supervisor Griffith reported that Sierra Institute was funding the study with federal funds.

In response to Chair Woodrow's question regarding matching funds requirements, Supervisor Griffith reported that was unknown until applying for the grant.

In response to McElroy's question regarding commitment of staff resources, Supervisor Griffith reported that minimal staff time was required to send paperwork. McElroy commented that staff time would be an expenditure.

Woodfords resident Tom Sweeney reported that bio-thermal heating system was a different heating system than what was planned for BHS facility. Sweeney expressed concern regarding a different fuel source impacting the BHS facility plans; more research was needed. Sweeney reported that there would be a cost for bio-thermal heating system and concerned that Alpine County may get involved in a project that was not financially feasible. Sweeney cautioned the Board regarding entering into grants agreements; encouraged the Board to focus on the County budget.

Supervisor Hames encouraged constituents to visit the Mono County biomass plant. Supervisor Hames reported that the bio-thermal heating system was an opportunity for Woodfords based on proximity of all the building; recommended exploring this option.

Chair Woodrow reported that the operative word was to explore; any further action would need to be brought back to the Board for approval.

Supervisor Jardine expressed reservations; had many questions; not convinced to pursue. Supervisor Rakow expressed reservations; requested community involvement and transparency; information provided to the entire community.

**MOTION Hames / SECOND Griffith approving to participate in the Sierra Institute Rural Community Development Initiative program for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a bio-thermal heating system for County buildings in Woodfords and authorizing the Community Development Director to sign all documents necessary for participation;**

**AYES: Supervisors Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**NOES: Supervisor Donald M. Jardine;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**9.3 Request approval to conduct a concurrent (internal and external) recruitment for Social Worker position. – HHS Director**

Health and Human Services Director Nichole Williamson reported that a social worker resigned on 7/13. Williamson reported that one social worker was carrying the County's caseload. Williamson expressed concern for the time it would take to find a replacement for the mandated position.

**MOTION Jardine / SECOND Griffith approving to conduct a concurrent (internal and external) recruitment for Social Worker position;**

**AYES: Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Ron Hames, Katherine Rakow, Terry Woodrow, David Griffith;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Administrative Announcements.

In response to Supervisor Griffith's question regarding an update on the vacant lot defensible space ordinance, CAO/Director of Finance Carol McElroy reported that the vacant lot defensible space information would be presented at the next Board meeting.

**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**

The Board adjourned to the Board of Equalization special meeting at 10:30 AM.

**12. CLOSED SESSION - None.**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 9:00am at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleeville, California.



Terry Woodrow, Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Alpine, State of California

**ATTEST:**



Teola L. Tremayne, County Clerk & ex officio  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By: Stephanie Fong, Assistant County Clerk

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