

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF NEVADA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES, JANUARY 27, 2015

Workshop held at Fire Station 2, 213 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley, CA

SPECIAL MEETING: 8:30 A.M.

WORKSHOP: No formal action will be taken by the Board of Supervisors; only direction to staff. Any action items will be agendaized for a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

STANDING ORDERS:

Chairman Scofield called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following Supervisors present:

Nathan H. Beason, 1st District
Ed Scofield, 2nd District
Dan Miller, 3rd District
Hank Weston, 4th District
Richard Anderson, 5th District

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Dan Miller.

Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer

I. Introductions.

Mr. Richard Haffey, County Executive Officer, indicated that this is a time to meet in an informal setting and review goals.

Ms. Lori Burkart Frank, Facilitator, reviewed the flow of the agenda and the Board formulated guidelines and expectations for the next two days.

The Board participated in a team building exercise entitled "Listening Styles."

II. Review of Board Process:

- Order and Decorum

Mr. Richard Haffey, County Executive Officer, noted that the Order and Decorum has worked out well over the years and he saw no reason to make any changes to it. The Board reviewed the Order and Decorum.

When asked how a Board member can place an item on the agenda, Mr. Haffey responded that the Supervisors can place items on the agenda that relate to business of the County, as addressed in Item 4 of the Order and Decorum, and Board members should not bring items forward that will embarrass a Board member or others. The Chairman of the Board is the one who would make the judgment call on whether to bring an item forward or not. If the Chairman does not want to place an item from a Board member on the agenda, the Board member could make a motion at a Board meeting to direct staff to place a specific item on the agenda for a specific date, and if the Board passes the motion, the motion would override the Chair's decision and the item would then be placed on the agenda.

No changes were made to the Order and Decorum.

- Role of the Chair and Vice Chair

The Board reviewed the role of the Chair and Vice Chair and no changes were made to the current roles.

- Vision, Mission and Value Statements Review

The Board reviewed the Vision, Mission and Value Statements and no changes were made.

- Core Service Definition Review

The Board reviewed the Core Services definition and no changes were made.

- BOS Training and Conference Reimbursement

A video was presented on the continuing education program from CSAC Institute for Excellence. Mr. Haffey believes Board members should be able to choose to attend educational programs that are related to their work as Supervisor, but not until after they go through the CSAC Institute for Excellence.

After Board discussion, Mr. Haffey agreed to include in the Order and Decorum the statement that Board members will attain a CSAC Institute Credential during their term of office and to place a statement in the Order and Decorum regarding the Board members can select which conferences they wish to attend.

- Brown Act

Ms. Alison Barratt-Green gave a Brown Act PowerPoint presentation. She explained that temporary advisory committees are not considered a “Brown Act” body and do not have to follow the Brown Act. She also addressed the definition of serial meetings, emails, phone calls, etc., where someone is working to develop a consensus, which is a violation of the Brown Act. She noted that the Board could listen to an individual and take in information, but should not share information that would lead to a serial meeting. At the end of her presentation she noted that Ms. Alison Lehman, Assistant County Executive Officer, had purchased Brown Act books for each Board member.

III. Review of 2014 Accomplishments.

Ms. Alison Lehman, Assistant County Executive Officer, reviewed the County’s 2014 accomplishments in customer service, efficiencies, collaboration, leadership, projects, grants, recognitions, and leadership positions.

IV. Review of 2014 Board Objectives.

The Board reviewed the 2014 Board Objectives and voted on them.

Priority A

- Maintain County’s financial stability and core services in light of economic conditions. The Board voted that this priority would remain an A priority.
- Amend ordinance language to strengthen and expand enforcement provisions for unpermitted events to reduce neighborhood conflicts. The Board voted to delete this priority.
- Draft a vegetation control ordinance to address vegetation (defensible space) management. The Board voted to delete this priority.

Priority B

- Support and advocate for services that promote the well-being and self-sufficiency of individuals and families. The Board voted for this Priority to stay a B.
- Review and prioritize implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment. The Board voted to move this to Priority A.
- Explore a partnership with Placer County to implement the mPOWER Property Assessed Clean Energy PACE program in Nevada County. The Board voted for this priority to stay a B, but to revisit it tomorrow.
- Work with our legislative advocates to introduce flexibility with rural counties in the affordable housing element policy. The Board voted to move this to Priority A.
- Support job-enhancing economic development efforts when appropriate. The Board voted for this to stay a Priority B.

Priority C

- Increase public awareness and civil engagement through educational information programs. The Board voted for this priority to remain a Priority C.
- Support efforts to enhance and improve emergency department psychiatric services for mentally ill patients, their families, hospital staff, and law enforcement. The Board voted to move this priority to a Priority B.
- Assist water agencies as requested during this drought as appropriate. The Board voted to place this priority as a Priority A, but to vote again tomorrow.

V. Financial Update.

Mr. Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer/Chief Fiscal Officer, presented the financial update for Nevada County through a Powerpoint Presentation. He reviewed the County's current position, including the results of the Fiscal 2013/14 budget, and an update to the 2014/15 Budget. He presented the upcoming fiscal challenges and the recommendations for the 2015/16 budget plan.

Recess for lunch: Chairman Scofield recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Meeting called to order at 12:22 p.m.

VI. California Water Bond Surface Storage Projects.

Nevada Irrigation District (NID) General Manager Rem Scherzinger presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of NID, the District's current water supply profile, and the plans for future expansion.

Board questioning ensued regarding the future Parker Project between Combie and Rollins Lakes. Mr. Scherzinger concluded that he believed the project would be completed in 2023 and it will take until 2025 to fill the dam.

VII. Fire Prevention.

- Overview of Prop 172

Mr. Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer/Chief Fiscal Officer, presented an overview on fire prevention and the history of Prop 172. Mr. Vic Ferrera, Emergency Services Director, reviewed the fire prevention assistance program funded directly from Prop 172 funds.

- Review current County contracts and outcomes

Mr. Vic Ferrera, Emergency Services Director, reviewed the accomplishments of the 2014 Fire Prevention Assistance Program through a PowerPoint presentation and recommended funding this program again in 2015.

Mr. Vic Ferrera, Emergency Services Director, reviewed the accomplishments that were required of the Fire Safe Council through the 2014-15 Personal Services Contract, noting that part of the Prop 172 funds were used for the Fire Safe Council's Personal Service Contract. He recommended adopting a Personal Service Contract with the Fire Safe Council for a maximum amount with annual allocations determined by the Board, and that the Board allocate the funding prior to disbursing to the Fire Districts.

Board discussion and questioning ensued.

Supervisor Beason indicated he would like to see how much grant income the County will receive. Mr. Ferrera pointed out the key would be to see how much of the grant is for administration expenses.

- Consolidation of fire

Mr. Richard Haffey, County Executive Officer, asked the BOS if the Board should send a letter to LAFCo requesting LAFCo study the issue of consolidating fire districts.

Board discussion ensued and it was the consensus to do nothing.

- Safety Element/Fire

Supervisor Anderson suggested evaluating the various County fire protection proposals, policies, and programs and determine if they have been implemented, whether they should be implemented, and prioritizing them.

The consensus was to take this item under advisement when setting priorities at tomorrow's meeting.

VIII. Legislative Update.

2015 Proposed Legislative Priorities

Ms. Karen Lange, Peterson Consulting, and Mr. Paul Yoder, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, County Legislative Advocates, reviewed some of the items going through the legislature.

Supervisor Weston suggested making another run with legislature regarding the rezone for the Housing Element, changing the formula to population based for rural areas. A one size does not fit all, and it is a broken model.

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IX. Recap.

Ms. Lori Burkart Frank reviewed the items the Board talked about during the day.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Scofield adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m. to Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., at Fire Station 28, 213 Sierra College Drive, Grass Valley, CA.

Edward C. Scofield, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:

Donna Landi, Clerk of the Board