

COUNTY OF NEVADA

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SUMMARY MINUTES - Draft

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	9:00 AM	Remote Meeting Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, California

REGULAR MEETING: 9:00 AM

Rollcall

The following Supervisors attended by remote:

Heidi Hall, 1st District
Ed Scofield, 2nd District
Dan Miller, 3rd District
Sue Hoek, 4th District
Hardy Bullock, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mt. Saint Mary's Academy, Ms. Kent's 1st Grade Class.

Corrections and/or deletions to agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: No corrections and/or deletions to the agenda were noted.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

ACTION TAKEN: Following a brief technical break, Chair Miller called the meeting back into order and introduced the Consent Calendar.

Supervisor Bullock recused himself from voting on Agenda Item #6 (SR 21-0090), and explained that he was a previous partner in a company that had a contractual relationship with McKellar Tree Service and Logging, Inc.

Child Support Services, Collections, and Housing Director: Mike Dent

1. [SR 21-0068](#) Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign Parcel Map No. 19PLN-48 “Brunswick Commons” as a representative of the property owner, County of Nevada, with the signed original Map to be forwarded to the City of Grass Valley Community Development Department for final processing and recordation.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 21-027

District Attorney: Clifford Newell

2. [SR 21-0078](#) Resolution accepting Grant Award XC20030290 from the California Office of Emergency Services for the Nevada County Victim Witness Services Program, in the amount of \$148,026, for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and authorizing the District Attorney to execute the agreement.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 21-028

Treasurer-Tax Collector: Tina Vernon

3. [SR 21-0097](#) Notifying the California Schools Cash Reserve Program Authority that the County of Nevada will not be issuing a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) in the name of Grass Valley School District and that the District can issue a TRAN on their own behalf, and authorizing the Clerk of the Board to sign the attached Notice.

Approved.

Planning Director: Brian Foss

4. [SR 21-0080](#) Resolution granting a one-year extension for Commercial Rafting permits RAF19-0001, RAF19-0002, RAF19-0003, and RAF19-0004, allowing the commercial river rafting companies to operate for the 2021 season under the terms and conditions of the approved 2019 Use Permits to assist in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme fire season restrictions.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 21-029

Director of Public Works: Trisha Tillotson

5. [SR 21-0091](#) Resolution authorizing Environmental Clearance for the 2021 Road Rehabilitation Project, and authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to file a notice of Exemption with the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder's office.
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 21-030
6. [SR 21-0090](#) Resolution awarding and approving a contract between the County of Nevada and McKellar Tree Service and Logging, Inc. for the Egress/Ingress Fire Safety Project (Res. 20-490), in the amount of \$606,000.01 plus a ten percent contingency, for a grand total of \$666,600.01, scheduled to begin in February/March 2021 and to be completed by March 31, 2022, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the contract, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required) (All Dists.) (Bullock - Recused)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 21-031
7. [SR 21-0013](#) Resolution approving County of Nevada Transit Services Division as a Sub-Grantee in the application for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2019-20 Targeted Airshed Grant (EPA-OAR-OAQPS-20-01) for the purchase of two 35-foot Low-floor Battery Electric Zero Emission Transit Buses, depot slow charger, on-route fast charger, and associated implementation costs, in the amount of \$2,460,653. (Transit)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 21-032

Chief Information Officer: Stephen Monaghan

8. [SR 21-0089](#) Resolution declaring certain County property as surplus and authorizing the Purchasing Agent to sell, or otherwise dispose of, those certain items of surplus property listed on Exhibit A as "Assets to be Sold or Recycled." (4/5 affirmative vote required) (Purchasing)
Adopted.
Enactment No: RES 21-033

Clerk of the Board: Julie Patterson Hunter

9. [SR 21-0110](#) Affirm the appointment of Supervisor Susan Hoek to the Regional Housing Authority.
Appointed.

10. [SR 21-0109](#) Approve the appointments of Mr. Sam Sebastian and Ms. Suzanne Nobles as members to Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board for unexpired three-year terms ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2021, respectively.
Appointed.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Adopted.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, to approve the consent calendar, with Supervisor Bullock recusing himself from voting on Agenda Item #6. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

[SR 21-0121](#) Chair Miller introduced public comment and the following members of the public provided comments: Mr. Dennis Mackenzie, District 3; Mr. Chad Dugas, District 1; Ms. Tina King, District 3; Ms. Maria Byers-Ramos, District 3; Mr. Ray Byers, District 3; Ms. Penelope Sullivan, County resident; Mr. Matt Trillia, District 5; Mr. Thomas Connelly, non-resident; Mr. Ken Paige, District 2; Mr. Tyler Stewart, District 3; Mr. Sumner Stewart, County resident; Mr. Kim Miller, District 4; Ms. Anna Gloria, District 1; Mr. Kirk Farris, District 3; Mr. Robin and Ms. Lisa Buckman, District 3; Ms. Reinette Senum, District 1; Ms. Marisol, County resident; Ms. Joy Brann, District 1; Ms. Maxine, County resident; Mr. Sergio Martignago, District 3; Ms. Yelena Martignago, District 3; Mr. Justin Yarborough, County resident; Mr. Matthew Coulter, District 3; Mr. Chris Hall, District 1; Ms. Lisa Shippers, County resident; and Mr. Nathaniel Tamian(?), District 1.

Ms. Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board, reported that 24 emails were received in support of local businesses, and 1 email was received in opposition to the Idaho Maryland Mine. She explained that although they were not read into the record, they were received by all of the Board members and will be uploaded to the agenda online so members of the public will have access to them.

There being no further public comment, Chair Miller closed public comment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTER:*Director of Social Services: Rachel Roos**

11. [SR 21-0029](#) Resolution proclaiming February 11, 2021 as “211 Day” in Nevada County, California.

Adopted.

Enactment No: RES 21-034

ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Ann Guerra, Executive Director, Connecting Point, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding 211. Ms. Guerra reported that Nevada County's 211 Program was established in 2003, and Connecting Point (originally named Nevada Sierra In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority) has administered the Program for Nevada County since 2011. Members of the public can contact 211 by dialing 211; calling the 800 number (1-833-DIAL211); texting their zip code to 898211; or by visiting 211ConnectingPoint.org from their web browser. In 2020, most of the calls fielded were in response to COVID-19, wildfire, housing, extreme heat, and Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), and starting in 2021 the public can receive COVID-19 Vaccine text alerts by texting VaccineInfo to 898211. Ms. Guerra concluded her presentation and thanked the Board for their leadership.

Board questioning and discussion ensued, and Chair Miller read the Resolution into the record.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, and passed unanimously, adopting Resolution No. 21-034. On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER ITEM:*Supervisor Ed Scofield, District II**

12. [SR 21-0087](#) Resolution to create and establish the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council with an effective date of March 1, 2021 that shall sunset and dissolve upon the adoption of the updated Nevada County Higgins Area Plan, and ratifying the Bylaws of the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council. (Dist. II)

Adopted as amended.

Enactment No: RES 21-035

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Miller introduced the agenda item.

Supervisor Scofield introduced Mr. Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst, who provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding establishment of the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council.

Mr. Thorsby reported that Municipal Advisory Committees (MAC) are implemented to advise the Board on matters of public health, safety, welfare, public works, and planning. The purpose of the South County Area MAC is to: 1) provide recommendations to the District II Supervisor, Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the development, passage, and implementation of the Higgins Area Plan; and 2) to serve as a conduit to promote community involvement and garner community input throughout the Higgins Area Plan planning process. Mr. Thorsby clarified that the South County Area MAC will be comprised of 9 members, which shall include community members that represent a cross-section of the community. Additionally, all members shall reside in Supervisorial District II.

Mr. Thorsby reported on the next steps, including 1) formal launch of the recruitment process; 2) return to the Board for final approval of the appointments; 3) once formed, an orientation and training meetings; and 4) begin the process of reviewing the Higgins Area Plan. Mr. Thorsby recommended the Board adopt the proposed Resolution, as amended (maximum of 9 members), creating and establishing the South County Area MAC, effective March 1, 2021, and ratifying the MAC's bylaws.

Supervisor Scofield initially had concerns regarding adding additional Brown Act committees, however after watching how the Penn Valley Area MAC has operated, he saw that the MAC process was successful in District IV, and has been a model to follow. He pointed out that the South County Area MAC will not only focus on the Higgins area (the commercial zoned area from Combie-Wolf area and the corridor up to Magnolia to the new Holiday Center) but will also encompass Highway 49 Corridor from the bridge all the way up to where District II meets up with District III. Supervisor Scofield clarified that there is funding available for the process through a Housing grant. While the Higgins area's emphasis is mainly on commercial zoning, this will provide an opportunity to focus on the housing element. Supervisor Scofield reported that he has already received applications for the positions, and he asked for the Board's approval.

Mr. Brian Foss, Planning Director, was looking forward to working with the community and the South County MAC to update, and possibly expand the Higgins Area Plan, to define the boundaries and incorporate both residential and/or commercial zoning that makes sense for the area..

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Scofield and seconded by Supervisor Hoek, and passed unanimously, adopting Resolution No. 21-035, as amended to be comprised of a maximum of nine (9) members, creating the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council and ratifying the bylaws of the South County Area Municipal Advisory Council.

***DEPARTMENT HEAD MATTER:**

County Counsel: Katharine L. Elliott

13. [SR 21-007](#) Request to: 1) receive presentation on redrawing supervisorial districts for the 2021 redistricting process; and 2) provide direction regarding the Board's preferred methodology for the 2021 redistricting process.

Approved.

Approved.

Katherine Elliot, County Counsel, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the redrawing of supervisorial districts for the 2021 redistricting process. She reported that every ten years, all local governments that elect by district must redraw their district lines to assure nearly equal population. Two laws came into affect in 2021, revising and standardizing the redistricting for counties. State criteria include: 1) geographically contiguous; 2) geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest; 3) preservation of cities and census-designated places; 4) easily identifiable natural and artificial boundaries that are understandable to the residents; and 5) geographic compactness.

Ms. Elliott reviewed the public input process, and steps to encourage resident's participation to developing redistricting, which includes a minimum of four public hearings. Ms. Elliot reviewed the process that requires numerous steps to encourage participation in the process. The Board may draw boundaries by establishing either: 1) appointing a County staff advisory commission (body that recommends to the Board placement of districts); 2) appointing a citizen advisory commission; or 3) a hybrid redistricting commission. She suggested that implementing the County staff advisory commission will allow for the fastest timeframe and will be within budget. Ms. Elliott reviewed the timeline, with the Board adopting an Ordinance at their October 26, 2021 Board meeting.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Ms. Elliot clarified that a consultant will be hired, which she estimates to cost about \$15,000, and once they have the entire makeup of the County staff advisory commission she would return to the Board with a Resolution to recognize the Commission. She asked for a motion to move forward with the County Staff Commission, if that is the Board's direction.

Board discussion continued.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Bullock, seconded by Supervisor Scofield, and passed unanimously to approve the presentation.

MOTION: Motion made by Supervisor Hall and seconded by Supervisor Hoek and passed unanimously, directing staff to move forward with a County Staff Advisory Commission model for the redistricting process.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Board members and County Executive Officer may make a brief announcement or brief report on his or her activities. Board members and County Executive Officer may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

ACTION TAKEN: Updates were provided by members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Signature and Attestation

Dan Miller, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board