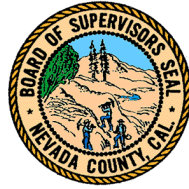


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SUMMARY MINUTES

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, January 20, 2022	8:40 AM	Gold Miners Inn Ballroom 121 Bank Street Grass Valley, California 95945

BOARD WORKSHOP

SPECIAL MEETING: Estimated 8:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rollcall. The following Supervisors present:

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

County Executive Officer: Alison Lehman

IX [SR 22-0105](#) Welcome and Review

Supervisor Hoek called the Workshop back into order at 8:40 a.m.

Lori Burkhart Frank, Facilitator, reviewed the agenda for the day's portion of the 3-day Workshop.

X [SR 22-0079](#) Cannabis Objective

Jeff Merriman, Cannabis Division Program Manager, Brian Foss, Planning Director, Deputy Micah Arbaugh, Craig Griesbach, Building Director, and Tina Vernon, Treasurer-Tax Collector, provided an overview of the County's Commercial Cannabis Regulatory Program including permitting, enforcement, and opportunities in accordance with the Board of Supervisors Cannabis Objective.

XI [SR 22-0081](#) Capital Facilities Master Plan and Projects Updates

Following a short break, Chair Hoek called the Workshop back into order.

Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer (CIO), and Justin Drinkwater, Facilities Director, presented the Capital Facilities Project Update for 2022. Upcoming projects include the Animal Shelter Renovation and Expansion and the Countywide Storage Facility projects. CIO Monaghan reviewed current activity at the Nevada County Libraries resulting from the tax measure and provided an update on upcoming projects, including soft remodels for current branches.

XII [SR 22-0082](#) Community Choice Aggregation

Representatives from Pioneer Community Energy, Don Eckert, Executive Director, and Mark Riffey, Customer Service, provided a presentation regarding Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which allows any city, county, or combination to form an entity (Joint Powers Authority) to take over the responsibility for purchasing power for their community. The CCA purchases power and the utility company maintains the transmission lines and bills the customer. Customer service is provided by both entities. If Nevada County joins the CCA, all electric customers within the jurisdiction will automatically be signed up. Customers can choose to remain with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) by contacting the CCA to opt-out. Opting out of the program is free and can be done at any time. Pioneer was formed in 2017, and serves the Town of Loomis; Cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln, Placerville, and Rocklin; El Dorado and Placer counties. Benefits of joining the CCA include: local control; energy procurement; rate setting; job creation; economic development; environmental/social goals. The CCA provides a choice for residents and businesses: PG&E is owned by its shareholders, and CCAs are owned by the ratepayers.

XIII [SR 22-0083](#) Homelessness Objective

Ryan Gruver, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director, introduced the presentation, providing an update of homelessness in Nevada County. The current homeless population was provided: the Point in Time (PIT) count showed a total of 400 homeless individuals in 2021. The data is tracked across subpopulations: Families, Veterans, and Youth.

2021 Accomplishments

The Homeless Prevention Plan served 373 households; reduced unsheltered homelessness by 35% through Project Roomkey and Renovation of Empire Mine Courtyard; expanded supportive services through Odyssey House expansion and landlord liaison/recruitment program; increased affordable, subsidized and supported housing; enhanced communication, coordination and collaboration.

In Truckee, the PIT showed a total of 45 individuals living in the area; opportunities for expanded services include use of COVID funding and community partnerships/affordable housing. 24 people were housed in 2021, which is a 53% reduction in homelessness provided for through the Truckee Artist Lofts; Cold Stream Commons; and private landlords.

The 'Built for Zero' campaign, is a program created to reduce the number of homeless veterans. As of November 2021, there was a total of nineteen actively homeless veterans in Nevada County. Of those, eleven have housing plans and will be housed by April 2022.

CalAIM Healthcare Reform

Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director, provided information regarding CalAIM Healthcare Reform, for the purpose to improve the quality of life and health outcome of the population through implementation of a broad delivery system, and program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal Program.

XIV [SR 22-0084](#) Broadband Objective

Chair Hoek called the meeting back into order at 1:00 p.m.

Caleb Dardick, Acting Assistant County Executive Officer, Brian Foss, Planning Director, Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer, Kristin York, Sierra Business Council, and Pat Blacklock, CEO, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), provided a presentation regarding the Board's Broadband Objective.

2021 Project updates

Oasis Broadband, Inc. (\$62,000), provided wireless transmission to over 100 homes in eastern County.

Spiral Fiber, Inc. (\$205,000) in the Unincorporated area of western County 95959 zip code. Preliminary design work and baseline engineering drawings for underground fiber completed for three build out phases, and is scheduled to bring underground fiber to over 300 homes by December 2023.

Northern Sierra Broadband Cooperative, Inc. (\$120,000), adding underground and aerial fiber to 35 homes in the Buck Mountain-Oak-Arianna area, is scheduled for completion by September 2022.

Nevada County Fiber, Inc. (\$113,000), bringing underground fiber to the community of Oak Ridge & Bear Claw Ct. has an estimated completion date of April 2023.

Nevada County's 2022 Strategy is to focus on readiness; funding and advocacy; and development of a New Line-Extension Program, to connect residents on the fringe of services areas.

Pat BlackLock, RCRC, reported on the Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA), which consists of 37 rural counties, whose purpose is to increase access to reliable and affordable high-speed broadband for all rural Californians.

Staff was provided Board direction to implement the directives as presented, and include the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding.

XV [SR 22-0085](#) Housing Objective

Ryan Gruver, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Director, Trisha Tillotson, CDA Director, Brian Foss, Planning Director, Mike Dent, Housing Director, and Gus Beccerra, Regional Housing Authority, provided a presentation regarding the Board's Housing Objective. Active Housing Projects include: 1) Brunswick Commons; 2) Cashins' Field; 3) Empire Mine Courtyard (previously Coach n' Four); 4) Ranch House; 5) Lone Oak Phase II; 6) Pacific Crest Commons; and 7) Cameo Drive Apartments

Director Foss reported on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) grant funding that was awarded to Nevada County by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which will provide a total of \$462,699 to accelerate the production of housing.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

A number of units still need to be built in Nevada County to meet RHNA requirements. Potential Additional Units include: Harmony Ridge; Lake Wildwood; South Woodlands; and Rincon del Rio. There are number of units being built within the cities and town, although they do not count as part of the County's RHNA units.

Director Tillotson reviewed and the team summarized the Summary of Proposed Initiatives:

1. Facilitate new housing projects (161 potential units)
2. Facilitate and promote partnerships for development of affordable and supportive housing
3. Mobile home rent stabilization (2,000 mobile home spaces)
4. Pro-housing designation and implementation
5. Implement REAP grant projects
6. Evaluate inclusionary zoning and in-lieu fees
7. Explore alternative housing options - mobile living spaces

Following Board discussion, Director Tillotson suggested changes to the Objective regarding to inclusionary affordable housing and/or in-lieu fees. Staff was directed to look at options to address the issue of 'van life' while considering sanitation and infrastructure, General Plan and Zoning consistency, and safety and security concerns. Recommended changes were proposed for the 2022 Housing Board Objective, adding language to the end of the Objective "...and pursue pro-housing policy changes." The Board provided feedback to the suggested revisions, and staff would return with alternative language.

XVI [SR 22-0106](#) Public Information/Outreach Strategy

Nevada County's Communications Team, Taylor Wolfe, Public Information Officer, Sheila Cameron, Communications Contractor, and Heather Heckler, Administrative Analyst II, provided a presentation regarding the County's efforts to improve its communications process, geared towards fostering trust, understanding, and engagement with Nevada County's residents.

XVII [SR 22-0107](#) Board of Supervisors Debrief and Wrap-Up

Lori Burkhardt Frank, Facilitator, reviewed the days presentations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Hoek recessed the special meeting to Friday, January 21, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Signature and Attestation

Susan K. Hoek, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board