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SUMMARY MINUTES - Draft

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	8:25 AM	Gold Miners Inn Ballroom 121 Bank Street Grass Valley, California 95945

Workshop

DAY 1 OF THE 3-DAY SPECIAL MEETING: 8:25 AM

SPECIAL MEETING: 8:25 AM

Rollcall

The following Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District

Robb Tucker, 2nd District

Lisa Swarthout, 3rd District

Susan Hoek, 4th District

Hardy Bullock, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Hall called the first day of the three-day special meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

1. BOARD WORKSHOP

1. Board Workshop

Annual Board Workshop of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Chair: Heidi Hall**a. [SR 25-0110](#) Welcome | Introductions**

ACTION TAKEN: The Board and public were welcomed to the special meeting. Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer, explained that during the workshop, policy direction may be given but no formal action will be taken by the Board. Any decisions that may need to be made as a result of the workshop will be brought back to the Board in regular session. She introduced the workshop facilitator, Lori Burkhardt Frank.

Public Comment was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

Public Comment:**b. [SR 25-0081](#) Members of the public shall only be allowed to address the Board of Supervisors on Board Workshop topics being discussed during the three-day special meeting. (Please refer to page 4 for information on the options available for the public to provide comment.)**

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall opened the opportunity for members of the public to provide public comment.

Public comment was received.

County Executive Officer: Alison Lehman**c. [SR 25-0108](#) Agenda Review | Announcements**

ACTION TAKEN: Lori Burkhardt Frank, workshop facilitator, provided announcements regarding the Agenda and workshop presentations.

d. [SR 25-0088](#) Order and Decorum | Mission, Vision, Values

ACTION TAKEN: Staff reviewed the purpose of the Order and Decorum and is recommending two changes to the Order and Decorum; the first change would be to item #25d regarding the Role of the Chair, the second change would be to item #28k regarding Expectations of Board Members.

Board comments followed. Staff provided background and information on the Vision, Mission and Value statement and reported that Staff is not making any recommendations for changes.

Board comments ensued.

e. [SR 25-0101](#) Chair Theme for 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall provided insight into the 2025 Chair Theme, which is about uplifting our youth and our She stated that food insecurity, housing insecurity, and transportation insecurity, make today's challenges particularly hard for our young people. She spoke of the Youth Commission and the other services the County currently provides.

f. [SR 25-0075](#) Legislative Platform

ACTION TAKEN: Staff gave a presentation regarding the Nevada County Legislative Platform and reviewed the engagement of Nevada County Supervisors on the federal, state and local government levels. Staff reported that this representation serves to advocate for, and protect, our core services, and serves to increase resources for projects in our County. Staff provided information on policy areas and highlights of the 2025 key legislative positions.

Board questions and comments ensued.

The Board took a short break.

g. [SR 25-0099](#) Legislative Update

ACTION TAKEN: Jeffrey Thorsby, Chief of Staff, introduced the panel for the Legislative Update; Paul Yoder, legislative advocate, Joe Krahn, Paragon Government Relations, Hasan Sarsour, Paragon Government Relations, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and Sarah Dukett, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC).The legislative advocates introduced themselves and provided information regarding their key concerns and their priorities for Nevada County.

Board questioning and comments ensued.

The Board took a short break.

h. [SR 25-0076](#) Local Impacts

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided updates regarding federal, state, and county funding and implementation of projects in their respective departments. Staff provided information regarding core services and constitutional mandates of the Sheriff's Office, and reported on staffing and training of the Sheriff's Office personnel.

Board comments and questioning ensued.

Recess for lunch

i. [SR 25-0077](#) Board Objective on Fiscal Stability and Core Services for 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided the County's fiscal update, and reported that Staff is seeking policy direction regarding updating fiscal policies, bond financing, and Board objectives. The Board provided direction to Staff.

j. [SR 25-0080](#) Board Objective on Recreation for 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided a presentation on the County's ongoing, and upcoming, priority recreation projects, plus an overview on the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan.

The Board took a short break.

k. [SR 25-0078](#) Board Objective on Economic Development for 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Staff, along with Kimberly Parker, Economic Development Program Manager, and Kristen York, Vice-President of the Sierra Business Council provided an overview of the Cannabis Tax structure in Nevada County, and requested policy direction regarding changes to the current tax rate.

Kimberly Parker provided an overview of the Economic Development Action Plan priority projects, and reviewed business license key points. She requested direction from the Board regarding creating a business license program policy for the unincorporated area of the County.

The Board provided direction to Staff.

The Board also requested a review the GoNevadaCounty program.

l. [SR 25-0082](#) Truckee Regional Library Project Update

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided an update and presentation on the new Truckee Regional Library facility, including the plan going forward in 2025.

The Board took a short break.

m. [SR 25-0084](#) Board Objective on Homelessness for 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Staff provided background on homelessness in the County, reviewed some of the milestones that have been reached, and listed the challenges faced in 2025.

Staff reported that due to non-response from partners and no available locations, there is no winter shelter currently in Truckee.

The Board provided direction to Staff.

n. [SR 25-0109](#) Questions & Wrap-Up

ACTION TAKEN: Day one of the meeting was reviewed and information was provided to the Board.

Adjournment:

ACTION TAKEN: Chair Hall adjourned the 3-day special meeting to Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 8:25 a.m.

Signature and Attestation

Heidi Hall, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Lauriana Cecchi, Board Clerk II