



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE NEVADA COUNTY CARL F. BRYAN II YOUTH CENTER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1995 the California Legislative Analyst's Office Juvenile Crime Outlook for California reported that "California's juvenile population is projected to grow over 20 percent in the next decade (through 2004). The number of juvenile arrests will increase over 29 percent over the next ten years. The number of arrests for juvenile violent crime are estimated to increase over 28 percent through 2004"; and

WHEREAS, the County's population nearly doubled between 1980 and 2000 (from 51,645 to 92,033), and at that time the County's population was projected to have significant growth from 2000 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, the average daily population of detained youth in Nevada County in the late 1990s ranged from 20-25, and was projected to grow in accordance with the increase in population; and

WHEREAS, construction of an expanded Juvenile Hall in Nevada County to adequately house the projected increase in detained youth was determined to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Corrections (now the Board of State and Community Corrections ("BSCC")) awarded the County of Nevada a Juvenile Facility Violent Offender Incarceration Program grant in the amount of \$5.394 million dollars for the construction of a new and expanded Juvenile Hall; and

WHEREAS, the source of grant funds was the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") as administered by the BSCC; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2000, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 00-427 relating to the Nevada County Juvenile Detention Facility Construction Grant Funding Application wherein the County provided assurance that the County would not modify use of the facility without permission and instruction from the DOJ; and

WHEREAS, facility construction was completed and the Carl F. Bryan II Youth Center ("Youth Center") opened in 2003, with capacity to hold up to sixty (60) juvenile detainees; and

WHEREAS, evidence has shown that using a secure detention facility for low-risk youth can have a negative impact on long term positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County Juvenile Probation has invested in alternative strategies to working with youth and families to resolve conflict and provide rehabilitative opportunities resulting in a reduced need for secure detention of juveniles; and

WHEREAS, contrary to the prior population growth projections for Nevada County between 2000 to 2020, demographic data from the United States Census Bureau shows the population of Nevada County has plateaued in the last decade, going from 98,205 in 2009 to 99,715 in 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the enactment of the above described strategies related to the working with justice-involved youth in combination with stagnant County population growth is resulting in fewer juvenile arrests in Nevada County, from 435 bookings in 2005, down to 133 bookings in 2019; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the Youth Center's average daily population was 21. However, it has declined to three offenders per day during the last 12 months, which is a drastic and unforeseen drop. Due to the declining population the average daily cost has increased by more than 200% over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2020/21 adopted budget for the Youth Center is \$3.04 million, which includes \$1.67 million of general fund dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County will have agreements in place with other jurisdictions to safely house detained youth, thereby resulting in significant projected cost savings to the County; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2019, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors considered recommendations presented by an interdepartmental County workgroup pertaining to the repurposing of the Youth Center in light of the Center's low census, and approved an Expanded Youth Facility Recommendation, including the proposed relocation of the Earle Jamieson Continuation School; and

WHEREAS, due to unexpected high renovation costs projected for the relocation of Earle Jamieson Continuation School, as well as an inadequate commitment of youth prevention program providers combined with the low average daily local youth detention population, the Youth Facility option has been determined to be unfeasible at this time; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, closure of the Youth Center is deemed the most suitable option at this time; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Youth Center will not impact the current planned move of the Nevada County Sheriff's Dispatch to the administrative area of the Youth Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of Nevada that:

1. A combination of new strategies for dealing with justice-involved youth, stagnant County population growth, and a very-low average daily population of detained youth in the Youth Center are the circumstances that are drastically opposite to what was forecasted to occur from 2000 to 2020 in Nevada County when grant funding was used for expanding the facility to adequately house the projected increase in juvenile offenders.
2. Other juvenile detention facilities are available to safely house Nevada County youth at a lower cost to the taxpayers of the State of California and Nevada County, and therefore the Nevada County Carl F. Bryan II Youth Center is not needed, and the facility is ordered to close on or before June 30, 2021.
3. The Nevada County Chief Probation Officer, Nevada County Counsel and County Executive Officer, and/or their designee(s), are authorized to represent and act on the County's behalf for obtaining a change of facility use approval to close and re-open the facility for any criminal justice related purpose.
4. The County Executive Officer and/or his designee is authorized to sign any and all documents pertaining to changing the facility's use as required by the DOJ or BSCC, upon receiving as to form approval by County Counsel, if necessary.