



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
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**MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Phillip D. Bennett called the closed session to order at 11:00 a.m., with Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Henry C. Veatch, Terry Woodrow and Tom Sweeney present.

Chair Bennett announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following items. Upon reconvening from closed session, Chair Bennett announced the Board had been in closed session and gave the following report:

**1.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator - (GC § § 54954.5 and 54957.6):**

**Agency Negotiator: William May**

**Employee Organizations: OE Local 3, Alpine County Deputy Sheriff's Association and Alpine County Law Enforcement Management Association.**

Direction given; no action taken.

**1.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release (1) (GC Section 54954.5 & 54957)**

Direction given; no action taken.

**2. CALL TO ORDER, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SITS AS OFFICERS: LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION / BOARD OF EQUALIZATION / WATER AGENCY. None.**

**3. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

Supervisors Donald M. Jardine, Henry C. Veatch, Phillip D. Bennett, Terry Woodrow, and Tom Sweeney were present. Chair Woodrow called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**3.1 a) Selection of Chair for calendar year 2009. The presiding officer shall also serve as the Chair of the Local Transportation Commission, the County Board of Equalization and the County Water Agency, when such bodies are called into session.**

**MOTION Jardine/SECOND Veatch appointing Phillip D. Bennett as Chair of Board of Supervisors, Local Transportation Commission, County Board of Equalization and County Water Agency for calendar year 2009.**

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**b) Selection of Vice-Chair for calendar year 2009.**

**MOTION Veatch/SECOND Woodrow appointing Donald M. Jardine as Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2009.**

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**c) Selection of Board committee appointments for calendar year 2009.**

Supervisor Sweeney agreed to assume all committee duties previously performed by Supervisor Kaiser.

**MOTION Woodrow/SECOND Veatch approving Board committee appointments for calendar year 2009.**

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATION – GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

This portion of the meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Supervisors on subjects relating to County business. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda.

**Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department Update:** Volunteer Jim Haen reported the volunteer fire department had responded to 153 incidents in 2008; would host a first responder 40 hour training class over the next two weekends.

**Family Support Council Update:** Coordinator Susan Lippmann reported the Holiday Food and Toy drive was a success; the community had been generous.

**5. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

**Public Works Update:** Director Public Works Dennis Cardoza reported Airport Road was closed; Diamond Valley School fuels reduction had been completed; the Woodfords Community park was 99% complete.

**Community Development Department Update:** Community Development Director Brian Peters distributed the General Plan Amendments to Board members; copies would be available at the County Clerk's front desk, the Community Development Department and the County website; a public hearing regarding the amendments would be held on 1/20/2009; the noise ordinance would be on the Planning Commission agenda in late January.

**6. BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

**Supervisor District 1 Donald M. Jardine** would attend a Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on 1/21; California Water Quality Control Board Lahonton Region meeting on 1/14 and 1/15.

**Supervisor District 2 Henry C. Veatch** attended the Alpine Kids New Years Eve party on 12/31; swearing in ceremony on 1/5; would attend Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District meeting on 1/16; reported there would be a blood drive hosted by Alpine Kids at Turtle Rock Park on 1/12.

**Supervisor District 3 Phillip D. Bennett** attended the swearing in ceremony on 1/5; Family Support Council meeting on 1/7; Woodfords Community Council meeting on 1/7.

**Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow** attended the swearing in ceremony for Jill Wegenstein at Bear Valley; the swearing in ceremony in Markleeville on 1/5; would attend a meeting with Director of Public Works and S.C.I. regarding Bear Valley garbage service on 1/7; Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority meeting on 1/9.

**Supervisor District 5 Tom Sweeney** attended the swearing in ceremony on 1/5; would meet with Carson Water Subconservancy District General Manager Ed James on 1/7.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Matters that are routine and non-controversial and are usually approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately.

Chair Bennett asked if there were any comments or questions on any consent agenda items and there were none.

**MOTION Veatch/SECOND Woodrow approving the remainder of the consent agenda as follows:**

- 7.1 Regular meeting minutes of 12/16/2008.
- 7.2 County Claims.
- 7.3 Hire Kathleen DeSocio as the Fiscal and Technical Specialist, Community Development/Public Works departments, Salary Range 43/Step 3 (\$3687/month), effective January 1, 2009.
- 7.4 Adoption of **Resolution R2009-03** appointing Pamela Knorr, County Administrative Officer, as the Interim Director of Mental Health Services.
- 7.5 Adoption of **Resolution R2009-01** authorizing Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign approved contracts during the calendar year 2009.
- 7.6 **Proclamation P2009-01** declaring a Local State of Emergency created by litigation banning stocking of nonnative fish.
- 7.7 **CC2009-01** 2008-2009 grant application for Center for Disease Control, General Fund Pandemic Influenza and Hospital Preparedness Program.
- 7.8 Letter to appoint Supervisor Don Jardine as the representative to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Eastern Sub-Region.
- 7.9 Appointment of Donna Miller to the Alpine County Local Childcare Planning Council as a Community Representative for an unspecified term.
- 7.10 Appointment of Kimi Johnson to the Alpine County Children and Families Commission First 5 Alpine for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2011.
- 7.11 Appointment of Catherine "Tippy" Czadek-Smokey to the Alpine County Family Support and Child Abuse Prevention Council for the unexpired term ending 12/31/2010.

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

8. **BID OPENINGS / PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.

9. **REGULAR AGENDA – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.1 **Continued discussion and possible action regarding Auditor Staff Report - year to date budget update. - Auditor/Controller**

Treasurer/Tax Collector/Recorder Carol McElroy reported there was a 10% (about \$400,000) delinquency on taxes, up 1% from last year; all departments were within their allocated budgets; all deficits in funds were due to grant funds being held at the State level; the deficit was about \$764,000.

County Administrative Officer Pamela Knorr reported a letter was received this morning regarding withholding payments of State funding streams; would discuss in further detail with Auditor/Controller and the Treasurer/Tax Collector/Recorder.

Director Public Works Dennis Cardoza reported all construction funded by Sate grants had been halted pending payment.

9.2 **Continued update and presentation by US Forest Service representatives regarding issues affecting Alpine County. (Ref: 10-03-95 and continuing the first meeting of every month.)**

District Ranger Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger Genny Wilson gave the following report:

- Forestdale Road had been closed per Winter Recreation Plan.
- Lake Tahoe Adventures' permit was up for renewal; new permit applications would go through the environmental planning process public meetings would be held mid March.

- Had received several calls regarding resident parking on Blue Lakes Road; researching the role of the Forest Service and County easements along the highway.
- The Forest Service had zero tolerance for wilderness violations by snowmobiles; citations would be issued.
- The Paiute Cutthroat Trout Restoration Project was running one month behind.
- Continued to develop the Resource Advisory Committee; new members could take up to four months to be approved; previous members would be processed sooner; all projects must be identified and voted on by 9/30/09.

**9.3 Continued consideration of options related to transfer of Court Facilities pursuant to AB1732, AB 1491 and SB 10. – CAO**

County Administrative Officer Pamela Knorr reported the County had two options regarding the transfer of Court Facilities; a Transfer of Responsibility or a Historic MOU; County had not been in compliance since 9/30/2008 and would pay a 3% penalty.

Direction was given to CAO to develop a Transfer of Responsibility.

**10. REGULAR AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS**

**10.1 Assemblyman Gaines will address the Board of Supervisors to provide a brief update of state issues and answering any questions the board members may have. - CAO**

Assemblyman Ted Gaines gave a brief report on current budget challenges at the State level and reviewed bills he would introduce in the future. Gaines answered questions from the Board and constituents.

**10.2 Request approval to implement a County Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) as mandated by Senate Bill 420 (Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003) - Richard Harvey, MD/PHO**

Public Health Officer Richard Harvey MD reviewed the proposed Medical Marijuana Program.

County Administrative Officer Pamela Knorr reported that Medical Marijuana advocate group Access America, would pursue litigation if the County did not implement the mandate.

Supervisor Veatch reported that the State should run the program, rather than force counties to comply with yet another unfunded State mandate; until there was reconciliation between State and Federal laws regarding Medical Marijuana he would not support the program.

**MOTION Jardine/SECOND Sweeney approving implementation of a County Medical Marijuana Program (MMP) as mandated by Senate Bill 420 (Chapter 875, Statutes of 2003).**

**AYES: Supervisor Jardine, Bennett, Woodrow, Sweeney;**

**NOES: Supervisor Veatch;**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**10.3 Discussion and public input regarding the Department of Fish and Game intent to recommend to the Fish and Game Commission the 2009-2010 Deer Hunts: J-7 Carson River Apprentice Either Sex Deer Hunt. - CAO**

Local Fish and Game Commission member Dave Zellmer explained this program had not changed from years past and reported the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission was in full support.

**10.4 Request approval to change Hawkins Peak Request for Bids (RFB) bidding date due to release addendum II. – Sheriff**

**MOTION Jardine/SECOND Veatch approving changing the Hawkins Peak Request for Bids (RFB) bidding date due to release addendum II.**

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**10.5 Request for approval to purchase 2009 Summit Ski Doo snowmobile from Bear Valley Snowmobile for \$9849.10 plus tax for winter OHV patrol and authorization to expend funds from 295-295-57500-758 (Vehicles) – Sheriff**

**MOTION Jardine/SECOND Woodrow approving the purchase of 2009 Summit Ski Doo snowmobile from Bear Valley Snowmobile for \$9849.10 plus tax for winter OHV patrol and authorization to expend funds from 295-295-57500-758 (Vehicles)  
ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

- 10.6 Request approval of sole source resolution to purchase phone system from Verizon approval of contingency transfer of \$5966.48 from 100-149-54200-420 to 100-149-57100-715 Misc Office Equip - Major and authorization for Auditor/Controller to make budget transfer. – Sheriff**

**MOTION Jardine/SECOND Veatch approving sole source Resolution No. R2009-02 to purchase phone system from Verizon contingent on removal of provision #21 from the contract; approving contingency transfer of \$5966.48 from 100-149-54200-420 to 100-149-57100-715 Misc Office Equip - Major and authorizing Auditor/Controller to make budget transfer.  
ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

- 10.7 Request Board acceptance of roads within the Carson Ridge Subdivision (PCF 2001-25) for maintenance by the County, with the exclusion of snow removal - Director Public Works**

Director Public Works Dennis Cardoza reported County Counsel had recommended the item be continued until a policy regarding county- wide road acceptance was developed.

County Administrative Officer Pamela Knorr reported she had received correspondence from several constituents regarding road acceptance and agreed with County Counsel's recommendation.

Alpine County resident Nancy Thornburg read a letter from Fritz Thornburg addressed to the Board. The letter urged the Board to not accept the road because funding for roads was declining, the contractor was told at the beginning of the process the roads would not be accepted, the subdivision homeowners would want snow removal, a precedent for other areas would be set; and the engineering on the road was insufficient.

Alpine County resident Chris Hartnett expressed concerns about the current condition of existing accepted County roads and the lack of funding to repair them; the taxpayers would be burdened with repairing a road that was not engineered correctly to begin with.

**ITEM CONTINUED.**

- 10.8 Quarterly Report- Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services Director**

Health and Human Services Director Hugh Margesson reviewed the status of Health and Human Services programs; Consultant John Blacklock would conduct training on 2/24; reported Health and Human Services would continue to provide transportation services.

Staff Services Manger 1- Fiscal Stacy Olson gave a fiscal update reporting four of the five HHS funds were solvent.

**11. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 11.1 County Administrative Officer update and oral communication.**

County Administrative Officer Pamela Knorr provided the following report:

- Would meet with RCRC and Legislative staff to discuss their efforts regarding the stimulus package.
- Received correspondence from CSAC regarding current financial outlook for the state; would meet with Auditor and Treasurer to discuss further.
- Met with Director Public Works regarding the \$400,000 of County expended funds awaiting withheld State reimbursement.
- Reported theft of several pieces of equipment from the Kirkwood Volunteer Fire department.
- Two Volunteer Fire department GPS units were unaccounted for due to policy misinterpretation.

- Equipment would be moved from the Woodfords Volunteer Fire Station to the Woodford's Community Fire Station to make room for a medical unit.
- Met with E Squared C regarding video conferencing for Bear Valley.

**11.2 County Counsel update and oral communication.**

County Counsel Martin Fine had nothing further to report.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleeville, California.**

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Phillip Bennett Chair, Board of Supervisors  
County of Alpine, State of California

**ATTEST:**

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Barbara Howard, County Clerk & ex officio  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
By Sarah Simis, Assistant County Clerk