



APPROVED AS CORRECTED 8/17/2010

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
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**MINUTES**  
**August 3, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Donald M. Jardine called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Supervisors Henry C. Veatch, Phillip D. Bennett, Terry Woodrow and Tom Sweeney present.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Jardine announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session to discuss the following items.

Upon reconvening from closed session, Chair Jardine announced the Board had been in closed session and gave the following report.

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

Agency Negotiator: William May and/or CAO, Pamela Knorr

Employee Organizations: OE Local 3, Alpine County Deputy Sheriff's Assn., OE Local 3, Alpine County Miscellaneous Employees Assn.; and Alpine County Law Enforcement Management Assn.

Information and direction given.

**2.2 Conference with Legal Counsel - EXISTING LITIGATION (GC § 54956.9 (a)) Case: 6-14220-42**

**CONTINUED TO A FUTURE BOARD MEETING.**

**2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9(a)) Fontana vs. Alpine County, et al. US Dist. No. 2:10-CV-00710-JAM-KJN**

Information given.

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

**4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**5. 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.

**Alpine Kids Update:** Financial Officer Eddie + {Edie} + Veatch gave a brief overview of the activities they had hosted in the last fiscal year and the number of participants; reported a blood drive would be held on 8/11; read letters from two teenage Alpine Kids members describing how much they enjoyed the events and hoped the Board would fund Alpine Kids in the future. ,

**Bear Update:** Resident Rob Levy reported the River Ranch area was experiencing bear problems and reminded everyone to properly dispose of garbage; California Fish and Game had been contacted regarding a particular bear that had injured a horse.

**Live Board Meetings:** Resident Nancy Thornburg requested the Clerk be allowed to purchase an electronic device that would indicate if board meeting participant's microphones were working. Thornburg reported there had been several meetings that she had tried to listen to and she was not able to hear County Counsel, the County Administrative Officer and some of the Board members.

**6. DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Community Development Department Update:** Director Brian Peters reported the Alpine Village paving project had been completed; the next round of RAC funding requests were due on September 1; would place on the next Board agenda to discuss proposals; Sierra Nevada Conservancy was issuing another round of funding; would participate in a webinar to see if the funds could be utilized by the County.

**Health and Human Services Update:** Director Stacy Olson reported that ARA funds were available through 9/30; several subsidized employment positions had been created and the department was developing a back to school supplies program for eligible children with a portion of the remaining funds.

**7. BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

**Supervisor District 1 Donald M. Jardine** attended a meeting with Phillip Bennett and DeAnn Roberts on 7/20; attended the Kirkwood Wildflower Festival on 7/31; Friends of the Library Music in the Park event on 7/31; would attend the Volunteer Fire Department's wild land fire training on 8/3; Stewardship Council Blue Lakes Planning Unit Field Trip on 8/5; District 1 meeting on 8/7; Friends of the Library Music in the Park event on 8/7; Watershed Group meeting on 8/10.

**Supervisor District 2 Henry C. Veatch** attended the Death Ride appreciation dinner on 7/21; Caples Lake Boat ramp dedication on 7/23; Golden Sierra Job Training Agency meeting on 8/4; reported Alpine Kids would host a blood drive on 8/11; would attend the Ted Gaines Community meeting on 8/18, Woodfords Mutual Water Company meeting on 8/18.

**Supervisor District 3 Phillip D. Bennett** attended a MHSA program public hearing on 7/21; cultural sensitivity training on 7/21; would attend a Community Council meeting on 8/5; training on 8/15 through 8/20; reported the Community Center hosted a children's hiking trip to the Grand Canyon using grant dollars.

**Supervisor District 4 Terry Woodrow** attended a CSA #1 meeting on 7/21; Death Ride appreciation dinner on 7/21; Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority meeting on 7/23; Ebbett's Pass Scenic Byway meeting on 7/26; Calaveras Fire Safe Council meeting on 7/28; Central Sierra Child Support Agency Board of Directors meeting on 7/29; would attend a Central Sierra Planning Council and Economic Development District meeting on 8/4; Stewardship Council Blue Lakes Planning Unit Field Trip on 8/5; Bear Valley Business Association meeting on 8/11; Mountain Valley EMS meeting on 8/11; Chamber Mixer on 8/18; reported the Bear Valley Music Festival kicked off on 7/30 and would continue until 8/15.

**Supervisor District 5 Tom Sweeney** attended a Carson Water Subconservancy District meeting on 7/21; Friends of the Library Music in the Park event on 7/31; would attend a District 5 meeting on 8/14.

**8. 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 Jardine asked if there were any public comments on any consent agenda items:

Resident Kris Hartnett commented on item 8.6. Hartnett reported the County should request that Sierra Pacific Power Company provide a pole maintenance schedule as part of the franchise agreement.

Resident Rob Levy commented on item 8.6. Levy reported Sierra Pacific Power Company was not offering Alpine County residents rebates for alternative power and that it should be addressed before granting the franchise.

Resident Nancy Thornburg commented on item 8.8. Thornburg reported Turtle Rock Park would be under construction; the venue would be changed to the Library Park.

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

- 8.1 Request approval of regular meeting minutes of 7/20/2010.
- 8.2 Request approval of County Claims.
- 8.3 Hire Lisa Hayes for Sheriff's Office Fiscal & Technical Specialist at Range 43/Step 1(\$3,344 per month) effective 8/1/10, pending successful completion of physical testing and background check.
- 8.4 Promote Tyree Holdridge and Tim Bottomley to Deputy Sheriff I effective August 1, 2010 and salary increase to Range 42/Step 1 (\$3565/month) pending successful completion of Basic Deputy Sheriff Academy.
- 8.5 **Contract No. CC2010-70** for Museum Curator for fiscal year July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.
- 8.6 **Resolution No. R2010-32** intent of the Board of Supervisors to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Sierra Pacific Power Company for the continued use of County rights of way to transmit and conduct electricity in the County and to set the public hearing on 8/17.
- 8.7 **Resolution No. R2010-33** appointing Mark Phillips to the County Service Area (CSA) #1 Board of Directors for the unexpired term ending December 2, 2011.
- 8.8 Schedule a public meeting with Congressman Dan Lungren for September 8, 2010 and a luncheon with Board of Supervisor members and the Congressman.
- 8.9 Submission of the Equitable Sharing Agreement **CC2010-71** and Certification for Equitable Sharing of Assets Forfeited as a result of investigations the Alpine County Sheriff's Office contributed; and authorization for the Sheriff and Chair to execute the agreement.
- 8.10 Letter to the Lake Alpine Water Company in support of the proposed BVRI rate design in lieu of the California Public Utility Commission standard rate design.

**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9. **BID OPENINGS / PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.
- 10. **REGULAR AGENDA – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 10.1 **Continued discussion of status and progress of County communications system construction update. (Ref. 8-18-2009 and continuing each meeting) A) Hawkins Peak B) Leviathan Peak.**

Undersheriff Rob Levy gave the following report:

- A) Carlton Engineering conducted a complete site tour; the tower platform grading support would need an engineering fix; developing a FCC form 620 for a federal environmental review.
- B) Leviathan Peak MOU with California Highway Patrol was being reviewed by County Counsel and was slated to be on the next Board agenda.

**11. REGULAR AGENDA-NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the closure of Indian Valley in the El Dorado National Forest – CAO**

District Ranger Doug Barber of the Eldorado National Forest Amador Ranger District reported that in March 2008 the Forest Service signed the Eldorado National Forest Travel Management Plan which designated routes the public could travel on; under the new plan cross county travel was not permitted and the public would have to be on a designated route. Barber reported routes that crossed private property but did not have easements were not included in the plan; Indian Valley was one of those routes. Barber explained that to open Indian Valley, an easement would need to be obtained from Alpine Land and Reservoir Company for the private parcel; once that was done NEPA would need to be completed to reverse the Forest Service's decision to close the road and for it to be placed back on the map as a designated route. Barber reported that if the County claimed the road as a RS2477 road and it met the criteria, then it would no longer be subject to Forest Service jurisdiction and NEPA would not need to be completed; the Forest Service would have no objection to the County claiming the road under RS2477.

Residents Bud Lewis, Marilyn Lewis and Melanie Sue Bowers all spoke against the closure of the Indian Valley road; they disagreed with Forest Service reasons for closing the road and claimed it had been closed due to a staff member's personal agenda; disagreed with the designation of Indian Valley as once being a wet meadow; closure of the road was displacing people and sending them across their property, which did not have an easement and does not have any services to offer.

Resident Nancy Thornburg reported her biggest concern was the incremental take over of County land by the U.S. Forest Service and the incremental closure of those lands.

Board consensus was to keep Indian Valley Road open; Supervisor Veatch would research the RS2477 status and Community Development Director Brian Peters would research an easement with Alpine Land and Reservoir Company and both would bring back to a future board meeting.

**11.2 Discussion regarding the establishment of a new Lieutenant position in the Sheriff's Office and possible direction to staff to produce a job description, salary range, recruitment and adjustment to the county position allocation list. – Sheriff**

Undersheriff Rob Levy reported the proposed reorganization was included as part of the Sheriff's Office 2010-2011 budget; the reorganization would provide a cost savings to the County of \$109,000 annually; the new Lieutenant position's primary focus would be grant administration and supervision of a sergeant and deputies. Levy explained that because the position would be paid for by grant funds that should those funds be terminated so would the position.

**MOTION Woodrow/SECOND Veatch approving the establishment of a new Lieutenant position in the Sheriff's Office and direction to staff to produce a job description, salary range, recruitment and an adjustment to the County position allocation list.**  
**ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**11.3 Request for approval to submit application for 2010 Homeland Security Grant funding, request for adoption of governing body resolution authorizing Robert Levy, Pamela Knorr, and Michelle McLelland to act as authorized agents to execute grant documents necessary to obtain Federal funding for the 2010 Homeland Security Grant. – Sheriff**

Undersheriff Rob Levy reported the application deadline would fall between Board meetings therefore it was requested the Board approve the application even though it may change; the final application would be brought back for ratification; the grant would fund power generators for the Woodfords pump system.

**MOTION Veatch/SECOND Woodrow approving submittal of an application for the 2010 Homeland Security Grant funding, adoption of governing body Resolution No. R2010-34 authorizing**

**Robert Levy, Pamela Knorr, and Michelle McLelland to act as authorized agents to execute grant documents necessary to obtain Federal funding for the 2010 Homeland Security Grant.  
ALL AYES: MOTION CARRIED.**

**11.4 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the maintenance or demolition of the foot bridge located on the Markleeville Guard Station property. – CAO**

Board consensus was to direct the Forest Service to not remove the footbridge during the reclamation process.

Risk Manager Randi Makley reported there would be risk liability associated with the footbridge and it would have to be inspected and maintained according to State standards.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS** None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board adjourned to the regular meeting of August 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleeville, California.**

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Donald M. Jardine 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