

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, January 2, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 2nd day of January 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Valenzuela. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members receive no additional compensation for sitting as members of the Siskiyou County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Siskiyou Power Authority, County Service Area 4 and Airport Land Use Commission. Supervisor Valenzuela led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors – Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024. Supervisor Kobseff elected Chair and Supervisor Ogren elected Vice Chair for 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to elect Supervisor Kobseff as Chair for 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to elect Supervisor Ogren as Vice Chair for 2024.

Board of Supervisors' Requests - Board of Supervisors – Grant County Officials permission to leave the State of California and the United States during 2024. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to grant County Officials permission to leave the State of California and the United States during 2024.

Presentations from the Public

SEIU Local 2015 representative Marisa Martinez appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the County working with the Union to increase wages and develop a contract with In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers. Ms. Martinez shared concerns regarding the low wages IHSS workers are paid.

IHSS workers Misty Clifford and Cynthia Seaver appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding fast-food employees that receive higher wages than IHSS workers and spoke in support of a dollar an hour increase and a contract.

Participation in presentations from the public was provided by ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Kathleen Casey shared concerns regarding the potential for mudflows in the area of the Upland Highlands subdivision and requested development of a study of the area with regard to those possible flows.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request, item 6L, Public Works' request to approve Local Transportation Fund Claim for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Haupt's request, item 6A, County Administration's letter to CAL FIRE expressing support for the Jefferson Resource Company's grant application, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Criss' request, item 6M, Butte Valley Irrigation District's Appointment In Lieu of Election request, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

County Clerk

Approve agreement with the California Secretary of State to provide reimbursement with Federal HAVA funds for polling place accessibility training, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, for the term January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and grant authority for the County Clerk to enter into the proposed contract, authorizing execution of the agreement and to submit the attached Contractor Certification Clause and authorize the Auditor to establish budget appropriations per grant guidelines.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Airport Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Brandon Fawaz for the term of 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2028.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the First Addendum to the Airport Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Charles Jopson to replace Exhibit C to the lease.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the First Addendum to the Airport Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Charles Jopson to replace Exhibit C to the lease.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Second Addendum to the Weed Airport Ground Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Duane Brooks.

General Services - Airports

Authorize the Chair to execute the Airport Hanger Lease between the County of Siskiyou and Mario Galliano for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution 24-01 accepting the California Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Justice-Involved Planning and Capacity Building Program Grant and authorize the Auditor to establish the budget.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the First Addendum to the Contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health Division and Champ Software, Inc. for the term of the contract through June 30, 2025, in the amount NTE \$62,886.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve addendum to contract with Solutions West, Inc., for Medi-Cal renewal processing assistance, deleting and replacing Exhibit A - Scope of Services and increasing the contract by \$70,983 to a total not to exceed \$514,103.

Probation

Approve First Addendum to the agreement between BI, Incorporated and Siskiyou County Probation incorporating additional BI analytical services.

Grenada Irrigation District

Approve the following appointments (in lieu of election) to the Board of Directors of Grenada Irrigation District, each to a four year term, ending December 3, 2027: Rodney Dowse; Charles Cash; Steven Edmond Mains.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Scott Valley Irrigation District

Approve the following appointment (in lieu of election) to the Board of Directors of Scott Valley Irrigation District, each to a four year term ending December 3, 2027: Paul C. Sweezey, Sr.

Transfer of Funds - Courthouse & Grounds - \$3,400. Resolution 24-02 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$1,077. Resolution 24-03 adopted.

Transfer of Funds - Sheriff - \$196,500. Resolution 24-04 adopted.

County Administration - Approve letter to CAL FIRE expressing support for the Jefferson Resource Company's application for the Weed Community Forest Restoration & Enhancement Project Forest Health Grant. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board. In response to Supervisor Haupt regarding the areas of the County affected by the grant application, Ms. Nielsen advised that this item was related to clean up efforts in the area of the Mountain Fire.

Following discussion between Supervisor Haupt and Ms. Nielsen regarding the areas affected by other recent wildfires and possible forest health/cleanup projects, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the letter to CAL FIRE and authorize the Chair to sign.

Public Works – Road - Approve Local Transportation Fund Claim for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, in the amount of \$613,838 for Public Transit; \$455,433 for Streets and Roads. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham's request. Ms. Winningham advised that the Local Transportation Fund Claim form had been revised to clarify that the Board Chair would sign the document by removing reference to the Department of Public Works on the signature line on page 2 of the form.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve and authorize chairperson to sign the Local Transportation Fund Claim for FY 23/24 in the amount of \$1,069,271.00 and authorize the Auditor to adjust the budget for the Road Department.

Butte Valley Irrigation District - Appoint In Lieu of Election, Ronald Criss to the Butte Valley Irrigation District, for a four year term ending December 3, 2027. Ronald Criss appointed in lieu of election.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Criss' request. Supervisor Criss recused himself from consideration of the item and left the Board Chambers.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to approve the following appointment (in lieu of election) to the Board of Directors of Butte Valley Irrigation District, each to a four year term: Ronald Criss.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re development of a grant application to CalTrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program for Zero Emission Vehicle funding. Approved.

Deputy County Administrator Elizabeth Nielsen appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to work with the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) to develop a grant application for Zero Emission Vehicle funding. Ms. Nielsen advised that Siskiyou, Modoc and Trinity counties would be considered a region with regard to the grant funding application.

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County Administration – (continued)

Following discussion between members of the Board and Mr. Nielsen regarding the type of grant funding available (i.e. planning or implementation), the need to request inclusion of areas off of the I-5 corridor, the need for coordination with other counties/stats, if possible and the use of the counties and/or RCRC's efforts as in-kind match for the grant, it was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve County staff to work with RCRC to develop a grant application and necessary documents for ZEV funding. Staff also requests that the County Administrator, or their designee, be authorized to sign any necessary documents related to this effort if timing is critical. Staff will then bring any such documents to the Board for ratification.

General Services – Sanitation - Discussion, direction and possible action re update concerning emergency repairs being done to the Oberlin Road Transfer Station pursuant to Public Contract Code (PCC) Section 22050(a)(1) and request to continue the emergency declaration to allow for needed repairs. Request approved; emergency continued.

General Services Project Coordinator Amanda Kimball appeared before the Board and distributed a 22-page packet of photos indicating the progress being made to make emergency repairs at the Oberlin road Transfer Station. Ms. Kimball requested that the emergency be continued in order that the ongoing repairs to the facility's Push Wall can be completed.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve an emergency update in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22050 for emergency repairs to the Oberlin Transfer Station, and affirm by a 4/5 vote the emergency declaration remains necessary and authorize staff to proceed with needed repairs.

County Administration - Presentation of an update on development of a strategic plan for broadband infrastructure in the County. Presentation and discussion only.

Participation in this agenda item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Tilson Technology representative Shelley Westfall presented a powerpoint presentation, including the Broadband Planning and Feasibility Study that was developed and an overview of the timeline associated with finalizing the Study document and the outreach and engagement that was made targeting businesses, Internet Service Providers (ISP) and communities in the County. Ms. Westfall provided a brief overview of the various sections in the Study, highlighting and summarizing the Sections: Broadband Funding Strategies, What is a Smart Community (i.e. digitally connected) and Recommendations/Next Steps (i.e. incorporation of comments/questions with delivery of the final Study in the first quarter of 2024).

Caller Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) representative Barbara Hayes provided a brief overview of the process in which the Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) submitted a grant proposal to the US Department of Commerce to develop strategic plans for rural counties, advising that Senate Bill (SB) 156 provided funding and the ability for counties to play a bigger role in the broadband discussion and development.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Hayes and Ms. Westfall regarding concerns that the County lacks the resources/capacity to provide sufficient public outreach, the assistance/guidance that RCRC and GSFA can provide moving forward, the need to reach out to the ISPs that provide service in the County, concerns regarding the cost of internet service in the County rather than the lack of service providers, concerns and the need for additional information regarding the inability of Klamath River communities to access fiber optic cables installed along the river corridor, competition that could happen with development of an Open Access internet service, the need to research what partnerships with local telephone/internet providers would look like and the potential benefits that a Broadband Coordinator position could provide the County and RCRC/GSFA.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Modoc/Siskiyou Community Action Agency Board, for terms ending December 31, 2027. Renate Funke appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that incumbent Renate Funke was interested in reappointment to the Modoc/Siskiyou Community Action Agency (MSCAA) Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Renate Funke to the scheduled vacancy on the Modoc/Siskiyou Community Action Agency Board, for a term ending December 31, 2027 and continue the remaining vacancy to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to an unscheduled vacancy on the Local Child Care Planning Council, for a term ending February 28, 2024. Dropped from the agenda.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had not received any letters of interest in the vacancy. Ms. Winningham requested that this item be dropped from the agenda, as the same position, as a scheduled vacancy, would be posted and be brought back before the Board of Supervisors in March.

Chair Kobseff advised that this item was dropped from the agenda.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Law Library Advisory Board for terms ending December 31, 2024. John Quinn appointed; remaining vacancies continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received a letter of interest in reappointment from incumbent John Quinn and a letter of no interest from Matthew Kane. Mr. Winningham requested that the remaining vacancies be continued.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint John Quinn to the scheduled vacancy on the Law Library Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2024 and continue the remaining vacancies to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of three members to the scheduled vacancies on the Behavioral Health Services Board for terms ending December 31, 2026. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had not received any letters of interest in filling the available positions on the Behavioral Health Services Board. Ms. Winningham additionally advised that incumbent Dee McGuffey stated that she was not interested in reappointment.

Chair Kobseff advised that this item was continued to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District, to represent the Scott Valley Service Area and the Shasta Valley Service Area, for terms ending December 15, 2027. Jim Morris (Scott) and Tony Bishop (Shasta) appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office received letters/emails stating interest in serving on the District Board from incumbent Tony Bishop and Jim Morris for each of the Service Areas. Ms. Winningham additionally advised that both were eligible to serve on the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Jim Morris and Tony Bishop to the scheduled vacancies on the Scott Valley and Shasta Valley Watermaster District, to represent the Scott Valley Service Area and the Shasta Valley Service Area, respectively, for terms ending December 15, 2027.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment to various scheduled vacancies on seven Cemetery Districts, for full terms ending January 3, 2028, as follows: Etna - two vacancies; Fort Jones - two vacancies; Happy Camp – two vacancies; Henley-Hornbrook – three vacancies; Lakeview – one vacancy; Lakeview – one vacancy; Shasta Valley – two vacancies. Various appointments made. Vacancies on the Henley-Hornbrook and Shasta Valley Cemetery Districts were continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the County’s seven cemetery districts had vacancies to fill. The vacancies were filled as follows:

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Teryl Drager and Richard Kramer to the scheduled vacancies on the Etna Cemetery District for terms ending January 3, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Kevin Hullquist and Michelle Decausmaker to the scheduled vacancies on the Fort Jones Cemetery District for terms ending January 3, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Sara Spence and Ellen Johnson to the scheduled vacancies on the Happy Camp Cemetery District for terms ending January 3, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Amiee Bortolussi to the scheduled vacancy on the Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery District for a term ending January 3, 2028 and continue the remaining vacancies to a later date.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Patricia Cacka-Williams to the scheduled vacancy on the Lakeview Cemetery District for a term ending January 3, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Randy Dixon to the scheduled vacancy on the Picard Cemetery District for a term ending January 3, 2028.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Rory McNeil to the scheduled vacancy on the Shasta Valley Cemetery District for a term ending January 3, 2028 and continue the remaining vacancy to a later date.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District, for a term ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum. Jimmie Palmer appointed to create a quorum.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Jimmie Palmer was interested and eligible to serve on the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Jimmie Palmer to the scheduled vacancy on the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District, for a term ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Grenada Sanitation District, for terms ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum. Phil Peck and William Haars appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Phil Peck and William Haars were interested and eligible to serve on the Grenada Sanitation District.

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Appointments - County Clerk – (continued)

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Phil Peck and William Haars to the scheduled vacancies on the Grenada Sanitation District for terms ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the scheduled vacancy on the Butte Valley Fire Protection District, for a term ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum. Manfred Lutz appointed.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham provided an overview of the request, advising that Manfred Lutz and Wilda Vanderboegh were interested and eligible to serve on the Butte Valley Fire Protection District. Ms. Wunningham advised that appointment of a member to fill one vacancy was needed to establish a quorum.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to appoint Manfred Lutz to the scheduled vacancy on the Butte Valley Fire Protection District for a term ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of two members to the scheduled vacancies on the Callahan Water District, for terms ending December 3, 2027, to establish a quorum. Continued to January 16, 2024. Continued to January 16, 2024.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham provided an overview of the request, advising that the Clerk's Office had not heard from anyone interested in filling the two vacancies on the Callahan Water District. Ms. Wunningham requested continuation of this item to the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Haupt advised that he had not heard from anyone either.

Chair Kobseff advised that this item was continued to January 16, 2024.

Minute Approval - December 5 and 12, 2023. December 5, 2023 approved; December 12, 2023 continued to January 16, 2024.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to approve the December 5, 2023 minutes with the following correction:

December 5, 2023, Book 78, page 279

Board and Staff Reports

Corrected from:

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a meeting regarding the McCloud central exit alternatives, the California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA) fundraiser, the Tulelake Christmas Tree Lighting and advised of efforts being made to address minimal staffing at the Butte Valley Ambulance Service. Supervisor Criss additionally advised of his attendance at the annual McCloud Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Corrected to:

Supervisor Criss advised of his attendance at a meeting regarding the McCloud central exit alternatives, a Tiny Mighty Strong fundraiser, the Tulelake Christmas Tree Lighting and advised of efforts being made to address minimal staffing at the Butte Valley Ambulance Service. Supervisor Criss additionally advised of his attendance at the annual McCloud Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Chair Kobseff advised that the December 12, 2023 minutes were continued to January 16, 2024 at Deputy County Clerk Wendy Wunningham's request to clarify language related to the motions made with regard to the City of Mount Shasta Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) agenda item.

Public Hearings - County Counsel - Public hearing for the second reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 39 of Title 2 of the Siskiyou County Code entitled "Copy Fees for Public Record Act Requests" Ordinance 24-01 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the second reading of an ordinance repealing Chapter 39 of Title 2 of the Siskiyou County Code entitled "Copy Fees for Public Record Act Requests", having been introduced on December 5, 2023.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview of the Ordinance repealing copy fees for Public Records Act requests, advising that County departments were not utilizing the fees and that other jurisdictions had been challenged with regard to similar fees. Ms. Reed recommended adoption of the ordinance until such time as there is clarity with regard to the law.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office received correspondence related to this item from the American Civil Liberties Union (ALUC) which had been forwarded to the Board and County staff.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Haupt to introduce, waive the second reading of, and adopt an ordinance repealing Chapter 39 of Title 2 of the Siskiyou County Code Regarding Fees for Public Records Requests. Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO, the motion to adopt Ordinance 24-01 carried.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-23-08, for the Hinton/Embree Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry Project, located north of the City of Montague CA. Resolution 24-05 adopted.

This was the time set for a public hearing consider Resolution approving the rescission and re-entry of existing Williamson Act contracts under Application APA-23-08, for the Hinton/Embree Williamson Act Contract Rescission and Reentry Project, located north of the City of Montague CA.

Supervisor Criss recused himself from consideration of this item and left the Board Chambers.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin provided an overview of the request, recommending approval of the request to rescind property from an existing Williamson Act contract and issue new Williamson Act contracts for each separate property owners. Ms. Cizin additionally recommended that the project be considered exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15317.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-05 approving the rescission and reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-17 and finding the project exempt from CEQA, for the Holm Project, located south of the City of Yreka CA. Resolutions 24-06 (amend) and 24-07 (reentry) adopted.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.
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Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning – (continued)

This was the time set for a public hearing consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-17 and finding the project exempt from CEQA, for the Holm Project, located south of the City of Yreka CA.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin provided an overview of the request, recommending approval of the request to rescind property from existing Williamson Act contracts and issue a new Williamson Act contract under the project proponents' ownership. Ms. Cizin advised that commercial agriculture use would continue on the property and recommended that the project be consider exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15317.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-06 approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt the attached Resolution 24-07 approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-15 and finding the project exempt from CEQA, for the Bacigalupi Project, located east of the City of Montague CA. Resolutions 24-08 (amend) and 24-09 (reentry) adopted.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

This was the time set for a public hearing consider two Resolutions, one approving an amendment to an existing Agricultural Preserve and one approving the rescission and reentry of existing Williamson Act Contracts under Application APA-23-15 and finding the project exempt from CEQA, for the Bacigalupi Project, located east of the City of Montague CA.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin provided an overview of the request, recommending approval of the request to rescind property from an existing Williamson Act contract and issue a new Williamson Act contract under the project proponents' ownership. Ms. Cizin advised that the project would not increase or decrease the acreage under Williamson Act and recommended that the project be considered exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15317.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Ms. Cizin advised that there was no additional cost to the landowner to apply for the Williamson Act/Agricultural Preserve amendment at this time rather than in 1995.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Ogren to determine the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15317, Open Space Easements or Contracts; and adopt the attached Resolution approving the amendment of the existing Agricultural Preserve and establish a new Agricultural Preserve; and adopt the attached Resolution approving the rescission & reentry of the applicable Williamson Act contract. Continued...

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning – (continued)

Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED, the motion to adopt Resolution 24-08 and Resolution 24-09 carried.

Public Hearings - Community Development – Planning - Public hearing to consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for properties under Williamson Act Contract No. 78019, for properties located near the community of Callahan CA. Resolution 24-10 adopted.

Supervisor Criss was recused from consideration of this item and remained outside of the Board Chambers.

This was the time set for a public hearing consider Resolution directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for properties under Williamson Act Contract No. 78019, for properties located near the community of Callahan CA.

Chair Kobseff opened the public hearing.

Associate Planner Bernadette Cizin provided an overview of the request, advising that various property owners were under Williamson Act Contract 78019, including Wildlands Conservancy and Richard Hayden III. Ms. Cizin further advised that three property owners had applied for separate Williamson Act (WA) contracts and were not on the list of those recommended for non-renewal. Ms. Cizin additionally advised that previously the Board of Supervisors did not approve the Wildlands Conservancy's request for a new WA contract and that the Richard Hayden III property under Contract 78019 was substandard in size and did not meet the requirements for a new WA contract. Ms. Cizin recommended that the project be considered exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines section 15317.

In response to the Chair, Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham advised that the Clerk's Office had not received any correspondence related to this item.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was declared closed.

In response to Supervisor Haupt, Ms. Cizin advised that there were no other Hayden property adjacent to the Richard Hayden property and that the Department had reached out, but not heard back from him regarding this matter.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES and Supervisor Criss RECUSED to adopt Resolution 24-10 directing staff to issue a Notice of Non-Renewal for properties under Williamson Act Contract No. 78019, and hereby taking the following actions: the Board of Supervisors determine that the proposed issuance of Non-Renewals of Williamson Act contracts is categorically exempt under Section 15317 of the CEQA Guidelines; and authorize staff to process the Notice of Non-Renewals with any changes directed by the Board.

Supervisor Criss returned to the Board Chambers.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Haupt advised of his attendance at a Conservative Womens Forum in Montague.

Supervisor Criss advised of assisting Santa in Butte Valley.

Supervisor Ogren advised of attending the Conservative Republican Womens luncheon in Montague.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of meeting with Mount Shasta Mercy Medical Center President Roger Page regarding seismic retrofit for hospitals and reported on his attendance at a National Association of Counties (NACO) telecommunications meeting via ZOOM and advised of participating in a NACO Rural Action Caucus.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of his attendance at the monthly California Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) meeting.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, commenced at 10:47 a.m., concluded at 11:35 a.m., with action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 11:35 a.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 15B, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Xao Thao v. County of Siskiyou, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division, Case No. 2:23-cv-02563, Ms. Reed advised that it was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried with a unanimous vote of YES to authorize defense of suit and representation by outside counsel Porter Scott.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy