STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SISKIYOU
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES, JUNE 18, 2019

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 18th day of June 2019; there being present Supervisors Lisa L. Nixon, Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Ed Valenzuela and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Terry Barber, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, 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 Criss. 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 #3, County Service Area #4, County Service Area #5, Airport Land Use Commission and In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority. Supervisor Nixon led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), six cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, commenced at 8:33 a.m., concluded at 10:00 a.m., with action taken.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 10:00 a.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 2A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: United States of America v. Alfred Harding; Capital Investments Trust; Malisa Harding, a.k.a., Malisa De Ochoa; and Siskiyou County, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2-19-CV-00871-WBS-CKD, the Board, on a 5/0 affirmative vote, authorized County Counsel to represent the County in connection with the lawsuit. Motion was made by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried.

INVOCATION - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approved.

At Supervisor Criss’ and County Administrator Terry Barber’s request, item 5N1, Transfer of Funds - Predatory Animal Control - $45,000, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Nixon’s request, item 5D, County Administration’s Resolution declaring intent to sell certain County-owned real property located along Foothill Drive in Yreka, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Criss, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

ASSESSOR
Approve the Megabyte Property Tax System annual maintenance contract, effective July 1, 2019 with the Chair authorized to sign.

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AGRICULTURE - ANIMAL CONTROL
Authorize temporary special assignment pay for the Animal Shelter Technician, position number ANST01, effective June 16, 2019.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
Adopt Resolution 19-80 to change the delivery method to Design/Build and re-establish the AB 900 Project, approve revised project establishment documents and authorize the County Administrative Officer revised as needed to prepare documents for the State Public Works Board approval.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
Approve letter to Congressman Doug LaMalfa requesting that the current mutual aid reimbursement process for California's local fire agencies not be altered before December 31, 2019.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING DIVISION
Approve contract between Community Development/Public Health and Harold's Cleaning for FY19/20, FY20/21, and FY21/22, not to exceed $27,000 per fiscal year and authorize the Auditor to establish budget.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign first addendum to contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Yve A. Susskind dba Praxis Associates, LLC, for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION
Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the second addendum to contract for services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services, Agency, Behavioral Health Division, and Happy Camp Community Action, Inc., for the term of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

PUBLIC WORKS
Approve request to award Contract No. 19-02 Ager Road Rehabilitation project to Northwest Paving, Inc. and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement.

SHERIFF
Approve and authorize Chair to sign the Exhibit “A” for cooperative patrol for law enforcement and dispatch services in the Shasta-Trinity, Klamath and Modoc National Forests, in the amount of $42,000 and Exhibit “B” for cooperative patrol for controlled substances operations, in the amount of $39,093.09, both covering the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, and authorize a budget to be established by the Auditor.

SHERIFF
Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Montague for the term of three years 2019 through 2022.

SHERIFF
Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Dorris for the term July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022, not to exceed $657,756 for the term of the MOU.

NATURAL RESOURCES
Approve letter to the California Wildlife Conservation Board expressing support for the Cal Trans Grass Lake Station grant application for development of wildlife crossings to improve public safety.

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CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)


COUNTY ADMINISTRATION - Adopt Resolution declaring intent to sell certain County-owned real property located along Foothill Drive in Yreka, Assessor Parcel Numbers 053-642-590, 053-642-580, 053-651-760, and 053-651-820. Resolution 19-82 adopted.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Nixon’s request.

In response to Supervisor Nixon, Project Coordinator Elizabeth Nielsen advised that the property in question was originally purchased for approximately $250,000 in 2013.

Supervisor Kobseff advised that an additional $250,000 was expended by the County to install sewer connections (for future use at the property).

It was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 19-82, declaring intent to sell certain County-owned property located along Foothill Drive in Yreka.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - Predatory Animal Control - $45,000. Transfer request denied, funds placed into Provisions.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Criss’ and County Administrator Terry Barber’s request.

Ms. Barber recommended that the Board deny this budget transfer request, advising that the Recommended budget hearing contained a similar request to deny the Agriculture Department/Predatory Animal Control’s request to purchase a vehicle. Ms. Barber additionally requested that the funds be placed into Provisions instead.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to deny the request to transfer funds for Predatory Animal Control, in the amount of $45,000 and place the funds into Provisions.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Local resident Twyla Morford summarized various Museum and Outdoor Museum tours she presented to school-aged and adult groups, provided an overview of the Museum Passport program and spoke in support of the Board creating a Museum Coordinator position (later in the meeting during Budget discussions).

Local resident and Museum volunteer Selma Schantz spoke in support of the Board creating a Museum Coordinator position (later in the meeting during Budget discussions).

Siskiyou County Veterans Leadership Council representative Mark Dean distributed a six-page packet of information (i.e. site plans, conceptual drawings) and provided an overview of a proposed Veteran’s Memorial being developed at the Weed Rest Area/Weed Airport along Interstate 5. Mr. Dean advised of a planned dedication of the site on Patriots Day, September 11, 2019.

Design Services’ Design Professional Nick Sinnott summarized the proposed Veteran’s Memorial site plans and advised of receiving tentative approval for the project from CalTrans. Mr. Sinnott requested the County’s assistance with certain approvals for placing a Huey and a Cobra helicopters at the Memorial location.

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PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – (continued)

Brief discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Dean, Mr. Sinnott and County Administrator Terry Barber regarding the group’s upcoming meetings with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), anticipated plans to bring in and place the two helicopters at the site, the mostly volunteer efforts related to development of the Memorial and the need to formally address the request to the County at a future Board meeting (July 2, 2019).

PUBLIC HEARINGS - COUNTY ADMINISTRATION - Public hearing to consider adoption of the FY19/20 Recommended budget, including the County Administrator's presentation to the Board of Supervisors, Personnel requests, Fixed Asset requests, Contributions to others, Committed account balances and Salary ordinances. Recommended budget approved as presented.

This was the time set for a public hearing to consider adoption of the FY19/20 Recommended budget, including the County Administrator's presentation to the Board of Supervisors, Personnel requests, Fixed Asset requests, Contributions to others, Committed account balances and Salary ordinances.

Chair Criss opened the public hearing and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham read the order into the record.

County Administrator Terry Barber presented a powerpoint of the 19/20 Recommended Budget, including a brief overview of the County's organizational structure, and advising that the budget was balanced with an estimated 19/20 fund balance of $1.61. Ms. Barber advised of developing a fiscally conservative budget, which included unpredictable/uncertain Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds, in the amount of $1,900,000, 1.5% of the County’s total payroll to address unfunded liabilities (to be placed in a 115 Trust fund), and provided approximately $1,100,000 toward funding the new Jail construction project. Ms. Barber shared concerns regarding the unpredictability of the County receiving the Federal PILT, advising that adjustments may need to be made at Adopted Budget in September.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Barber and Auditor-Controller Jennie Ebejer regarding the anticipated timeframe associated with receipt of the funding, the need to begin to address the anticipated reduction in revenue generated by the Box Canyon Dam facility/Siskiyou Power Authority when the contract with Pacific Power terminates in late 2020, and a summary of the distribution of the FY 18/19 PILT funds.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Dean, Mr. Sinnott and County Administrator Terry Barber regarding the group’s upcoming meetings with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), anticipated plans to bring in and place the two helicopters at the site, the mostly volunteer efforts related to development of the Memorial and the need to formally address the request to the Board at a future Board meeting (July 2, 2019).

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to accept the donation, in the amount of $350,000. It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried to use the funds to offset unfunded liability Pension Obligation Bond expenses (per the County Administrator's recommendation).
Ms. Barber continued the powerpoint, including an overview of the impact of the County’s investment in a PARS 115 Trust to partially fund the County’s Pension and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) unfunded liabilities. Ms. Barber estimated the County’s total liability to be approximately $140,000 for Fiscal Year 19/20.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Ebejer and Ms. Barber regarding the unfunded liability totals for Fiscal Years 17/18, 18/19 and 19/20, the County’s Moderate Index strategy selection, current 115 Trust earnings and the approximate 8% annual return rate.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Barber summarized various reserve fund balances, the increasing labor costs (related to minimum wage increases), increasing CalPERS rates (costs associated with employee benefits) for the Miscellaneous and Safety units, the estimated amount of retiree healthcare costs for the upcoming fiscal year and the revenue received from the Siskiyou Power Authority.

Brief discussion followed regarding the additional 31 to 53 cents per dollar that the County pays employees for various employee benefits and the need to anticipate a reduction of two/thirds in the amount of revenue potential from the Box Canyon Dam hydroelectric facility once the power generation contract expires.

Discussion, direction and possible action re request to increase Flood Control budget, in the amount of $125,000 and waive the 75/25 County/Flood split. Approved.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the request to increase the Flood Control fund balance, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve request to increase Flood Control fund balance, in the amount of $125,000 and waive the 75/25 County/Flood split.

Continuing the powerpoint, Ms. Barber summarized the Board of Supervisors’ budget priorities, advising that certain priorities may not have made the list, but were just as important. Ms. Barber further advised that the budget was balanced as presented and that any changes made would either require a reduction in Provisions or reductions/cuts elsewhere.

Discussion, direction and possible action re the Sheriff’s Department budget with regard to the County Administrator's recommendation - remain as recommended or increase budget as requested by the Sheriff and decrease various other budget items. County Administrator's recommendation to cut the Sheriff budget request an additional $500,000 approved.

Ms. Barber provided a brief overview of the request, advising that the Sheriff voluntarily cut costs/increased revenue to address the County Administrator’s (CAO’s) request to reduce his initial request to budget $12,302,756 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 19/20, down to $11,716,470. Ms. Barber recommended that the Sheriff's budget be approved at $11,216,439, which was decreased an additional $500,000.

In response to Supervisor Nixon, Ms. Barber advised that the overall budget was balanced with the CAO’s recommended budget total for the Sheriff's Department, and that, should the Board grant the Sheriff's request, other budget line items would need to be reduced/cut.

In addition, it was noted for the Sheriff's Department budget, the CAO’s recommendation for Fiscal Year 19/20 was an additional $600,000 over the Fiscal Year 18/19 Sheriff's Department approved budget.

Sheriff Jon Lopey provided an overview of his request for additional funds, sharing concerns regarding increases in Automotive Services (maintenance of equipment) costs and payroll and various other costs for the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Lopey distributed a one-page overview of various cost increases from the previous fiscal year for the Sheriff's Department and the Jail.
PUBLIC HEARINGS - COUNTY ADMINISTRATION – (continued)
Sheriff’s Department budget – (continued)

Lengthy discussion followed between members of the Board, Sheriff Lopey and Ms. Barber regarding the Board’s voluntary action to increase Sheriff deputy salaries, the Sheriff’s concerns regarding the negative impacts associated with decreased staffing, the possibility to freeze a Forensic Technician position in addition to an earlier offer to freeze a Lieutenant position to further reduce the Sheriff’s budget, the undesirable possibility of reducing funding for the new Jail construction project, the need to modify various processes to better collect reimbursement due to the Sheriff’s Department from various city/state/federal jurisdictions and agencies and the potential for reduced staff/layoff of positions should a municipal assistance agreement be cancelled/not renewed.

In response to Supervisor Nixon, Sheriff Lopey advised that he does not draw on the County’s insurance or pension (retirement).

Ms. Barber advised that the Sheriff does draw a salary.

Further discussion followed regarding the Sheriff’s various cuts made to his initial budget proposal, possible freezing of various Deputy positions for a portion of the fiscal year and the potential cost savings, recent staff reductions due to retirement/leaving County employment, the inability of the General Fund to subsidize services for municipal jurisdictions and/or the Courts, the processes related to receiving reimbursement for emergency/wildfire response services provided by the Department, efforts being made to see that County and special districts are compensated for response services provided during local emergencies, the need to research possible development of a master agreement for reimbursement as services are provided by the Department, the total amount of funding set aside for the new Jail construction project, the need to research potential sources/methods to increase revenue for the Department and the need to research a possible ballot measure to request an increase in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to partially fund public safety costs.

It was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela and seconded by Supervisor Criss to approve the County Administrator’s recommendation to cut the Sheriff’s budget request an additional $500,000.

Following brief discussion between members of the Board and County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan regarding the anticipated process to bring a ballot measure to the public for an increase in TOT taxes, the Chair called for the question and the motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL REQUESTS – Approved.

Continuing the powerpoint presentation, Ms. Barber provide an overview of Personnel requests for various Non-General Fund departments, including Public Works.

It was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Public Works – Create Road Superintendent position, 1.0 FTE; create Civil Engineering Assistant position, 1.0 FTE; and delete Environmental Compliance Specialist, position number ECSP01 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for the Social Services Division, including a request to create an Information Systems Specialist IV job description, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:
Health and Human Services – Social Services Division – Create Information Systems Specialist IV job description; create Information Systems Technician position, 1.0 FTE; delete Information Systems Specialist III, position number 3ISS13, 1.0 FTE; create Information Systems Specialist IV position, 1.0 FTE; create one Social Worker IV position, 1.0 FTE; delete one Nurse Case Assistant, position number NUCA01, 1.0 FTE; create one Senior Public Health Nurse, .6 FTE (shared with Public Health); Range adjustment for two Information Systems Specialist III, position numbers 3ISS11 and 3ISS02, from Range 46 to Range 50; Range adjustment for one Information Systems Specialist I, position number 1ISS02, from Range 38 to Range 42; and Range adjustment for one Behavioral Health Information Systems Supervisor, position number BHBI01, from Range 51 to Range 55.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for the Public Health Division, it was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Health and Human Services – Public Health Division - Create one Senior Public Health Nurse, .40 FTE (shared with Social Services).

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for the Behavioral Health Division, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Health and Human Services – Behavioral Health Division - Create one Behavioral Health Services Specialist II position, 1.0 FTE; delete one Behavioral Health Services Psychologist, position number 2SPS03, 1.0 FTE; and delete one Behavioral Health Services Psychologist, position number 2SPS06, .9 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for Child Support Services, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Department of Child Support Services - Delete Information Systems Specialist III, position number 3ISS01, 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for various General Fund departments, including County Counsel’s Office, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

County Counsel - Create Executive Assistant/Legal, 1.0 FTE; and delete Senior Legal Secretary, position number SRLS13, 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Personnel request for the Library to adjust the salary range for the County Librarian position due to combining the Library and Museum departments, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Library - Range adjustment for County Librarian, position number CLIB01, from Range 60 to Range 62.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Museum’s Personnel requests, including creation of a Museum Coordinator job description and position, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:
Museum - Create Museum Coordinator job description; create Museum Coordinator position, .75 FTE; and delete Museum Manager, position number MUCO02, 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Personnel requests for the Planning Department, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Community Development – Planning Division - Range adjustment for two Senior Planners, position numbers SRPL01 and SRPL02, from Range 59 to Range 63; and Range adjustment for Information Systems Specialist III, position number 3ISS05, from Range 46 to Range 50.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the District Attorney’s Personnel requests, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

District Attorney - Delete Fiscal Administrator, position number FADM02, 1.0 FTE; create Administrative Services Manager II position, 1.0 FTE; and freeze one Attorney IV, position number 4ATT06, for eight pay periods.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Personnel requests for Juvenile Hall, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Juvenile Hall - Delete two Juvenile Correctional Officers, position numbers 2GRC13 and 2GRC09, 2.0 FTE; and delete one Juvenile Correctional Officer, position number 2GRC14, 1.05 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Personnel requests for the Probation Department, it was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Probation - Freeze Deputy Probation Officer, position number 2DPO21, 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Sheriff’s Office Personnel requests, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Sheriff - Delete Sheriff Lieutenant, position number SHLT03, 1.0 FTE.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the Sheriff/Jail Personnel requests, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the following, effective July 14, 2019:

Sheriff/Jail - Range adjustment for Information Systems Specialist III, position number 3ISS10, from Range 46 to Range 50.

FollowingMs. Barber’s overview of the Agriculture-Animal Control Division’s Personnel request, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried that the following request was DENIED, effective July 14, 2019:

Agriculture - Animal Control Division - Create one Animal Control Officer position, 1.0 FTE.
The Recommended Budget/Public Hearing was continued to later in the meeting.

FIXED ASSET REQUESTS – Approved.

Continuing the powerpoint presentation, Ms. Barber provided an overview of Fixed Asset requests for various Non-General Fund departments.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Barber and Public Works Director Scott Waite regarding the request to purchase two John Deere tractors with mowers, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following:

- Public Works – Communications: Purchase one new phone switch, in the amount of $9,393 and one new phone switch, in the amount of $7,450.

- Public Works – Automotive: Purchase one tire balancer, in the amount of $7,000.

- General Services – Solid Waste: Purchase software for material tracking at Oberlin Road Transfer Station, in the amount of $15,000.

- Public Works – Road Department: Purchase two John Deere tractors with mower, in the amount of $250,000; one bucket truck, in the amount of $65,000; one dump truck, in the amount of $175,000; one John Deere backhoe, in the amount of $150,000; one John Deere grader, in the amount of $285,000.

- Information Technology: Purchase one iX Systems True NAS storage farket for backups, in the amount of $13,000 and one ISR4431 router, in the amount of $5,200.

- Human Services Agency: Purchase four Ford Escape vehicles, in the amount of $88,000; two Ford Flex vehicles, in the amount of $66,000; and two IT servers, in the amount of $28,000.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Fixed Asset requests for various General Fund departments and discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Barber regarding the Predatory Animal Control Program, the request to purchase a F350 truck and the anticipated future equipment needs of the Program, it was moved by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried to approve the following:

- Agriculture – Predatory Animal Control: Purchase one Ford F350, in the amount of $50,000.

- Jail: Purchase one computer storage, Image Legislation, in the amount of $43,100.

- Sheriff – Fingerprint: Purchase/replace one network switch, in the amount of $7,543.

- Auditor-Controller: Purchase one new folder/sealer, in the amount of $8,000.

- Recorder: Purchase one server, in the amount of $15,000.

- Museum: Purchase one sculpture of Modoc Indian Captain Jack, in the amount of $2,500 and one logging sculpture, in the amount of $1,037.

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Ms. Barber provided an overview of various General Fund Fixed Asset requests, recommending that several be denied. Ms. Barber advised that she did not take a position to deny or recommend approval (neutral recommendation) of the Sheriff’s request to purchase a pickup, a transit van and lease eight police patrol vehicles utilizing Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) funding. Ms. Barber additionally advised that the Sheriff’s request to purchase/lease vehicles was included in the budget that was approved by the Board earlier in the budget hearing and that the amount specified in the Sheriff’s vehicle lease request was the FY19/20 total (the County would be obligated to a remaining balance for three years).

Following brief discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Barber and Ms. Ebejer regarding the benefits and potential negative impacts associated with accepting donated vehicles from other governmental agencies, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded Nixon and unanimously carried that the following requests were DENIED:

- Agriculture – Request to purchase one Ford F-350 vehicle, in the amount of $65,000.
- Agriculture – Animal Control - Request to purchase one Ford F-150 vehicle, in the amount of $35,000.
- Agriculture – Predatory Animal Control - Request to purchase two Honda ATV vehicles, in the amount of $13,500.
- Library - Request to purchase one door-assist mechanism, in the amount of $7,500.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the following:

- Sheriff – COPS - Purchase one pickup, in the amount of $37,657; and lease one 2019 Transit Cargo van with prisoner insert, and eight 2020 Ford Police Interceptor vehicles for four years, in the total amount of $92,404 for FY19/20.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS – Approved.

Ms. Barber continued the powerpoint presentation, including an overview of various General Fund department’s building improvements, advising of the plan to finish repairing the current (old) Jail facility roof.

Following discussion between members of the Board, Ms. Barber and Ms. Ebejer regarding the unknown future use of and costs associated with the building should the County be successful in constructing a new Jail facility, potential costs associated with maintaining the building and the need to continue to maintain the building at minimal costs, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following:

- Courthouse & Grounds/Facilities - Finish Jail roof, in the amount of $130,000; and approve Courthouse and other facility improvements, in the amount of $317,000.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Non-General Fund building improvement, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and unanimously carried to approve the following:

- Siskiyou Power Authority - Design and install backup generator for plant and tram, in the amount of $300,000; replace excitation system at hydroelectric plant, in the amount of $150,000; and design and install new tram at hydroelectric facility, in the amount of $500,000.
Scott Valley Airport - Slurry seal design/environmental of runway, in the amount of $15,000.

Accumulated Capital Outlay - Courthouse improvements, in the amount of $50,000.

Courthouse Construction - Courthouse projects, in the amount of $10,000.

New Jail Detention Facility – New Jail project, in the amount of $125,000.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of Non-General Fund building improvement and brief discussion between Supervisor Nixon and Public Works Director Scott Waite regarding possible Nanotech projects, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the following:

Public Works – Road Department - Guys Gulch Bridge project, in the amount of $25,000; Old Highway 99/Road Realignment Improvement Project, in the amount of $25,000; Schulmeyer Gulch Bridge project, in the amount of $25,000; Ager Road Rehab project, in the amount of $2,051,100; Salmon River Wooley Creek project, in the amount of $150,000; Big Springs Road project, in the amount of $25,000; and Mt. Shasta Shop fuel master control system, in the amount of $15,000.

COMMITTED ACCOUNT BALANCES – Approved.

Continuing the powerpoint presentation, Ms. Barber provided a brief overview of the various Committed Account Balances, the request to increase the Power Authority Emergency Repair Committed Account by $500,000 and the request to increase the GASB 54 Committed Account by $100,000.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve the following:

Code Enforcement Ord 95-15, in the amount of $21.50; Museum sale proceeds, in the amount of $1.29; Veterans Service Office, in the amount of $3,200; Boles Fire Insurance Payment, in the amount of $40,971.56; General Fund Imprest Cash, in the amount of $4,625; GASB 54 Policy Set aside, in the amount of $1,150,000; Museum donations, in the amount of $12,053.01; Museum Military/Veteran Exhibit, in the amount of $3,566.46; Museum logging sculpture, in the amount of $199.86; Sheriff Imprest cash, in the amount of $24,400; Sheriff’s Office Shop With A Cop, in the amount of $15.82; Canine Program, in the amount of $167.83; Sheriff Explorers, in the amount of $117.43; DARE Sheriff Department, in the amount of $.09; Sheriff Arson Team, in the amount of $0; Sheriff Search, in the amount of $2,047.08; Sheriff Firearms Range, in the amount of $6,768.35; Sheriff/Coroner CH, in the amount of $1,277.36; Misdemeanor Enforcement Program, in the amount of $7,573.35; District Attorney Workers Compensation Fraud, in the amount of $7,136.96; District Attorney Automobile Fraud, in the amount of $12,137.62; District Attorney Imprest Cash, in the amount of $425; DCSS Imprest Cash, in the amount of $100; Public Works Imprest Cash, in the amount of $5,225; Fire & Emergency Services, in the amount of $13,183.17; General County Fire fire equipment, in the amount of $12,956.80; Human Services Imprest Cash, in the amount of $1,550; Code Enforcement Ord 95-15, in the amount of $151.79; Public Health Imprest Cash, in the amount of $2,500; Behavioral Health Imprest Cash, in the amount of $11,300; Alcohol and Other Drug Committed Chapters, in the amount of $111.66; Library donations, in the amount of $13,105.35; Animal Control Facility, in the amount of $24,411.55; Air Pollution Imprest Cash, in the amount of $50; Lake Siskiyou emergency repairs, in the amount of $3,000,000; Library building, in the amount of $.86; Yreka landfill closure, in the amount of $732,094.47; Sanitation Imprest Cash, in the amount of $200; Beverage Recycling Program, in the amount of $13,907.50; STAGE Imprest Cash, in the amount of $50; Rolling Stock Replacement, in the amount of $159,815.21; STAGE Saturday service, in the amount of $4,852.00; STAGE bus stop improvements, in the amount of $17,900.90; Insurance deductible, in the amount of $10,000.
PUBLIC HEARINGS - COUNTY ADMINISTRATION – (continued)

GASB 54 Committed Account - Increase, in the amount of $100,000 from the General Fund. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve request to increase the GASB 54 Committed Account, in the amount of $100,000 from the General Fund.

Lake Siskiyou Emergency Repair Committed Account - Increase, in the amount of $500,000 from Siskiyou Power Authority fund balance and waive the 75/25 County/Flood split. Approved.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to approve request to increase the lake Siskiyou Emergency Repair Committed Account, in the amount of $500,000 from Siskiyou Power Authority fund balance and waive the 75/25 County/Flood split.

Ms. Barber continued the powerpoint presentation, including an overview of the various Contributions to Others (entities).

Supervisor Nixon requested the creation of a spreadsheet providing the total amount requested and/or approved by the Board for the various entities seeking ‘Contributions to Others’ at budget time.

SALARY ORDINANCES - Discussion, direction and possible action re request to approve the allocated positions and salaries for FY 19/20. Approved.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the request, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Nixon and unanimously carried to approve the allocated positions and salaries for FY 19/20.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET APPROVAL - Discussion, direction and possible action regarding approval of the FY 19/20 Recommended budgets. Approved.

Following Ms. Barber’s overview of the request, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Criss and unanimously carried to approve the FY 19/20 Recommended budgets as presented.

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

Ms. Barber continued the powerpoint presentation, including an overview of various recommended steps to be taken prior to consideration of the Adopted budget hearing in September. Ms. Barber advised that she would continue to work with the Sheriff’s Department toward meeting their budget goals and work with the Agriculture Department to address their unmet needs.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Barber regarding the ongoing need for funding to support public safety issues, ongoing struggles related to fire protection services within the County (County Service Area #4) and the need to research/review possibly placing an item on an upcoming election to increase Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues County-wide.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), six cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, conference with labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, commenced at 12:32p.m., concluded at 1:06p.m., with action taken.
REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session concluded at 1:36 p.m., with reportable action taken.

With regard to item 2D, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Environmental Law Foundation v. State Water Resources Control Board (County of Siskiyou), Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2010-80000583, the Board approved settling the matter on a motion by Supervisor Nixon, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and a 4/1 vote with Supervisor Kobseff voting NO, with the terms and conditions to be made public upon full execution of settlement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION - Public hearing for the first reading of an ordinance reclassifying 17.2 acres of land located west of the community of Grenada, from Town Center (CC) and Rural Residential Agricultural, 2.5-acre minimum parcel size (RRB2.5) to Highway Commercial (CH), on APNs 038-110-140, 038-110-150, 038-110-160, 038-110-170, 038-110-180, 038-410-381, 038-410-391, 038-150-080; Sections 21, 22, and 27, Township 44N, Range 6W, MDB&M, for the Newton proposed zone change (Z1807). First reading approved. Continued public hearing for second reading set on July 2, 2019.

This was the time set for a public hearing for the first reading of an ordinance reclassifying 17.2 acres of land located west of the community of Grenada, from Town Center and Rural Residential Agricultural, 2.5 acre minimum zoning to the Highway Commercial zoning district, including the variety of uses that the property could be utilized once re-zoned. Ms. Cummings Dawson further advised that a comment regarding tribal cultural resources was incorporated into the mitigation measures and that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request.

In response to Chair Criss, Ms. Winningham advised that the Clerk’s Office had not received correspondence related to this issue.

There were no public comments received.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff and seconded by Supervisor Nixon to introduce, waive and approve the first reading of the proposed Newton rezoning to amend Zoning District Maps 10-6.205-288, 10-6.205-327, and 10-6.205-328 and direct the Clerk to schedule a continued public hearing on adoption of the CEQA exemption and a second reading of the ordinance amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-251 on July 2, 2019. The Clerk read the ordinance title into the record and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION - Continued public hearing for the second reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 15 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding commercial cannabis activities, specifically to prohibit commercial cannabis activity within the unincorporated area of the County. Ordinance 19-07 adopted.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing for the second reading of an ordinance adding Chapter 15 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code regarding commercial cannabis activities, specifically
to prohibit commercial cannabis activity within the unincorporated area of the County, having been introduced on June 4, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION – (continued)

Chair Criss opened the continued public hearing and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham read the ordinance title.

Assistant County Counsel Natalie Reed provided a staff report, advising that the proposed ordinance would prohibit those commercial cannabis activities that would require a State license to operate in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Community Development Director Christy Cummings Dawson advised that the proposed ordinance would not address illegal cannabis cultivation activities, only those commercial activities that could be licensed at the State level. Ms. Cummings Dawson further advised that the prohibition of those activities at the County level would prevent licensing at the State level.

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

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Reed regarding the inability of commercial cannabis activities to be conducted without a license from the State and the possible methods for enforcing violations of the State’s cannabis laws.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt and seconded by Supervisor Kobseff to introduce, waive and approve the second reading, adopt ordinance to add Chapter 15 to Title 10 of the Siskiyou County Code prohibiting commercial cannabis activities and adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

Supervisor Valenzuela shared concerns regarding the potential loss of tax revenue that allowing commercial cannabis activities could bring to the County.

The Clerk read the Ordinance title into the record and the motion to adopt Ordinance 19-07 carried with Supervisors Haupt, Kobseff, Nixon and Criss voting YES and Supervisor Valenzuela voting NO.

PUBLIC REQUESTS - MODOC NATION - Discussion and possible direction re presentation of draft map of the Modoc Nation’s ancestral homelands and request for future adoption of said map. Consensus for staff to bring the draft map back before the Board for further discussion/possible action.

Modoc Nation representative William ‘Blake’ Follis provided a brief overview of the request.

Supervisor Haupt spoke in support of the request to approve/adopt a draft map of the Modoc Nation’s ancestral homelands.

Discussion followed between members of Board and Mr. Follis regarding the potential benefits associated with the draft map being approved/adopted, the anticipated interaction between the Modoc Nation and other area Native American groups, certain portions of the map that overlap other Tribal lands, historical events that the Modoc Nation participated in located within Siskiyou County and the anticipated government to government form of communication that would take place with other Native American groups with regard to various issues (i.e. California Environmental Quality Act/CEQA matters).

Project Coordinator Elizabeth Nielsen advised that, should the Board wish, an item would come back before the Board with a Resolution to formally approve/adopt the draft ancestral homelands map.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to bring an item back for adoption of the Modoc Nation’s ancestral map and associated materials.
GENERAL SERVICES – AIRPORTS - Discussion, direction and possible action re request by the Modoc Nation to assume full sponsorship and ownership of the Butte Valley Airport, located in Dorris, California. Staff directed to pursue the sale, etc. upon successful determination of the Modoc Nation’s eligibility.

General Services Manager Ethan Garrett provided an overview of the request, advising that the Modoc Nation expressed interest in assuming full sponsorship and ownership of the Butte Valley Airport, although the Tribe’s eligibility to assume full sponsorship was not known and would have to be evaluated/analyzed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mr. Garrett recommended moving forward with the Modoc Nation’s request.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Mr. Garrett, Modoc Nation representative William ‘Blake’ Follis and County Administrator Terry Barber regarding the potential that the County would be required to pay back the State and/or FAA should the airport no longer be owned/operated by the County, the need for additional information regarding the necessary pay back for both the Happy Camp and Butte Valley airports, should the County no longer operate them, possible initial projects planned for the Airport should the transfer be approved and the potential benefits for emergency services in the Butte Valley area.

It was the consensus for the Board to direct staff to pursue the sale of ownership and transfer of sponsorship of the Butte Valley Airport to the Modoc Nation, upon successful determination of the Modoc Nation’s certified sponsor designation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ REQUESTS - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Review status of local emergency related to imminent threat of catastrophic wildfire as declared by Resolution 14-154; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and unanimously carried to extend the local emergency related to imminent threat of catastrophic wildfire as declared by Resolution 14-154.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ REQUESTS - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Review status of local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 17-117; action to extend or terminate local emergency. Local emergency extended.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Kobseff and unanimously carried to extend the local emergency related to the proliferation of illegal cannabis cultivation as declared by Resolution 17-117.


In response to Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham, Chair Criss advised that this item was continued to July 2, 2019.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Supervisor Haupt reported on his attendance at a County-Interagency task force meeting with Supervisor Kobseff, County Administrative staff, and various fire/fuels management agencies. Supervisor Haupt additionally provided an update on the recent Lumgrey fire burning down Highway 96 along the Klamath River and reported from the Forest Task Force that the County was now considered one area with regard to various grant opportunities.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), six cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, conference with labor negotiators.
pursuant to Government Code §54957.6, commenced at 2:56 p.m., concluded at 3:04 p.m., with action taken.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

County Administrator Terry Barber advised that closed session concluded at 3:04 p.m., with reportable action taken.

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

ATTEST: Brandon A. Criss, Chair

LAURA BYNUM, COUNTY CLERK

By: ______________________

Deputy