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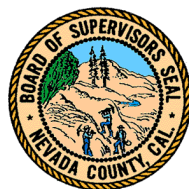
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SUMMARY MINUTES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	8:30 AM	The Foothills Event Center 400 Idaho Maryland Road Grass Valley, California 95945

WORKSHOP

SPECIAL MEETING: 8:30 A.M.

Rollcall. The following Supervisors present:

Heidi Hall, 1st District

Ed Scofield, 2nd District

Dan Miller, 3rd District

Sue Hoek, 4th District (Present for the first half of the day - excused absence in the afternoon)

Richard Anderson, 5th District

STANDING ORDERS:

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance held.

County Executive Officer: Alison Lehman

I. [SR 20-0480](#) Introductions

Introductions were made.

Ms. Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer, welcomed the Board to their 2020 Workshop.

Ms. Lori Burkhart Frank, Facilitator, reviewed the flow of the agenda for the day. She welcomed members of the public, and explained that the Workshop is not a policy-making meeting, therefore public comment would not be taken. Any items requiring a decision by the Board would return at a future Board meeting for discussion and approval.

Ms. Burkhart Frank led the Board through a couple of warm-up group activities prior to start of the agenda items, and the Board formulated expectations and guidelines for the next two days.

County Executive Officer Update:

Ms. Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer, reviewed her roadmap for the upcoming year in the areas of:

Employee Development:

Building culture; leadership and professional training; acting positions before filling vacancies; stretching assignments.

Community Engagement:

Whole community approach; interagency & jurisdictional alignment; making government accessible; collect community input; encourage participation.

Communication:

Employee Survey; Employee Newsletters; weekly County Newsletter; Lunch and Learns; Real Time updates; Site visits, Job shadowing and going out in the field; Leadership Meetings; Community Outreach.

Nevada County's Culture:

Building a high Performing organization;
Commitment to process improvement and continuous learning; stewardship and engagement of all; alignment to the County organization's priorities and mission.

County's Mission:

To work with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Ms. Lehman thanked the Board for their leadership.

Sheriff's Update:

Sheriff Shannan Moon spoke to the collaboration between her office, County departments, and the public. Her priorities over the past year focused on staff and staff development. Sheriff Moon stressed that looking at levels of minimum standards are not acceptable; she is working towards excellence throughout her Department.

Her goals for the upcoming year include: supporting staff and their personal wellness; engaging with the public through social media and neighborhood events; increasing medical and mental health services for those incarcerated; continuing collaboration with other jurisdictions, including the Police Departments, State Parks, Game Warden, etc.

She asked the Board members to reach out to her with questions.

II. [SR 20-0481](#) Financial Presentation

Mr. Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer/Chief Fiscal Officer, provided Nevada County's Annual Fiscal Report, including the final results of the Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget, the midyear status of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget, and the outlook for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget.

Mr. Polt responded to Board questioning.

Ms. Georgette Aronow, Management Analyst II, reviewed the Revenues & Expenses for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

Mr. Barry Anderson, Management Analyst, provided an overview of Pension & Retiree Health for Fiscal Year 2020/21.

Mr. Polt recapped the presentation:

Future threats to the County's budget include:

State and Federal Budgets; Pensions; Wildfire/emergency; continued realignment of programs; the next economic downturn.

Nevada County preparations include:

Adhering to strict and prudent budget policies; acting early; scaling back as revenues decline; controlling staffing levels; building reserves; and using reserves only for one-time expenditures.

Budget Policies for Fiscal Year 2020/21:

Continue to be fiscally prudent; provide transparency to the public; and maintain core services.

Mr. Polt concluded his presentation, and Board questioning and discussion ensued.

III. [SR 20-0482](#) Review of 2019 Board Objectives

Ms. Mali Dyck, Assistant Executive Officer, provided a progress update on the Board's 2019 Objectives:

Fiscal Stability & Core Services on track

Wildfire Preparedness 13 initiatives identified: 12 on track, 1 complete

Address Homelessness 16 initiatives identified: 13 on track; 1 complete

Housing affordability 9 initiatives identified: 5 on track; 1 complete

Cannabis Regulations 5 initiatives identified: 1 on track; 2 complete

Economic Development 14 initiatives identified: 8 on track; 2 complete

Civic Engagement 6 initiatives identified: 4 on track

Parks and Recreation 1 initiative identified: 1 complete

Redevelopment of Lot 6 (Current Corp Yard) 1 initiative identified; 1 complete

Lori Burkart Frank led the Board in their initial Vote for their 2020 Priorities:

Fiscal Stability and Core Services: Priority A

Wildfire: Priority A

Homelessness: Priority A

Housing: Priority B

Cannabis: Priority B

Economic Development: Priority B

Civic Engagement: Priority B

Parks & Recreation: Remove

Redevelop Lot 6: Priority C

Board discussion ensued.

IV. [SR 20-0484](#) Emergency Preparedness Presentation**Wildfire Part 1 - Wildfire Preparedness Plan/Overview**

Mr. Stephen Monaghan, Chief Information Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the County's Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness Action Plan. The following five goals were outlined as part of the Plan:

Goal 1 - Create safer evacuation routes Countywide to save lives.

Goal 2 - Improve early warning systems & emergency communications to reach everyone.

Goal 3 - Establish defensible space around homes and neighborhoods by reducing hazardous vegetation and encouraging voluntary compliance with defensible space standards.

Goal 4 - Provide a coordinated approach to wildfire response preparedness through planning, community engagement, and Project implementation.

Goal 5 - Enhance critical infrastructure needed to respond to wildfires such as evacuation route improvements, water storage, fire hydrants, communication systems, and green waste facilities.

Mr. Monaghan wrapped up the presentation. He reviewed the level of current funding and addressed the funding gap.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Wildfire Part 2 - Tax Measure

Mr. Caleb Dardick, County Executive Office Project Administrator, reported on the County's partnerships with jurisdictions such as Fire Districts, CAL FIRE, and Fire Safe Council of Nevada County.

Mr. Dardick reported on the funding gap, and threats within the Wildfire Urban Interface. He explained that current funding equals \$1.8 million, leaving a funding gap in the amount of \$5.5 million to 10.1 million – every year. He reviewed County Goals and the amount of the cost to meet each Goal. He stressed that the communities consensus is in step with the County's Goals.

Mr. Dardick continued, noting that the Firewise Communities Priority Survey shows the community is in agreement with improved evacuation routes and a reduction in hazardous vegetation along roadsides, as well as defensible space around homes. Sustainable funding is needed and staff is recommending implementation of a Tax Measure. Mr. Dardick requested support and direction from the Board to prepare a hazardous vegetation reduction tax measure to submit to the voters in November 2020.

Ms. Alison Lehman, CEO, stressed the need to reduce hazardous vegetation within neighborhoods. Staff would continue to apply for grant funding, however sustainable funding is required to address the issue. If the Board decides to move forward, staff would engage with a Stakeholder group to develop a plan moving forward.

Sheriff Shannan Moon stressed the importance of evacuation planning and preparation. She is engaged with the County and supported her Department becoming part of the Office of Emergency Services. Sheriff Moon reported that she has met with Butte County's Sheriff and learned from their experience in Paradise. She was in support of being part of the solution.

Fire Chief Jim Turner, Consolidated Fire District, relived the 49er Fire and changes that have been implemented since then and what is needed moving forward.

CAL FIRE Fire Unit Chief Brian Estes, spoke to his Agency's commitment to Nevada County, and their partnership with the County and other agencies. Chief Estes promised to make the Ponderosa West Project a priority moving forward. He stressed that Goal No. 1, safer evacuation routes (ingress and egress), should be a top priority for the County and would be money well spent. Chief Estes believed the County's collaboration with all agencies should continue as a high priority, and he stressed the need to align County goals with partner agencies and to implement a coordinated approach.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

Ms. Lehman asked for consensus to implement a Stakeholder process to review the possibility of implementing a tax measure to address safer evacuation plans and hazardous vegetation reduction. By a consensus, the Board members agreed to implement a Stakeholder process to review the possibility of implementing the proposed tax measure.

V. [SR 20-0486](#) Health and Human Services Agency Update

2019 Homelessness and Housing Board Objectives:

Mr. Ryan Gruver, Health and Human Services Agency Director, reported that according to the last point in time count there were 410 homeless members of the community. This includes 249 who are unsheltered, 28 families, 34 veterans, 2/3 have lived in Nevada County more than a year; 17% have lived in foster care.

Key Milestones:

Fiscal Year 2017/18: A Housing Resource Manger was hired; prioritized homelessness in budgets and planning; applied for many grants; partnered with Grass Valley & Hospitality House on winter overflow; completed remodel of the Bost House; implemented coordinated entry system.

Fiscal Year 2018/19: HHSA implemented the Bridges to Housing Program; expanded substance use treatment; awarded a grant to renovate and expand Odyssey House; expanded Hospitality House from 54 to 69 beds; partnered with Sierra Roots/Nevada City on the Extreme Weather Shelter; developed the HOME Team; No Place Like Home – 41 unit housing development.

Fiscal Year 2019/20: Tax Credits for Brunswick Commons not awarded; HOME Team commended operations; joined Built for Zero; improved and expanded Extreme Weather Shelter; applied for Round 2 of No Place Like Home; received \$450,000 for Resource Center; expanded Housing Choice vouchers; improved and refined Bridges to Housing Program.

Homelessness Accomplishments: \$10 million dollars awarded to Nevada County to address homelessness, with \$2.6 million pending award.

Housing Accomplishments: Awarded \$3.3 Million with \$3 million pending award.

Mr. Mike Dent, Child Support Services Director, introduced Nevada County's Plan to Address Homelessness. He explained that it responds to the Board's feedback and Grand Jury recommendations. The Plan consolidates previous plans, works as a guiding document, and provides for performance monitoring and tracking. Mr. Dent reviewed the Plan Structure, including five objectives along a continuum: prevent homelessness; provide emergency services; expand supportive services; increase affordable, subsidized and supported housing; and enhance communication, coordination and collaboration.

Built 4 Zero: National campaign that the County joined to achieve functional zero. Staff's goal is to come to a true number by June.

Objectives:

- A. Prevent Homelessness
- B. Provide Emergency Shelter
- C. Expand Supportive Services
- D. Increase Affordable, Subsidized and Supported Housing
- E. Enhance Communication, Coordination and Collaboration

The HOME Team: Panel discussion led by Ms. Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director. The HOME Team is funded through the Mental Health Services Act and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). HOME Team meets with homeless out in the community. Members of the HOME Team provided information regarding their work within the community.

Board questioning ensued.

VI. [SR 20-0488](#) Legislative Update

Legislative updates were provided by Ms. Cara Martinson, California Association of Counties (CSAC), Senior Legislative Representative, and Ms. Tracy Rhine, RCRC, Legislative Advocate.

Board questioning and discussion ensued.

VII. [SR 20-0490](#) Recap

Ms. Burkart Frank provided an overview of the day's discussions. She reviewed expectations and guidelines set during the morning and provided information regarding Wednesday's Workshop agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Foothills Event Center, 400 Idaho Maryland Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

Signature and Attestation
Heidi Hall, Chair

ATTEST:

By:

Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board