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August 18, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by District 3 Supervisor Merita Callaway

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Merita Callaway	District 3 Supervisor	Present	8:55 AM
Benjamin Stopper	District 5 Supervisor	Present	8:55 AM
Gary Tofanelli	District 1 Supervisor	Present	8:55 AM
John Garamendi	District 2 Supervisor	Present	8:55 AM
Dennis Mills	District 4 Supervisor	Present	8:55 AM

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9:02 AM: Pledge of Allegiance

9:05 AM: Staff Announcements

This is a time for County staff to provide updates of upcoming County events that may be of interest to the public.

Rebecca Turner, Calaveras County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters gave a brief presentation on women's right to vote. Today marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment, the Women's Suffrage Act. She reminded everyone to vote on November 3rd.

Kristin Stranger, Director of Calaveras Health & Human Services(HHSA), informed the board that HHSA, Behavioral Health Division and County Office of Education was awarded a competitive 4-year 2.5 million dollar Behavioral Health Act grant. They had one of the highest scores in the state. They will provide on campus mental health centers at the local elementary schools. Services will include, but not be limited to training with staff and students with coping and resiliency skills. More information is available on the Calaveras County Office of Education's website She also provided information on cooling centers and locations throughout the county.

John Osborn, Director of Office of Emergency Services added there is an additional cooling center in Murphys at the Murphys Fire Training Center.

Rick Dibasilio, Calaveras County Sheriff gave the Board update on Bureau of Reclamation, and Marine Patrol increase. He impressed upon the influx of people coming into our area for the lakes, and campgrounds.

9:25 AM: PUBLIC COMMENT - 30 MINUTES

Please view the meeting video for public comments made during this time.

9:25 AM REGULAR AGENDA

1. **DIVISION OF CANNABIS CONTROL (ID # 5473)** Receive an Update from the Division of Cannabis Control Regarding Status of Permitting and Department Objectives

Gregory Wayland, Deputy County Counsel & Interim Director, of the Division of Cannabis Control gave a presentation to the Board regarding the status of permits and the objective of the department. The full presentation can be viewed on the meeting video.

Please view the meeting video for public comments made during this time.

Emailed public comment received prior to August 17, 2020 at 4:00PM

Submitted By: Lance Reinke

I have reviewed the agenda for tomorrows board meeting and noticed for agenda item #1, that a very important element was missing. The residents of Calaveras County were promised a transparent accounting and ongoing summary of the full costs of all Calaveras County Departments including the Sherriff's Department and County DA's office, to administer the cannabis program. A financial accounting should be presented to the residents on a quarterly basis. This would show what the current costs have been and the income generated by fees and taxes.

I recall that the Board of Supervisors and the CAO promised the residents that we would benefit upwards of 11 Million dollars to the County General fund by implementing this ordinance. In fact, the sign still exists on the property when entering San Andreas that implementation of regulated cannabis will net the county 11 Million dollars. The presentation shows that the number is far below that promise and my guess is that expenses are eating up all the revenue currently generated. This is also the case at the State and other counties that have made promises of great wealth if we would implement cannabis regulation.

You now want to change the rules the Board implemented with Measure C "taxation of cannabis" and come out with a new proposal. Measure C was supposed to be a solid ordinance to garner the county the tax revenue. Now it seems that was shortsighted. If you recall, in several past letters to the Board of Supervisors, I mentioned the pitfalls of the tax ordinance and the Board passed 17.95 ordinance. Cal Cannabis admits to Track and Trace failures and agrees that a great percentage of the cannabis produced is sold on the Black Market.

Be honest with the residents and show how this program is or isn't viable in the long run for the County.

2. **BUILDING (ID # 5397)** 1) Receive a presentation regarding Chapter 15.12 - Limited Density Owner-Built Rural Dwellings; and 2) provide direction to staff.

Doug Oliver County Building Department Official, presented the Board with on Chapter 15.12 Limited Density Owner-Built Rural Dwellings. The full presentation can be viewed on the meeting video.

During the presentation Mr. Oliver noted on page 26 section E there would be a correction from GH to GF in this section.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00pm this item was continued to be heard after item number five at 4:57pm.

The Board directed staff to define the term rural and bring this item back to the Board.

For public comments made on this item, please refer to the meeting video.

3. **ASSESSOR (ID # 5501)** Conduct a study session to provide information to, and receive information from, the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting the Assessor's Office.

The full presentation can be viewed on the meeting video.

Leslie Davis, County Assessor gave a presentation to the Board providing an overview of the Assessor's Office, Proposition 13, increase to low value exemption, Proposition 19, Proposition 15, and unsecured assessments.

Mrs. Davis proposed an increase to the low value exemption from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for all property types, or \$50,000 for all Possessory Interests. It currently costs the Assessor's Office \$105.96 per parcel to assess, which it causing a loss in revenue.

The Chair took a poll of the Board:

Supervisor Stopper is willing to talk about increasing the low value exemption.

Supervisor Callaway is willing to consider increasing the low value exemption and would like more information.

Supervisor Tofanelli is willing to consider increasing the low value exemption.

Supervisor Garamendi would like to know more and would like to consider.

Supervisor Mills stated it would be a sound business move, and willing to consider increasing the low value exemption.

The Board provided staff with direction to gather more information and bring it back to the Board.

Ms. Davis provided the Board with information on Intercounty Transfers of Base Year Values, currently Calaveras County doesn't have an ordinance in place. 10 counties allow this, 11 until the El Dorado County repealed their ordinance in 2017. 2018 Prop 5 failed and Prop 19 in 2020 alters four propositions 90, 58, 193, 1711. The savings will be at the state level.

She inquired if there was interest from the Board in an adopting an ordinance

The Chair took a poll of the Board:

Supervisor Callaway would like to wait and see what happens in November with Proposition 19 before staff puts in a lot of work on drafting an ordinance.

Supervisor Stopper would like to wait until November

Supervisor Tofanelli would like to wait until November

Supervisor Garamendi, stated RCRC is against prop 19 per and he is not interested in moving forward.

Supervisor Mills is not interested, and agreed he did not want a lot of staff time on this

No public comments were received on this item.

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (ID # 5488)** 1) Receive a presentation regarding CARES Act Funding Requests and the FY 2020-21 Budget Update, 2) review proposed projects and requests for CARES Act Funding (Requests), 3) approve or disapprove of Requests, 4) approve budget transfers for approved Requests by a 4/5 affirmative vote of the Board.

Christa Von Latta Deputy County Administrative Officer, gave a presentation to the Board regarding CARES Act Funding and Budget Updates.

Supervisor Garamendi made the motion to amend the action to include allocations of \$200,000 to Calaveras County Office of Education learning hubs and the remainder to safety payroll.

No public comments were received on this item.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John Garamendi, District 2 Supervisor
SECONDER:	Gary Tofanelli, District 1 Supervisor
AYES:	Callaway, Stopper, Tofanelli, Garamendi, Mills

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (ID # 5491)** Receive a FY 2020-21 Budget Update from the Administrative Office and provide direction regarding same.

Item five was heard in conjunction with item four. This item was informational only and no vote was needed.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE (ID # 5509)** Review of Board of Supervisors priorities for the remainder of 2020.

On a 5-0 vote of the Board, Mover Supervisor Stopper, Secunder Supervisor Mills, AYES(Callaway, Stopper, Tofanelli, Garamendi, Mills) NAYS(0) voted to move this item to the August 25, 2020 meeting date.

RESULT:	TABLED
	Next: 8/25/2020 9:00 AM

SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

In compliance with Govt. Code § 53232.3(d), Board members shall provide brief reports on any meetings attended at the expense of the local agency, and may make other announcements or report out.

Supervisor Mills reported the fire districts who respond on Federal Land, handled three medical aids over the weekend, which used up to 14 volunteers, which caused a slower response time to other potential calls within that same area. The local fire chiefs are very concerned. He plans to have a continued conversation with Bureau of Reclamation regarding the situation at Natural Bridges.

Supervisor Tofanelli reported on Monday morning at 9:30 am Mountain Valley EMS had a special meeting to adopt two addendum to the RFP. First addendum made adjustment to who would qualify to bid, and allowed for JPA's with a qualifying member to bid on the RFP, the second addendum was to add 30 days to the response date, the due date was originally August 13, 2020, now the date is October 14, 2020.


Supervisor Garamendi Rail Road Flat Elementary is scheduled to be closed next year, with COVID it closed down early. He is working on a lease between CUSD and a nonprofit group. He will keep the Board aware if there is anything that impacts

the County. He is also working with Blue Mountain Coalition to come up with a solution.

CLOSED SESSION

- 7. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator – Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, County designated labor negotiator Judy Hawkins regarding employee organization SEIU - Board action: No reportable action taken

The meeting was closed at 6:06 PM


Merita Callaway, District 3 Supervisor 8/18/2020


Rebecca Turner, Clerk to the Board 8/18/2020

ATTEST