

**TRINITY COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Trinity County Library  
Conference Room  
351 Main Street  
Weaverville, CA

**MEETING MINUTES**

July 19, 2022

**Chairman**

**Supervisor Dan Frasier - District 5**

**Vice-Chairman**

**Supervisor Keith Groves - District 1**

**Supervisor Jill Cox - District 2**

**Supervisor Liam Gogan - District 3**

**Supervisor Jeremy Brown - District 4**

**Letty Garza - Interim County Administrative Officer**

**Margaret E. Long - County Counsel**

**Suzie Hawkins - Deputy Clerk of the Board**

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**ZOOM INFORMATION**

This meeting used Zoom due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

**Meeting called to order in open session at 9:00 AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge led by Supervisor Jerney Brown

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Clerk of the Board**

- 1.1 Received an update from U.S. Forest Service representative Tera Jones regarding matters of interest in Trinity County.

**Probation**

- 1.2 Adopted a proclamation recognizing the week of July 17-23, 2022 as Probation Services Week.

**Motion:** Jill Cox **Second:** Keith Groves **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

### **Public Comment**

Received comments from: John Hodges, Jake Grossman-Crist, Terry Mines, Tom Ballanco, Tyler Thompson, Ryan Tarbell

## **REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 2.1 I. Received a report from Cannabis Division Director Sean Connell.  
II. Received a report from Interim County Administrative Officer: Letty Garza  
III. Received reports from Members of the Board of Supervisors  
A. Received a report from Cannabis Cultivation Program Ad Hoc

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Auditor/Controller**

- 3.1 Approved a budget adjustment for FY 21/22 for Public Defender Realignment - Dept. 8501 increasing revenues and Transfer out by \$1,149; and approved a budget adjustment for FY 21/22 for Public Defender Dept. 2170 increasing Transfers in by \$1,149.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

- 3.2 Approved establishing a new Special Revenue Fund - Fund 116: SB170 Unpermitted Cannabis Grows under the Sheriff.

Received comments from: Jake Grossman-Christ, Interim CAO Letty Garza, Assistant Auditor/ Controller Christine Gaffney.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jill Cox **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

### **Behavioral Health Services**

- 3.3 Appointed Lynn Ward and Max Mucklow as Community Members to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) to serve three-year terms expiring May 3, 2025, as recommended by the BHAB.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

- 3.4 Approved an agreement with Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide mental health services to Trinity County Beneficiaries.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

#### **Clerk of the Board**

- 3.5 Authorized the Chairman to sign a letter supporting Hayfork High School's 2022 Homecoming Parade.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

- 3.6 Appointed Melody McLearn to fill the vacant term expiring December 31, 2024, and reappointed Mary Bowers and Diane Yate to fill full four-year terms expiring December 31, 2026 as Board Members to the Trinity County Waterworks District #1 Board of Directors, as requested by Trinity County Waterworks District #1.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

#### **County Administrative Office**

- 3.7 Appointed Senior Financial Analyst Suzie Hawkins as Primary Board Member and Interim Director of Human Resources Ryan Roe as Alternate Board Member to represent Trinity County on the Trindel Insurance Fund Board.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

#### **Environmental Health**

- 3.8 Adopted Resolution Number 2022-115 which authorizes the Environmental Health Director to submit a grant application to receive funding under the Fish and Shellfish Advisory Signage Grant Program, and authorizes the Environmental Health Director to sign the grant agreement and any other documents necessary to complete the project, if awarded.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

## **Health and Human Services**

- 3.9 Approved a budget adjustment for FY 21/22 for Welfare - Dept. 5000 decreasing revenues and increasing Transfers in by \$450,000; and approved a budget adjustment for FY 21/22 for Realignment Social Services - Dept. 8492 increasing Transfers out by \$450,000.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

## **In-Home Supportive Services Authority**

- 3.10 Approved a Master Memorandum of Understanding with the In-Home Support Services SIEU Local 2015 Union establishing salaries and benefits. Subject to routing as to form and content.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Cannabis**

- 4.1 Discussed taking various actions regarding the establishment of a Cannabis Processing Ordinance.

Received comments from Cannabis Division Director Sean Connell, Cannabis Ordinance Consultant Heidi Tshudin, Tom Ballanco, Ag Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures Joe Moreo, Jake Grossman-Christ, Adrian Keys, Steve Lion, Terry Mines, Lisa Wright, Carl, Veronica Kelly- Albiez, Tyler Thompson and Rhonda Cain.

Motion by Supervisor Groves, second by Supervisor Brown to approve as presented failed due to the passage of a subsequent motion.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Failed due to passing of a subsequent motion**

Motion by Supervisor Groves, second by Supervisor Cox to introduce and waive the reading of the ordinance with the following edits:

- Revise the definition of "Self-Processor" to read "is a license type that allows for processing of cannabis grown on any premise, under multiple cannabis licenses under the same ownership, within Trinity County, unless adjoining/adjacent with property in another county."
- Revise section 17.43I.020(B)(2)(f) to read "Any manufacturing "opt-out" area

designed by the Board of Supervisors";

- Revise section 17.431.030 to read "Commercial cannabis processing requires submittal and approval of a directors use permit for all Ag and Industrial zones and a conditional use permit for all other zoning application (or modification of an existing conditional use permit pursuant to Section 17.32.060 and/or 17.32.070 to include Processing). A Self-Processor license does not require a conditional use permit. Applications must include a proposed Commercial Cannabis Processing Plan containing the following information:";
- Revise section 17.431.040(C) to add "church" after "school";
- Revise section 17.431.040(D) to remove "unless a variance is obtained";
- Add section 17.431.070(I) "Applicants/Licensees must comply with Ag Commissioner/Weights and Measures requirements;

Failed due to the passage of subsequent motion.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jill Cox **Failed due to passing of a subsequent motion**

Took the following actions regarding the establishment of a Cannabis Processing Ordinance:

1. Found that the adoption of the proposed Ordinance falls within the scope of the Cannabis Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the Board of Supervisors on December 21, 2020;
2. Introduced and waived the reading of an ordinance establishing Chapter 17.431 regarding Cannabis Processing with the following modifications:
  - Revise the definition of "Self-Processor" to read "is a license type that allows for processing of cannabis grown on any premise, under multiple cannabis license under the same ownership, within Trinity County, unless adjoining/adjacent with property in another county."
  - Revised section 17.431.020(B)(2)(f) to read "Any manufacturing "opt-out" area designed by the Board of Supervisors";
  - Revised section 17.431.030 to read "Commercial cannabis processing requires submittal and approval of a directors use permit for all Ag and Industrial zones and a conditional use permit for all other zoning application (or modification of an existing conditional use permit pursuant to Section 17.32.060 and/or 17.32.070 to include Processing). A Self-Processor license does not require a conditional use permit. Applications must include a proposed Commercial Cannabis Processing Plan containing the following information:";
  - Revised section 17.431.040(D) to remove "unless a variance is obtained";
  - Added section 17.431.070(I) "Applicants/Licensees must comply with Ag Commissioner/Weights and Measures requirements;
3. Directed staff regarding the issue of prohibiting all agricultural processing facilities on prime agricultural soils countywide;
4. Directed staff to coordinate with County Fire Chiefs regarding appropriate content (e.g. personnel safety and fire prevention; building safety; etc.) and review of required fire plans; and

5. Directed staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption within five days of final action by the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion:** Jeremy Brown **Second:** Liam Gogan **Carried**  
**Ayes:** Brown, Gogan, Groves  
**Nays:** Cox, Frasier

## COUNTY MATTERS

### Board of Supervisors

- 5.1 Discussed adopting a resolution ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County regarding the imposition of a 5% special transient occupancy tax or the imposition of an additional 5% general transient occupancy tax.

Received comments from Karla Avila, Tyler Thompson and Interim County Administrative Officer Letty Garza.

Motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Supervisor Fraiser to adopt a resolution ordering a special election consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County regarding the imposition of a 5% special transient occupancy tax was withdrawn.

**Motion:** Jeremy Brown **Second:** Dan Frasier **Withdrawn**

Motion by Supervisor Cox, second by Supervisor Groves to adopt a resolution ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County regarding the imposition of a 5% special transient occupancy tax removing the reference to the percentage going to Animal Control and leaving it with just the Sheriff failed due to lack of 4/5 votes.

**Motion:** Jill Cox **Second:** Keith Groves **Failed due to lack of a majority**  
**Ayes:** Cox, Frasier, Groves  
**Nays:** Brown, Gogan  
**4/5 vote required for passage.**

Motion by Supervisor Groves, second by Supervisor Frasier to adopt a resolution ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County regarding the imposition of either a 5% special transient

occupancy tax failed due to lack of 4/5 vote.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Dan Frasier **Failed due to lack of a majority**

Ayes: Cox, Frasier, Groves

Nays: Brown, Gogan

***4/5 vote required for passage.***

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-116 ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County regarding the imposition an additional 5% general transient occupancy tax.

**Motion:** Liam Gogan **Second:** Jill Cox **Carried**

Ayes: Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan

Nays: Groves

***4/5 vote required for passage.***

- 5.2 Discussed adopting a resolution ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, regarding the imposition of an addition 3/4 cent use and transaction tax, and approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County.

Revceived comments from: Robi Comacho, Jake Grossman-Christ, Brain Gossman, Terry Mines, Tyler Thompson, Lisa Wright, Steve Lyon, Jeff Ghidella, and Interim CAO Letty Garza.

Adapotiong of Resolution failed due to a lack of motion.

- 5.3 Discussed adopting a resolution ordering a special election, consolidated with the November 8, 2022 General Election, regarding the imposition of a cannabis tax for unlicensed businesses and approving ballot language and an ordinance to be voted on by the people of Trinity County.

Recieved comment from: Jake Grossman - Christ, Terry Mines, Adrain Keys, Steve Lyon, Brain Gossman, Marie Peterson, Tom Ballanco, Lisa Wright, John Brower, Katherin Pryer, Karl Alpert, Sam De La Paz, Karla Avlia, Rhoda Cain, Veronica Kelly- Albiez, Pat McCaslin, Debbie Case, Jeff Ghidelao, Nicholas Holiday, Darrel Davis, Ryan Tarbell, and Tyler Thompson.

Motion by Supervisor Gogan, Second by Supervisor Groves to bring this back at a later date. Failed due to a lack of majority. Supervisor Brown recused.

**Motion:** Liam Gogan **Second:** Keith Groves **Failed due to lack of a majority**

Ayes: Gogan, Groves

Nays: Cox, Frasier

Absent: Brown

**5.4** Discussed pre-licensing for cannabis activities and directed staff to issue the four licenses that are currently in technical review and set the following priorities for licenses moving forward:

- License with extension letters will be considered and issued first;
- License without extension letters will be considered and issued second;
- An other licenses will be considered and issued third.

Received comment from: Cannabis Division Director Sean Connell, Jake Grossman-Christ, Terry Mines, John Brower, Adrian Keys, Karl, Laruen from Hayfork, Karla Avila, Steve Lyon, Veronica Kelley - Albiez, Rhoda Cain, Walter Wood, Ryan Tarbell, Tyler Thompson, Brain Gossman, Intern Deputy Director of Building/Planning Ed Prestley, and Interim CAO Letty Garza

Recused: Supervisor Brown

### **Cannabis**

**5.5** Took the following actions regarding the establishment of a Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance:

1. Found the adoption and implementation of this ordinance to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), common-sense exemption, which applies to projects where the activity will not result in a significant effect on the environment;
2. Waived the reading of and enacted an ordinance establishing Trinity County Code Section 17.43H regarding Cannabis Storefront Retail and amending Trinity County Code Sections 17.41 regarding Marijuana (Cannabis) Dispensaries and 17.42 regarding Medical Cannabis Cultivation Regulations; and
3. Directed staff to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption within five days of this action.

Received comment from: Cannabis Division Director Sean Connell, Dr. Tammy, John Brower, Adrian Keys, Veronica Kelley - Albiez, Walter Wood, Rhoda Cain, Karla Avila, Chriss Williams, Amber Carmen, and Steve Lyon.

**Motion:** Keith Groves **Second:** Jeremy Brown **Carried**  
**Ayes:** Brown, Cox, Frasier, Gogan, Groves

**ADJOURN**

TRINITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Dan Frasier, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors,  
County of Trinity.  
State of California

Attest:

Letty Garza  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:



Deputy