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THE BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.

July 1, 2016 for a Special Meeting. Commissioners present were Kling, Walton, Richards and Geis. Commissioner Harms was absent.

Chairman Kim Kling called the special meeting to order.

Motion by Richards Second by Geis to approve the amended meeting agenda with the addition of the Approval of the Re-issuance of the retail (on-off sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales) for R/N/R Ranch Inc. and discuss the concerns that people have regarding the use of fireworks. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Walton Second by Geis to approve a check request for the amount of \$32,140.27 payable to Shaykett Construction for labor to remove and replace roofs on the pig shed, horse barn, dairy barn, sheep shed #2 and beef barn #2 at the Butte County Fairgrounds. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Lensegrav came before the Commissioners with two abatements.

Motion by Walton Second by Richards to approve an abatement on parcel number 15.02.05.13 and an abatement on parcel number 61.08.6.07. Both applicants qualify for the Assessment Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled, but missed the deadline. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Geis Second by Walton to approve the following Resolution 2016-17 – Drought Disaster Declaration. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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Drought Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, all of Butte County has failed to receive adequate precipitation over the past twelve months, and

WHEREAS, the drought conditions have had a detrimental effect on the production capabilities of the agricultural industry which in turn severely effects the entire local economy, and

WHEREAS, the lack of consistent precipitation has resulted in the lack of rain water runoff and therefore, caused the livestock ponds, dams and natural water holes to become severely depleted, and

WHEREAS, the lack of precipitation has resulted in abnormally low subsoil moisture resulting in widespread crop losses,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Butte County Commissioners declare that the current drought conditions have created a natural disaster within Butte County, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that both farmers/ranchers and local businesses may be eligible for disaster aid grants and/or low interest Economic Injury Disaster loans from the Farm Service Agency and Small Business Administration.

Dated this the 1st day of July, 2016.

/s/: Kim W. Kling
Kim W. Kling, Chairman

Attest: /s/: Elaine Jensen
Elaine Jensen, Butte County Auditor

The Commissioners and Emergency Manager/E911 Coordinator/Floodplain Coordinator Tyler Trohkimoinen discussed the drought conditions and the use of fireworks. There are many citizens that are concerned about fires and safety.

Since fireworks are already being sold it would be impossible for law enforcement to enforce a ban of fireworks at this time.

A tanker truck is loaded and ready to go if a fire department would request the need for one.

The Board of Butte County Commissioners is asking the public to have a water hose readily available and to be extra cautious when setting off fireworks.

Chairman Kling recused himself at 1:30 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

Second Vice – Chairman Frank Walton took the meeting over.

Motion by Geis Second by Richards to approve the Re-issuance of the retail (on-off sale)

Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine (Sunday Sales) for R/N/R Ranch Inc. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Chairman Kling returned to the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

A discussion was held about public use of the Butte County Fairgrounds. Butte County State's Attorney Cassie Wendt and Auditor Elaine Jensen will work on the necessary documentation that the insurance company will need to approve the use of the fairgrounds for special events.

Motion by Geis Second by Richards to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE
SHAYKETT CONSTRUCTION \$32,140.27

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION:
Kim Kling, Chairman

ATTEST: Elaine Jensen, Auditor