

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

Wednesday, November 01, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Action Item: Approval of October 04, 2023, 2023 meeting minutes.
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items.
5. Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment:
  - a. Tribal Council update
  - b. Sheriff Kendall
  - c. Supervisor Haschak
  - d. Mendocino County DOT
6. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion and possible action on the election of an Assistant Presiding Officer (Vice-Chairperson):  
Kay suggested tabling this item to November to give people time to think about it. Kathy moves to table to November. John needs to check with clerk of the board to determine terms of current council members. Item tabled in October.
  - b. Discussion/Update: Whether to request that the county create a safe housing area for deputy sheriff and other essential county employees and health care workers on the Forestry Service property located at the Covelo Ranger Station. Whether to request the county to look at Department of Agriculture – Rural Development - Rural Housing Service (Community Facilities) for possible funding. This program awards grants to purchase, construct, or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and pay other related project expenses. Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to: medical or dental clinics, healthcare facilities, police or fire departments, and public works vehicles. Community Facilities grants cannot be used to pay initial operating expenses or annual recurring expenses, refinance existing debt, pay interest, build or repair facilities in non-rural areas, or pay for construction costs of facilities that will be used for commercial rental space.

- c. Discussion and possible action on continual problems with telephone service, landline through Frontier and cellular service. Consider a letter of support both service providers requesting them to work on improvement of telephone services in and around Covelo. Update with information that was obtained by Lew Chichester. Also, information from Mary Jane Cummings, sample complaint letter and addresses of appropriate agencies that it can be sent to.
- d. Discussion and possible action: addition to Bylaws pertaining to excessive meeting absences of Council members and submission of request for removal of pertinent Council members to the Board of Supervisors due to excessive meeting absences: these items were not addressed at the November meeting.
- e. Discussion and possible action: Approve a maximum of \$250 for technical consultation for website, email, and possible other technical media platforms in order to assure ongoing MAC access and control (Imil Ferrera consultant). This item tabled at the November 4 meeting for additional information.

New Business:

- 7. Informational item from John Haschak with respect to notices from County of Mendocino Planning and building Department
- 8. Informational item, Notice from County of Mendocino Planning and Building Department for installation of a trailer during the construction of a home on the Bauer Ranch Subdivision.
- 9. Informational item, Mary Jane Cummings, Keep the Ridges Green, This is interesting--check it out. Here's the link to the whole 27pages: 638330484299800000 ([mendocinocounty.org](https://www.mendocinocounty.org)) [1]. I have no objections while keeping in mind we should establish a long-term goal of a moratorium on new constructions in the valley of Round Valley in order to keep our ridges green while grandfathering in the current residences. I mentioned this before in the County's 50-year plan but no one listened. Keep the green ridges green so we don't end up looking like San Francisco. Plan way ahead for this beautiful valley. Ukiah and other cities should do the same

Links:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/60978/638330484299800000>

- 10. Discussion and possible action on the issue of the establishment of cannabis overlay zone/prohibition zones, Links: <https://mendofever.com/2023/10/23/board-of-supervisors-curb-mendocino-county-residents-ability-to-establish-cannabis-prohibition-zones> *“The Board of Supervisors discussed process, discrimination, and the role of the public in determining public policy last week, when they took on the question of cannabis overlay zones. The Board directed County Counsel to amend the overlay policy so that residents of neighborhoods who want to prohibit cannabis can no longer apply to the county to create a special zone in areas*

*where cannabis is currently allowable. Two supervisors dissented, saying they thought creating the special zones is a waste of resources.” Per Mendofever, full article in the link, October 23, 2023.*

11. Treasurer’s report
12. Next Meeting: December 06, 2023. Send agenda items to [admin@mac.roundvalley.org](mailto:admin@mac.roundvalley.org).
13. Adjournment