

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

Wednesday, October 4, 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 September 6, 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 – follow up to listening session 9/16/2023
6. Old Business:
7. Discussion: 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.
8. Discussion and possible action: Whether to request, again, that the county seek money for Round Valley area road work from the CTC or federal infrastructure funding. Approve second letter to Board of Supervisors and County Department of Transportation. Update on listening session with the County transportation officials on September 16, 2024.

9. 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
  
10. Discussion and possible action: addition to Bylaws. Draft bylaw adapted from the Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council pertaining to excessive meeting absences of Council members:  
Language of particular interest is: "Any member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive RVAMAC meetings, or four (4) meetings within twelve (12) months, may be subject to a vote by the Council to submit a request for removal of said member to the Board of Supervisors. Exception: Up to three (3) meetings during a year may be excused absences if the member has designated an approved alternate to attend/vote in their stead, and the Chair or Secretary has been prior notified of such absences." *Agenda Item from Charles*
  
11. Discussion and possible action: Submit request for removal of pertinent Council members to Board of Supervisors due to excessive meeting absences. *Agenda Item from Charles.*

New Business:

12. Discussion and possible action on appointment of an Assistant Presiding Officer (Vice-Chairperson)
  
13. Discussion and possible action: There continue to be ongoing issues with traffic on Howard, Main and Highway 162 in town. This creates a health and safety hazard. Considering the outcome of the 9/16/23 listening session, whether to request additional support for traffic calming measures; request support of law enforcement in creating a plan for improved safety measures and support for any grant applications that the County might apply for to remedy this issue.
  
14. Discussion and Possible action: Approve a monthly payment of \$25/hr. for the preparation and production of meeting minutes by the Secretary or Appointee designated for that purpose.
  
15. 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). *Agenda Item from Charles*
  
16. Discussion about requesting a report from CalTrans regarding the pedestrian path. What is their schedule and how do they envision the wintertime use or protection of the path if it's not completed.
  
17. Discussion about requesting an update from CalTrans on the Highway162 Beautification project with information about how the "speed bumps" in the road will be installed. The recent motorcycle vs. vehicle accident at 162 and Eberle street accident should be considered in starting the installation of all of the traffic calming measures
  
18. Treasurer's report

19. Next Meeting: November 1, 2023. Send agenda items to [admin@mac.roundvalley.org](mailto:admin@mac.roundvalley.org).

20. Adjournment