MEETING AGENDA
County Administration Center, Conference Room C
August 28, 2019 - 1:00 PM

1. OPEN SESSION / ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Members of the public are welcome to address the Committee on items not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee is prohibited by law from taking action on matters not on the agenda, but may ask questions to clarify the speaker’s comment. The Committee limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 3 minutes per person and not more than 10 minutes for a particular subject at the discretion of the Chair of the Committee.

To best facilitate these items, please review and complete the public comment/speaker form available at the back of the conference room and present to the Clerk. If you wish to submit written comments, please provide 15 copies to the Clerk of the Board staff, located in the County Administration Center, Room 1010. All meetings are recorded, so speakers are reminded to announce their names as they approach to podium to speak.

3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

3a) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds

3b) Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019, Meeting

3c) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager

3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Purchase of Regional Behavioral Health Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station

3e) Acceptance of Suicide by Cop Update

3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study
3g) Discussion and Possible Action Including Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Utilize Measure B Funds as a Match to Other Funding Streams

3h) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest

5. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED AND FILED

5a) August 21, 2019 - City of Fort Bragg Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee Regarding Coastal Facilities

Communications received and filed are retained by the Clerk throughout the Committee proceedings. To review items described in this section, please contact the Committee Clerk, in Room 1010.

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Time Allocated for Item: 5 mins

AGENDA TITLE:
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds

SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The Committee will receive a report from the Mendocino County Auditor/Controller regarding the Measure B tax fund balance.
# Mendocino County - Measure B Funds

## Mental Health Treatment Act

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## Life to Date

- **Revenue**: (9,552,363)
- **Expense**: 230,437
- **Interest Earnings**: (69,570)
- **Balance**: (9,391,496)
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**Time Allocated for Item:** 5 mins

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019, Meeting
AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:01 P.M.)

Committee Members Present: Mr. Thomas Allman; Ms. Carmel J. Angelo; Mr. Jed Diamond; Mr. Ross Liberty; Ms. Jan McGourty; Mr. Mark Mertle; Dr. Jenine Miller; Ms. Donna Moschetti; Ms. Shannon Riley; and Mr. Lloyd Weer.

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Ace Barash.

2. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Presenter/s: Mr. John Wetzler.

3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

3a) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Expenditure Report on Measure B Tax Funds

Presenter/s: Auditor-Controller Weer.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: No action taken.

Auditor-Controller Weer reported that the life to date revenue was $8,730,793; to date expenses were $228,187; and interest earned was $36,414; for a total current balance of $8,539,023.

3b) Approval of Minutes of the May 22, 2019, Meeting

Presenter/s: Ms. Karla Van Hagen, Committee Clerk.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Sheriff Allman, seconded by Member McGourty, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the May 22, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved.
3c) Approval of Minutes of the July 8, 2019, Meeting

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Karla Van Hagen, Committee Clerk.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member McGourty, seconded by Sheriff Allman, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the Minutes of the July 8, 2019, meeting, are hereby approved.

3d) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Purchase of Regional Behavioral Health Training Center/Sheriff Sub-station

**Presenter/s:** Sheriff Allman; and Member Angelo.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Jo Bradley; and Mr. John Wetzler.

The Committee received an update on the purchase of the Training Center/Sub-station in Redwood Valley. It was reported that there were three other offers on the property, the County's offer of $389,000 was accepted, and the property was escrow at the time of the meeting.

Concern regarding the Special Meeting as well as prioritizing the Sheriff’s Behavioral Health Training Facility/Sub-Station was discussed. The committee overall agreed that it was a unique situation which required the Committee to take quick action. The formation of an ad hoc committee regarding renovation and logistics of the facility was also discussed, and it was determined that it would be an appropriate discussion at a future meeting once escrow has closed on the property.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

3e) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study

**Presenter/s:** Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer; and Mr. Nash Gonzalez, Recovery Director.

**Public Comment:** None.

Ms. Rau and Mr. Gonzalez gave a brief update on the RFP/RFQ process, which was issued on June 19, 2019. A mandatory meeting was held on July 2, 2019, and 11 attendees participated and are now qualified, or have the ability, to submit proposals. The inquiry deadline was July 16, 2019, with responses due on August 16, 2019. Members Mertle and Diamond volunteered to sit on the Selection Committee. It was anticipated that a short list of who was invited to oral presentations should be available to distribute to the Committee at the August 28, 2019, meeting. The target date to provide the Notice of Intent to the Board of Supervisors is October 22, 2019.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.
3f) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Request for Permission from the Board of Supervisors to Publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Orchard Street, or Other Location as Determined by Feasibility Study, Mental Health Facility Design, Possibly Design/Build

**Presenter/s:** Member Liberty, and Ms. Janelle Rau, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

**Public Comment:** None.

The Committee discussed whether the proposed action could possibly speed up the feasibility study, or would actually prolong or even potentially cancel it. After considerable discussion, the committee chose not to take any further action.

**Committee Action:** No action taken.

3g) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee

**Presenter/s:** Member McGourty.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Wetzler; and Ms. Jo Bradley.

Ms. McGourty provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee’s progress, which included a review of the Kempery Study Guide on action, policy, and proposed strategic financing. Additionally, Ad Hoc distributed a few recommendations which they proposed be recommended to the Board of Supervisors including Maintaining a prudent reserve of 12.5% of Measure B Funds; Separate annual accounting of Measure B revenues/expenditures; and a 10-year strategic plan. Auditor Weer stated that Measure B funds are currently kept separate from the County’s General Fund or Restricted Reserve fund which are included in an annual audit by an outside independent Certified Public Accountant. Discussion ensued regarding a possible Strategic Plan.

**Committee Action:** Upon motion by Member Riley, seconded by Member Mertle, and carried 10/1/1, with Member Barash absent, and Member Mertle dissenting, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen’s Oversight Committee hereby supports the ad hoc committee’s recommendation to create a strategic plan with no separate audit process at this point. Prudent reserve conversation should take place as part of the strategic plan.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

4a) Committee Member Reports Regarding Items of General Interest
5. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 2:21 P.M.

Attest: KARLA VAN HAGEN
Committee Clerk

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AGENDA TITLE:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Measure B Project Manager

SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 27, 2019, the Committee approved a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to obtain a Project Manager.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a Measure B Project Manager.

On May 22, 2019, the Committee Received an Update Regarding the Hiring Process.
ITEM 3D

Meeting Date: 8/28/2019
Contact: Thomas D. Allman

Time Allocated for Item: 15 minutes

AGENDA TITLE:
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Purchase of Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility/Mendocino County Sheriff Sub-Station.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
On July 8, 2019, the Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen’s Oversight Committee approved a recommendation to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors for the purchase of real property located at 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, California to be used as a regional behavioral health training facility/Sheriff’s office sub-station with 70% funds from Measure B; and 30% from the Sheriff’s office budget.

On July 16, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the allocations of up to $278,000 of Measure B Funds and up to $150,000 of Sheriff’s Office Asset Forfeiture Balance for the purchase of Real Property located at 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley for a Regional Behavioral Health Training Facility/Mendocino County Sheriff Sub-station; and in Closed Session authorized the acquisition of Real Property located at APN: 163-140-14; 8207 East Road, Redwood Valley, CA for the purchase price of $389,000.

On July 24, 2019, the Committee received an update regarding the purchase process. The property was purchased for $389,000 and was in escrow at the time of the update.
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AGENDA TITLE: Acceptance of Suicide by Cop Update

SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
UPD Chief Wyatt will present information on the current situation and proposed training.
POLICE FEAR ‘SUICIDE BY COP’ CASES. SO THEY’VE STOPPED RESPONDING TO SOME CALLS

Plumas County, where Greg Hagwood is the sheriff-coroner, is not the only jurisdiction in California that is rethinking how it responds to suicide calls. (Kent Nishimura / Los Angeles Times)

By ANITA CHABRIA STAFF WRITER

AUG. 10, 2019
5 AM
GRAEAGLE, CALIF. —

Before George Quinn wrapped a chain around the rafters of his wood shop and hanged himself in June, he texted his big sister goodbye.

“This is the hardest part,” wrote the reclusive 63-year-old master carpenter, who lived alone with his elderly cat, Sam, in this Northern California mountain town. “Sorry for everything. You should call the Plumas Co sheriff and have them go to the garage.”

Carol Quinn dialed law enforcement from her home near Reno, more than an hour away, desperate for them to save her brother’s life.

The answer she received was startling: Deputies were no longer responding to calls like hers, because the situation could end as a “suicide by cop.”

“Go to the garage” could be a hint at an ambush, a deputy told her. She would have to try to reach her brother on her own.

“We were flabbergasted,” Carol said. “I think almost anyone assumes when you call the sheriff’s office for help that you’re going to get some help. And they refused to go.”

Plumas County is not the only jurisdiction in California that is rethinking how it responds to suicide calls. Some small and midsize law enforcement agencies across the state have stopped responding to certain calls because of the potential dangers to both officers and the person attempting to end his or her life. They also present a financial liability from lawsuits — especially if the situation turns violent. Other departments, including the Los Angeles police and sheriff’s and San Francisco police, use “disengagement” strategies that allow them to leave calls without confronting someone in crisis. These tactics are used most often when the person is alone and does not present a threat to anyone else, and no crime is being committed.

“In too many instances, we show up and further aggravate a crisis situation,” Plumas County Sheriff-Coroner Greg Hagwood said. “And then, in the end, bad things happen.”

Some fear that, as police stand down, civilians will be left to handle difficult and potentially dangerous situations alone. But Hagwood and others in law enforcement say the profession must examine its legal and moral obligations in an era when use of force is under intense scrutiny and there is increased pressure to curtail deadly police incidents.
A bill currently on Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk would toughen the state’s rules for when officers can use lethal force. It mimics civil case law, which, for years, has allowed examinations of officers’ behavior leading up to fatal encounters. For many law enforcement officers, evolving expectations combined with rising numbers of mental health calls mean changing, and potentially limiting, what they do.

“We can’t always be everything to everyone all the time,” Hagwood said.

The fear of encountering a suicide by cop event — when a person takes actions, such as brandishing a weapon, that prompt officers to use deadly force — is especially worrying. In a 2009 study of more than 700 officer-involved shootings nationwide, 36% of incidents were determined to be attempts at provoking officers to use deadly force.

Other studies have found that 10% to 46% of police shootings involved suicide by cop attempts — though the definition of what constitutes a suicide by cop is controversial. Critics say too often it is used to justify police violence. In the 2009 study, researchers found police killed the suicidal person more than half of the time and injured the person in 40% of encounters. The suicidal person was unharmed in only 3% of police encounters.

“Police are right in assessing these [calls] are significantly dangerous,” said John Reid Meloy, a professor of psychiatry at UC San Diego and author of the nationwide study. “This is not a rare event.”

Ron Lawrence, president of the California Police Chiefs Assn., said stepping back from some suicide calls is “definitely a source of conversation in the police profession” and happens as a practice rather than a formal policy at many departments.

It is a protocol he uses as chief of Citrus Heights, a suburb of Sacramento. Departments including those in Mono and Lake counties and the city of Hemet also are selective in answering calls, said Ed Obayashi, a Plumas deputy and statewide police trainer who championed the policy in his county. There is no statewide data on how agencies handle suicide calls, but Obayashi says the hands-off approach is increasingly common.

“Walking away, that is really counterintuitive for police to do,” said Lawrence, the statewide police chiefs’ leader. “But we have just learned through evolution that sometimes police presence is not the answer.”

But the idea of not responding sits hard with some. When staffers brought the suggestion to Hagwood, the Plumas sheriff, he thought it was “the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard,” he said.

“It initially ran against every sensibility in my body because I’ve always subscribed to when people call needing help, we will go,” Hagwood said. He calls George Quinn’s death “sobering.”

Quinn was a relative newcomer to Plumas, a county of about 19,000 residents spread across more than 2,600 square miles of the Sierra Nevada.

Hagwood, who was raised in Plumas and has been in law enforcement for three decades, thinks about how he would have reacted if police had declined to respond to a call about someone he knew, or his parents knew. But he says he believes the protocol is necessary for changing how his county, and California as a whole, handles mental health.
“It is creating a vacuum,” Hagwood said. “That’s where the behavioral health, mental health practitioners need to, in my opinion, recognize that the climate for them is changing as well. It’s changing for us. It needs to change for them.”

Some cities with more money and community pressure are bridging the chasm between police and mental health. Over the last few years, departments in cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco have developed more sophisticated responses, deploying crisis intervention teams with sworn officers and behavioral health professionals.

In San Francisco, they are trained at creating time and distance to allow mental health calls to play out slowly, said Lt. Mario Molina, crisis intervention coordinator for the department. In coming months, he hopes to put teams on patrol that have one officer and one clinician. Other cities already do.

“I tell you, it’s magic,” Molina said of the joint response. “It takes more than just cops.”

Though disengagement may seem counterintuitive, Molina said he had seen it work with the collaborative model. Earlier this year, he said, officers responded to a suicide call from an elderly father who said his adult son, who suffers from mental illness, was threatening to cut his wrists. Arriving officers saw through a window that the son was holding a knife and heard him arguing with his father not to let police enter. Police got the father out. But during an hours-long standoff, the son barricaded himself in his room.

Police entered the house but didn’t force their way into the bedroom. Instead, they looked for blood, a possible sign the son was hurt, Molina said. Finding none, and in consultation with a mental health clinician on scene, Molina’s team “decided it was best for us to walk away at that time,” he said. They advised the father not to return to the house and left.

The son didn’t kill himself, and the next day, though the man was still barricaded in the room, Molina’s staff was able to make contact and persuade him to accept help.

The son told Molina, “If you guys would have come in, I was ready to die. ... I was ready to charge one of you to shoot me,” Molina said.

But few rural and smaller departments have the resources of San Francisco, giving non-response a different feel. Ingrid Braun, sheriff of Mono County, near Yosemite, says the nearest emergency mental health bed in her county is five hours south in Bakersfield, and the county currently has no behavioral health practitioners who can respond to urgent calls.

Like Plumas, her department is selective in responding to suicide calls. “We kind of leave the person in the lurch, and that’s not ideal either,” Braun said.

She is in discussions with county medics to have them answer those calls, which she says are infrequent but happen about once every other month, with police as backup. But like Hagwood, she thinks the death of George Quinn should be a call for a broader discussion.

“There is a larger problem, not just the suicide problem,” Braun said. “If you call because you are bottoming out and you need help, we send men with guns. ... Maybe this needs to shift the conversation.”

Dan Reidenberg, executive director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, a national prevention nonprofit, says he understands the challenges but that, with no alternative available, law enforcement officers must remain first responders to all suicide calls. Without some intervention, he said, rising suicide rates could increase further.
“I don’t think it’s the right precedent or the right policy,” Reidenberg said. “We need law enforcement to be that stable, protective, strong force that shows up.”

For Carol Quinn, who spoke with her brother every day, the debate is irrelevant. She said that George never owned a gun and never posed a danger.

She remembers him as a triathlete with a stack of medals who still ran 10 miles at a time; a man who loved the Russian Blue cat he’d had for 15 years; who struggled with depression and wound up alone in the woods because it was cheaper and he had an iconoclastic streak that made project work preferable to having a boss.

When she realized no help was coming from law enforcement, she called her friend, Pat Costin, and they made a frantic drive to the blue-shingled house where George lived on a street filled mostly with vacation homes. In a few weeks, on the Fourth of July, the neighborhood would be packed. But on the morning they arrived, it was nearly silent among the pines. Costin opened the door to the wood shop first. As his eyes adjusted to the dimness, he saw George and knew he was gone.

He said he called deputies and told them, “It’s safe for you to come now.”

By the time the authorities arrived, Carol and Costin had found the cat and put him in a carrier. Though they both say they support law enforcement, they are angry.

“To abandon him like that was not right,” she said. “He was dear to me.”

Costin calls the protocol “pathetic,” one that potentially puts civilians in danger and forces them to endure trauma that police are better trained to handle.

“I don’t have any knowledge of how to clear a house, clear a garage,” Costin said. “I’m not wearing a bulletproof vest. I’m not trained in deescalation. I’m not trained in dealing with this. But it’s perfectly fine for me to go rushing around.”

Costin, who knew George for a decade, says the image of his friend hanging from the beams wakes him at night. He closed the door before Carol could see, and for that he is thankful.

“But this is a memory that is engraved in my mind,” he said. “I mean, just burned.”
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**Time Allocated for Item:** 30 Mins

**AGENDA TITLE:**
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Update on Status of the Architect RFQ and Related Feasibility Study

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On January 27, 2019, the Committee made a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to explore utilizing Measure B funds for the development of a Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential Facility and a 24-hour Psychiatric Facility. Further, that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to research options associated with such facility including design/bid/build and potential property or facility locations.

On February 5, 2019, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to proceed with researching options associated with the development of Crisis Residential Unit(s), Crisis Stabilization Unit(s), Crisis Treatment Unit(s), and 24 Hour Psychiatric Inpatient Health Facility utilizing Measure B Funds, including design, bid and/or build potential properties or facilities locations.

On February 27, 2019, the Committee Received an update regarding competitive bidding processes related to the development of Crisis Residential Unit(s), Crisis Stabilization Unit(s), and 24 Hour Psychiatric Inpatient Health Facility.

On May 22, 2019, the Committee received an update on the status of the architect Request for Qualification (RFQ) and related feasibility study.

On June 19, 2019, the Measure B Architectural Services Request for Qualification Request for Proposals (RFQ RFP) was released, with a closing date of August 16, 2019, and is located on the County website at: [https://www.mendocinocounty.org/Home/Components/RFP/RFP/1576/181](https://www.mendocinocounty.org/Home/Components/RFP/RFP/1576/181)

On July 24, 2019, the Committee received an update on the status of the architect Request for Qualification (RFQ) and related feasibility study. Members Mertle and Diamond were selected to participate in the Selection Committee.

On August 16, 2019, the Request for Qualification Request for Proposals (RFQ RFP) closed.
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**AGENDA TITLE:**
Discussion and Possible Action Including Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to Utilize Measure B Funds as a Match to Other Funding Streams

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**
The Committee make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors utilize Measure B funds to support the hourly costs to research/apply/procure funding streams that can complement/enhance or maximize our Measure B funds for infrastructure/services and/or goods.
ITEM 3H

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**Time Allocated for Item:** 15 Mins

**AGENDA TITLE:**

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Report from the Kemper Report Ad Hoc Committee

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Ad hoc committee will provide an update on the status of the Ad Hoc Committee since the July 24, 2019 update.

On July 24, 2019, the Committee voted to support the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation to create a strategic plan (excluding a separate audit process) with prudent reserve conversation taking place as part of the strategic plan.
August 21, 2019

Mental Health Treatment Act Citizens Oversight Committee:

Shannon Riley          Thomas Allman          Ross Liberty          Jan McGourty
Jennifer Miller        Lloyd Weer            Carmel Angelo         Donna Moschetti
Ace Barash             Mark Mertle           Jed Diamond           Karla Van Hagen, Clerk

RE: Measure B Funding for Coastal Resources

Dear Oversight Committee Members:

First, on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg, we would like to thank you for your service and acknowledge how important funding and resources for mental health treatment are to the County. The passage of Measure B and the work of your committee provide us hope that we can deal with the unmet mental health treatment needs of our communities.

As plans for programs and facilities are developed and implemented, we encourage you to consider how services can be extended and incorporated into the mental health infrastructure on the Coast. The Mendocino Coast District Hospital (MCDH) provides health care to approximately 20,000 people who live in the District, and Fort Bragg is the hub of services from Westport to Elk. The MCDH, the City of Fort Bragg Police Department and the City’s residents, businesses and visitors are all impacted by individuals struggling with mental health and addiction issues. We want to ensure that Fort Bragg and the Mendocino Coast are considered and receive resources to serve our portion of the County.

We continue to follow the efforts and the progress of your committee and struggle to understand the complex array of treatment levels, facilities and options. We do not have the level of expertise at this time to determine what facilities and programs would best serve the Coast, but we are educating ourselves. We understand that Measure B funds are limited and priorities will need to be established, but we also believe that additional treatment facilities and programs are absolutely necessary for the Coast. As your committee continues forward, we support your work and efforts but strongly encourage you to continue to consider the role that Coastal facilities will provide in the overall mental health of our County.

If we can be of assistance in Fort Bragg, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

City of Fort Bragg Ad Hoc Homelessness Committee

Bernie Norvell          Jessica Morsell-Haye    Tabatha Miller        Marie Jones        Fabian Lizarraga
Vice Mayor             City Councilmember      City Manager         Comm. Dev. Dir.    Police Chief