

**Sierra County
Board of Supervisors'
Agenda Transmittal &
Record of Proceedings**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 21, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Regular Timed X Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors
APPROVING PARTY: Lee Adams, Supervisor – District One
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Item Resolution of appreciation to Donald S. Russell on his retirement as editor of the Mountain Messenger newspaper after 29 years.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: xResolution Agreement Other

Background information:

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FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: NA
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: NA

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

 Yes, -- --
X No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes X No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes X No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

<p>BOARD ACTION:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted as amended <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Action Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Set public hearing For: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Direction to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Continued to: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: <input type="checkbox"/> By Consensus
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COMMENTS:

CLERK TO THE BOARD DATE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SIERRA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Donald S. Russell
Editor, The Mountain Messenger

WHEREAS, while Downieville has been the home of no less than nine newspapers since 1852, only one has survived 166 years of publication to become the oldest weekly newspaper published in California, and,

WHEREAS, The Mountain Echo debuting in June 1852, the Bugle in the fall of 1852, The Old Oaken Bucket in 1855, the Weekly Standard in 1864, the Downieville Democrat in 1870, the Sierra Age in 1871, the Expositor in 1882, and the Sierra County Enterprise, all ceased publication before the end of the nineteenth century, and,

WHEREAS, first published in the Sierra County gold rush community of Gibsonville on November 19th, 1853, The Gibsonville Trumpet was edited by Alfred T. Helm for two years, and,

WHEREAS, in May of 1854, the Trumpet was renamed The Mountain Messenger, and the following year relocated to the then Sierra County community of La Porte, and,

WHEREAS, in March of 1864, The Mountain Messenger relocated to the Sierra County seat of Downieville, from where it has been published since, and,

WHEREAS, in November, 1953, The Mountain Messenger celebrated its 100th anniversary and was acknowledged as a California centennial business, and today, has been published for an unmatched 166 years and is the oldest weekly publication in the state, and,

WHEREAS, during its 166 year history, The Mountain Messenger has been managed by a succession of twenty five editors, and,

WHEREAS, since April 1991, Donald S. Russell has served as editor for an amazing 29 years, bringing a unique style to the newspaper, including the most classic of April fools day editions, and acquiring fans far and near, and,

WHEREAS, today The Mountain Messenger boasts a circulation of 2,000, with a half mailed to addressed outside the county and to a dozen different states, and,

WHEREAS, in December of 2019 Editor Donald S. Russell announced his retirement after nearly three decades of editing this venerable Sierra County institution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, on behalf of the citizens of Sierra County, does hereby extend its sincere appreciation to Donald S. Russell for his keeping the citizens of Sierra County informed of news of their local government, providing the public a platform from which individuals citizens can opine, and for providing all what only a free journalism can do in a free society. This board wishes Donald S. Russell, and the long suffering Irene, best wishes, much happiness, and good health, in all future endeavors!

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Sierra County, California by a unanimous vote on the 21st day of January, 2020.

Lee Adams, District One

Peter W. Huebner, District Two

Paul Roen, District Three

James Beard, District Four

Sharon Dryden, District Five

Attest: _____
Heather Foster
Clerk of the Board