

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

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2020	TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Timed <input type="checkbox"/> Consent
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DEPARTMENT: Assessor
APPROVING PARTY: Laura A. Marshall
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3283

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion/direction to staff to work with the Sierra County Historical Society on the preservation of certain County records.

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Memo Resolution Agreement Other

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: \$TBD N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?

 Yes, -- --
 No

IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET? Yes No

IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED? Yes 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:

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SIERRA COUNTY

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Laura A. Marshall
Assessor

August 18, 2020

To: Sierra County Board of Supervisors
From: Laura Marshall, Sierra County Assessor
RE: Historical Document Preservation

Sierra County has a myriad of historical documents scattered throughout the courthouse—tucked away in musty conex boxes, collecting dust on office shelves, sitting unprotected below fire sprinklers.

Earlier this year a visit from a group of historians researching Sierra Valley ranches brought a glimmer of hope in preserving our own history. Prior to their arrival my staff had moved the hundreds of maps rolled up in front of the historic assessment rolls. Upon seeing the sad state of some truly spectacular hand-drawn maps from the late 1860's and early 1900's an offer of assistance was extended (*photos of the my records room attached.*)

On Friday, August 7, 2020, history buff and Planner II, Corri Jimenez, moderated a Zoom meeting between Sierra County Historical Society member, Bill Copren; Sierra County Historical Society curator, Melissa Brewer; Sierra County Historical Society intern, Nathan Barnes; Planning Director, Tim Beals; and myself. The historical society offered assistance in completing an inventory and preservation of some County historical documents.

The historical society has offered the time and expertise of curator, Melissa Brewer, and intern, Nathan Barnes. The immediate plan is to delicately sort through the most critical documents located in the assessor/tax collector closet, conex box outside, and planning/building departments. Once the documents have been identified, they would be properly stored and moved the Sierraville School for preservation.

The SCHS will inventory our documents utilizing PastPerfect, a software created to archive museum collections. PastPerfect allows for the digital storage of artifacts, documents, photos and books. This offer of assistance and offer to store electronically would not only preserve our documents but also allow the public to gain safe access to history currently tucked away.

I could go on and on but I want to keep this memo short. I will provide more information on this item during the meeting.



Stacks of books on the top shelf, some with red and purple spines.

Books on the second shelf, many with blue spines labeled "ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL".

Books on the third shelf, some with white spines and dates like "1907 VOL. 1", "1909", "1910", "1911", "1912", "1913", "1914", "1915", "1916", "1917", "1918", "1919".

Books on the bottom shelf, some with red spines and labels like "SIERRA COUNTY", "SIERRA COUNTY VOL. 1", "SIERRA COUNTY VOL. 2".

Books on the floor, some with red spines and labels like "SIERRA COUNTY VOL. 1", "SIERRA COUNTY VOL. 2".

Large wooden panel on the right side of the frame, showing wood grain and knots.

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Messenger



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