COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2017
Submitting Department(s):
Clerk of the Board

Contact: Di Aulabaugh
Phone: 934-6400

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:

AGENDA PLACEMENT
APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

Required ______ Minutes
☐ Business – No ☐ Consent
☐ Correspondence ☐ Reports & Notices

AFFECTION DEPARTMENT(S)
☐ Receive Concurrence

ATTACHMENTS
☐ Board Report
☐ Letter
☐ Minute Order
☐ Contract
☐ Transfer
☐ Grant App.
☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Proclamation
☐ Policy Update
☐ Code Update
☐ Other

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL
☐ County Counsel
☐ Personnel
☐ Finance

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS
☐ Return Minute Order
☐ Return Certified Copy Of:
☐ Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES
☐ State ☐ Federal

Bill#: ______
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

☐ General Fund Impact
☐ Other: ______
☐ Budgeted
☐ Transfer Attached
☐ 4/5ths Vote Required
☐ Contingency Request

FUNDING SOURCE/IMPACT

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS
☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

Date of Original Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
Recommendation to approve and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman to execute letter to Superior Court Judge Donald Cole Byrd in response to the 2016/2017 Grand Jury Report, as required by California Penal Code Section 933.05

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Department Head

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

cc:
TO: Honorable Board Members
FROM: Debbie Lambert, Sr. Deputy Clerk of the Board
DATE: September 19, 2017

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 GLENN COUNTY GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The 2016-2017 Glenn County Grand Jury Final Report was released to the public on June 30, 2017. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c) all Elected Officers and Department Heads are required to respond to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within 60 days from the date of filing. The Board of Supervisors then has 30 days to respond to the Departments’ recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
Recommendation to approve and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman to execute letter to Superior Court Judge Donald Cole Byrd in response to the 2016/2017 Grand Jury Report, as required by California Penal Code Section 933.05.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
The Grand Jury is comprised of citizens who volunteer to serve for one or two year terms. Their primary function is the examination of all aspects of county government and special districts, assuring an honest, efficient government that serves the best interest of the people. Through their role as a citizen watchdog organization for the county, they investigate various county and city agencies, investigate elected officials, and perform audits. At the end of each year of service, the Grand Jury issues the final report of its findings and recommendations. Upon completion the Grand Jury submits the final report to the Superior Court Judge for review/approval, thereafter distributes it to the affected agencies for review two days prior to public release, files it with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and distributes it to past and current Grand Jury members and the press. The Clerk of the Board then refers by letter to departments for recommendation back to the Board and the Superior Court Judge sixty days upon filing, and thirty days thereafter the Board responds to the Departments’ recommendations.

The Report may be viewed on the County website at www.countyofglenn.net/govt/agencies/grand_jury. To obtain a hard copy or compact disk, send a written request to the Grand Jury, P.O. Box 1023, Willows, CA 95988.

FISCAL/PERSPECTIVE IMPACT(S):
N/A

ANALYSIS:
Report to be submitted pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.
September 19, 2017

The Honorable Donald Cole Byrd
526 West Sycamore Street
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Judge Byrd:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE 2016/17 FINAL GRAND JURY REPORT

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank the Grand Jury for their time and effort in researching and coming up with thoughtful and meaningful recommendations in their 2016/17 Final Report.

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933.05, the Board of Supervisors respectfully submits the attached responses to the recommendations set forth in the 2016/17 Final Grand Jury Report. In addition, the Board has reviewed responses received by County Departments and in general concurs with their comments and conclusions. More specific responses are on the attached pages by area of concern.

Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[Signature]
Keith Corum, Chairman

cc: Margaret Ansel, 2017/18 Grand Jury Foreperson
    Di Aulabaugh, Clerk of the Board
GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESPONSE TO THE 2016/2017 GRAND JURY REPORT

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GLENN COUNTY JAIL / CORRECTIONS

Grand Jury Recommendation:
The 2016-2017 Glenn County Grand Jury recommends the following:

R1. Continued lobbying by the Board of Supervisors and Rural County Representatives (RCRC) and State Government to fund totally the (AB109) mandate placed on our County, resolving many of the budgetary issues the County faces. This funding could assist with staffing issues and facility deficiencies that are ongoing. An option of a county property tax or sales tax increase could also be explored.

R2. Prudent support and hiring of appropriate grant writers by Glenn County Government leaders, seeking State and Federal Grants on an aggressive level.

R3. Develop a master plan for maintaining, updating and improving existing facilities and its safety and security. This includes hot water, possibly on demand for the savings these systems bring, resolve the water volume issues and updating the water softening abilities. Security fencing and cameras installed in the parking inmate transfer area between the jail and the courthouse. All security doors in question within the facility should be updated and or repaired. Including the control panel, vital to overall safety of staff and inmates.


R5. Establish Solar Electrical abilities to offset increasing costs of electrical needs. It has come to the attention of the Grand Jury that ongoing consultations are progressing with a private company. Approval of a plan and implementation would put in place reduction of electrical costs from public utilities.

Response of the Board of Supervisors:
The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office.

*Note: See attachment A for the following response from the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office.

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JANE HAHN JUVENILE HALL

Grand Jury Recommendation:
The 2016-2017 Glenn County Grand Jury recommends the following:

R1. It has come to the Grand Jury’s attention that this facility is being considered for closure by the County Board of Supervisors to help offset the budgetary issues within the county. Services are to be contracted out to Tehama County. It is possible that this would be detrimental to these juveniles, in that they already feel and deal with varying degrees of abandonment issues. Some have been in custody for a long length of time and have bonded with psychologists, counselors and staff of Jane Hahn Juvenile facility. Starting over, reliving and retelling life events for some could be a very traumatic issue. There is also the issue of reestablishing mental health care as they age out of the juvenile system. Another issue is the learning skills that takes place in a new and sometimes larger facility, meaning those in the new facility teach the transplants from Jane Hahn new skills that they would not have necessarily picked up at Jane Hahn. These new skills can then come back into the county as these same juveniles become adults, becoming an adult issue that may have been mitigated at the juvenile level. It is our finding that Jane Hahn Juvenile Facility should remain open and that investment in our youth would remain in place preventing them from becoming lifelong criminals of the future wasting resources and possibly lives.

R2. Funding for this facility should be in the forefront with all public safety funding. It is the responsibility of our elected officials to leave no stone unturned. Prudent support and hiring of appropriate grant writers by Glenn County Government leaders seeking State and Federal Grants on an aggressive level.

Response of the Board of Supervisors:
The Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Glenn County Probation Department.

*Note: See attachment B for the following response from the Glenn County Probation Department.
Grand Jury Recommendation:
The 2016-2017 Glenn County Grand Jury recommends that the German / Artois Cemetery District should try and secure State, Federal, or private grants, when available, in order to better maintain the cemetery.

Response of the Board of Supervisors:
Cemetery Districts are Special Districts with their own Board of Directors of which the Board of Supervisors has no authority over. That being said, the Board of Supervisors concurs with the response of the Germantown / Artois Cemetery Special District.

*Note:  See attachment C for the following response from German Cemetery District
August 14, 2017

The Honorable Donald Cole Byrd
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, County of Glenn
526 W. Sycamore Street
Willows, CA 95988

RE: Response to the 2016-2017 Glenn County Grand Jury Report

Dear Judge Byrd:

The members of the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office and I wish to thank the Grand Jury for their professionalism, expertise, and service to our community. It was a pleasure to work with Grand Jury members who were informed, objective, and involved in making our government and our community better.

Pursuant to Penal Code section 933.05, please accept the following response:

Finding F1 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F2 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F3 – I am unable to agree or disagree with the finding due to insufficient information. The jail administrative staff, County medical and mental health officials, and our contracted inmate medical provider meet quarterly to discuss quality and continuance of the medical/mental health care provided to inmates. There are also specific policies and procedures for the delivery of medication. Without knowing whether it was medical staff or custodial staff providing the information, it is inadvisable to speculate as to the possible issue.
Finding F4 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F5 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F6 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F7 – I agree with the finding.
Finding F8 – I agree with the finding.
Recommendation R1 – The Glenn County Sheriff's Office will continue to work in partnership with the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, the Rural County Representatives, and State Government to explore all opportunities to help fund the mandates placed on the Sheriff's Office by AB109, as well as meet the staffing issues and facility deficiencies to operate a safe and secure jail facility.

Recommendation R2 – The Glenn County Sheriff's Office will continually seek new funding sources and partnerships to enhance our ability to serve our community. We have had some recent success with partnering with grant writing support from the Health and Human Services Agency to seek funding for the SMART team, and to combine our efforts on emergency services to better leverage State and Federal grant funds. The Sheriff's Office will work with the Board of Supervisors to find possible outside expertise that may lead to future funding availability.

Recommendation R3 – The Secured Facility Maintenance Supervisor has already been working on developing a master maintenance plan. Most key items and inefficiencies have been identified and prioritized for replacement; however, funding is still a key issue. We have been working with the County Facilities Planning Committee to find ways to fund needed repairs. The secured facilities maintenance supervisor was also sent to a special training class provided by the manufacturer of the security door, in order to inspect, repair, and replace security doors and locks.

Recommendation R4 – Safe, efficient, and professional health care in our jail facility is one of, and will continue to be, one of our utmost priorities. Part of any contract renewal or request for proposal will be continued training and methods or systems for oversight and quality assurance.

Recommendation R5 – The Glenn County Board of Supervisors and the County Facility Planning Committee are currently in the process of working with Air Con Industries to upgrade inefficient appliances and add solar power where feasible.

I wish to again express my gratitude to the Grand Jury for their effort, responsiveness, and cooperation and a special thanks to Foreperson Dright for his assistance and understanding. With the continued help of dedicated individuals that serve on Grand Juries, we will continue to progress and meet the needs of our County and our community. The men and women of the Glenn County Sheriff’s Office continually strive to improve and live up to our motto: Commitment to Service, Dedication to Community.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Warren Jr.
Sheriff/Coroner

Cc: Board of Supervisors
August 25, 2017

Honorable Donald Cole Byrd
Presiding Judge
Glenn County Superior Court
526 West Sycamore St.
Willows, CA  95988

RE: Response to the 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report

Your Honor:

This letter is in response to the report prepared by members of the Grand Jury with regard to the most recent inspection of the Jane Hahn Juvenile Hall. At that point in time, the facility was still in service. The two recommendations of the Grand Jury requiring responses were made assuming its continued operation.

By way of background, on May 2, 2017, it was determined by the Glenn County Board of Supervisors that it was not fiscally sound to continue to operate a full service facility. This was based on the fact that for several years the average daily population of the hall been steadily declining. Although, at capacity juvenile hall can house up to 22 minors, it consistently housed between 6-8 minors a day. The department was directed to explore any proposals that would result in at least $500,000 in savings to the county in order for the facility to operate, albeit in a limited capacity.

On May 16, 2017, a proposal was submitted to the Board of Supervisors however, in order to achieve the savings threshold, it require the layoff of 12 full-time staff. The department’s proposal was to house minors in neighboring Tehama County and transport them to school daily in Glenn County and take them back after school. During the weekend, all minors would be housed in Tehama County. The rationale behind doing this was to allow minors to continue to receive their education locally, as well as receive treatment and medical services within their community. Most importantly, it also allowed for regular visitation with family to avoid minors from feeling isolated due to being housed so far away. The proposed model would also serve as a day/evening reporting center for both minors and adults on probation with deputy probation officers facilitating evidence based programming in an effort to reduce recidivism within the two populations.
On May 30, 2017, the proposal was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors. On June 6, 2017, the contract to house up to eight minors a day at the Tehama County Juvenile Hall was ratified.

On June 26, 2017, I made the decision to suspend the implementation of the proposal due to several instances involving assaults that had occurred during the daily transports between the counties. Since that time, the facility has not been in operation.

In speaking with representatives from the California Board of State and Community Corrections, the facility could be re-opened at a later date as long as the required fire inspections are maintained, however given the fiscal unpredictability at the local level, it is doubtful the facility will be re-opened in the distant future.

With that said, I concur wholeheartedly with each of the recommendations presented by the Grand Jury and appreciate their attention to detail despite the fact the decision was made to close the facility. Many of the same concerns identified in report have been echoed previously by the department. The positive impacts of providing services locally cannot be overstated.

As well, I am humbled by the level of professionalism exhibited by each of my staff, both sworn and institutional these last few months as they’ve adjusted to all of the changes associated with the closure of the Jane Hahn Juvenile Hall. During my 11-year tenure as chief, I have had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented, selfless, and hardest working individuals our profession has to offer. Without their influence, many of those we serve would continue along the downward spiral of addiction, crime and despair. Their efforts make our community a much safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Brandon D. Thompson
Chief Probation Officer

cc: Glenn County Board of Supervisors
Glenn County Juvenile Justice Commission
August 15, 2017

To the Honorable Judge: Donald Cole Byrd

2016-17 Grand Jury Final Report

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933(c)

The German Cemetery District Board of Trustees has discussed the issue at past board meetings, of trying to secure different kinds of grant money for the cemetery to fix some of the headstones at the cemetery of families who no longer live in the area.

It was also discussed at the board meeting to contact someone at the Bayliss Library Commission about if the German Cemetery could be considered a historical site and request some state grant money for it.

The Board of Trustees will continue to be proactive in maintaining the German Cemetery in excellent condition and trying to secure grant money to fix some of the gravesites at the cemetery.

CC: Glenn County Board of Supervisors

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jack Cavier Jr. – President
German Cemetery District