TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: County Counsel, Michael Ciccozzi
SUBJECT: County Counsel: Board take the following actions to be effective in thirty (30) days:
(1) Vote to increase the number of At Large members on the Historic Resources Commission by 1 for a total of 4 At Large members (4/5 vote required); and
(2) Appoint Christopher Pedigo and David Read as At Large members

DATE: September 8, 2020
NUMBER: 468/2020

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions to be effective in thirty (30) days:

(1) Vote to increase the number of At Large members on the Historic Resources Commission by 1 for a total of 4 At Large members (4/5 vote required); and

(2) Appoint Christopher Pedigo and David Read as At Large members to the Historic Resources Commission

Background

Chapter 4.70 of the Yuba County Ordinance Code establishes the Historic Resources Commission (“Commission”) and sets forth its purpose, membership, and duties.

On July 14, 2020 and agenda item came before the Board to appoint one individual as an At-Large Representative on the Commission. (Agenda item 317/2020). Although only one At-Large appointment was available, two very qualified candidates applied for the position. The discussion at the time of the meeting resulted in the Board appointing an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Supervisors Bradford and Fletcher to examine the existing ordinance and recommend revisions.

As the result of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, a revised ordinance was brought before the Board for a first reading on August 25, 2020. Section 4.70.040(b) now provides that the Board by a 4/5 vote can increase the number of At Large members.
Earlier today, the Board conducted the second reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 4.70 and approved that ordinance. That ordinance will be effective thirty (30) days from today.

Discussion

When agenda item 317/2020 came before the Board on July 14, 2020, the Board was presented with two well-qualified individuals, David Read and Christopher Pedigo, who were interested in serving on the Commission. Rather than select only one of the individuals, the Board instead revised Ordinance Code Chapter 4.70 to allow the Board the discretion to increase the number of At Large members of the Commission. In this manner, both of these individuals could contribute to the rich history of Yuba County by serving on the Commission.

To increase the number of At Large members of the Commission, the Board must approve such action by a 4/5 vote. The Board is then free to appoint both Mr. Read and Mr. Pedigo to the Commission.

Although these actions are being taken today, the action will be effective in 30 days’ time as that is when the provisions of the new ordinance allowing the Board to increase the number of members of the Commission will take effect. Rather than wait 30 days before taking the instant action, the Board recognizes the patience with which both Mr. Read and Mr. Pedigo have approached the appointment to the Commission and seeks to assure them by the Board’s action today that the Board acknowledges and appreciates their willingness to stay the course as the Board fashioned a solution.

Committee Action

This item is being brought directly to the full Board for consideration because it is the final step in the direction previously provided by this Board.

Fiscal Impact

General Fund - None
Non-General Fund - None
Source of Funds - Not Applicable

Attachments

(1) Pedigo Application
(2) Read Application