



MINUTES

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Wednesday, February 25, 2009



1. **Convene Meeting and Welcoming of new member, Supervisor Leigh McDaniel**
Joanne Overton convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m., with the following members present – Sandy Soeth, Doris Cooper, former member/volunteer Keith Hansen, Supervisor Leigh McDaniel, and Joanne as Acting Chairman. Supervisor McDaniel was welcomed by Commission members, and a brief overview was given on the Commission’s goals and accomplishments.
2. **Update on Display Case** - Sandy advised that the display cases are finished and that Hardwood Creations is holding them until the move to Memorial Hall. She also stated that she transferred \$2,400 from the Commission’s trust fund, donated through Willows Rotary, Thunderhill and the Walker family. We had planned to pay that portion; however, the Director of Finance advised that until the product was delivered, the payment could not be made. Sandy also advised that there is a balance of \$2,600 that will be owed. It was suggested that Sandy contact David and Terry Vodden to discuss the balance.
3. **Update on BMI Invoice for Digitizing the old Board Minutes Books (pick up & delivery charge) -**
Sandy advised that the remaining portion from having the old Board minutes books digitized was \$250. She stated that Mike Aufranc from BMI was willing to work with the Commission for payment, however, due to the current budget crisis; she called them and requested that they waive the fee, and they did. Sandy suggested that a “thank you” letter be prepared and signed by the Board. She will place on an upcoming agenda for the Board to consider.
4. **Continued discussion on the following matters:**
 - a. **Draft Language for Glenn Dinner Ranch Bell plaque** – Joanne advised that she had made notes of the proposed language in September 2008, and stated that there were a total of 65 words that give a better narrative of the history behind the bell. She stated that she will be in contact with FD Sweet & Sons in Orland for a price quote, and that she and her husband intend on making the donation. Sandy received an email from Joanne, with the following suggested language:

“Erected - 1989 This Dinner Bell rang out at the ranch of Dr. Hugh James Glenn, who was known on the west coast as the “King of Wheat”. The bell was used from 1868-1883 at his ranch in Jacinto. The ranch spanned from the Sacramento River west for over five miles. In 1891 several years after his death, his name was given to the newly established County of Glenn in which his land was located.”

This matter will be continued to the next meeting.

- b. **Draft Language for Plaque to be placed on Display Case in memory of former member Gene Walker** – Sandy and Doris submitted and reviewed draft language. Upon discussion, it was general consensus by members present that the following language would be used for Gene Walker’s (1) plaque to be affixed to the display case and (2) additional language that would go inside the case on nice paper and possibly framed:

(1) “This display case was donated in the year 2009 by the Walker Family, Thunderhill Raceway and Willows Rotary in memory of former Historical Records Commission member Milton E. ‘Gene’ Walker.”

*Milton E. “Gene” Walker
March 6, 1928 - April 21, 2005*

(2) "Mr. Walker also served Glenn County as the County Clerk-Recorder from 1965 to 1990, with 13 years prior service within the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, for a total of 38 years with Glenn County. This display case was built as the beginning of the "Preservation of Glenn County History" project, in memory of Mr. Walker's dedication to the preservation and restoration of Glenn County History. Mr. Walker devoted many of his retired hours conducting research and inventory of various records of the County."

"The Commission created this project to raise funding that will allow the Commission's efforts to continue to "foster and promote the preservation of historical records".

- c. **Draft language for Plaque to be placed on Display Case donated by former Supervisor Keith Hansen.** - Sandy and Doris submitted and reviewed draft language. Upon discussion, it was general consensus by members present that the following language would be used for Keith Hansen's (1) plaque to be affixed to the display case and (2) additional language that would go inside the case on nice paper and possibly framed:

(1) "This display case was donated in the year 2009 by former Historical Records Commission member Keith Hansen."

(2) "Mr. Hansen dedicated many hours towards preserving Glenn County history. His generous donation of this display case portrays his continuing commitment to foster and promote the preservation of Glenn County historical records. Mr. Hansen served on the Historical Records Commission from January 2002 – January 2009."

"Mr. Hansen also served this community as a member of the Board of Supervisors, representing District 5. He served seven terms: 1973 – 1984 & 1993 – 2008, and as Chairman in 1974, 1978, 1982, 2001 & 2006."

5. **Unscheduled Matters & Public comment** - Sandy submitted and Leigh reviewed an email regarding the demolition of the Sacramento Valley Milling Company, located on Hwy 45 in Ord Bend. Leigh advised that the current property owner has purchased a permit, however, it has expired and a neighbor wishes for the millhouse to remain for its historic significance, and questioned if this matter should be pursued by the Commission. Upon discussion, Commission members agreed that because it's a private property issue, the Commission has no jurisdiction. Therefore, Leigh stated that he would be in contact with the concerned neighbor and advise him to work with the Planning Department.

A brief discussion was held on the types of items/records that would be displayed in the display cases. Continued discussion will be held at the next meeting.

6. **Next meeting** – March 26, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board's conference room.
7. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.