



MINUTES

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Thursday, March 26, 2009



1. **Convene Meeting** - Joanne Overton convened the meeting at 1:35 p.m., where a quorum was confirmed with the following members present – Sandy Soeth, Doris Cooper, former member/volunteer Keith Hansen, and Joanne as Acting Chairman.
2. **Review and approval of draft appreciation letter to BMI (waiver of fee)** - Sandy submitted a draft letter for review and approval by members, whereby a motion was made Doris to approve the letter, seconded by Sandy, motion carried unanimously by members present. Sandy advised that she will place the letter on the next Board agenda for execution by the Chairman.
3. **Determine items/records to be exhibited in display cases** - Upon discussion, it was determined to place some of the listed items in the display case: handwritten old Tax Book; old Board Minutes Book; Personal Property/Land Book; and Immigration papers.

Joanne questioned if there may be any evidence left from any old Court cases, including a shot gun that was in the Court Clerk's basement; whereby Sandy stated that the gun was given to Sheriff Jones, where he may be displaying in his office. It was suggested that Sandy check with the Sheriff's and DA's offices if they may have any old evidence that could be displayed.

Sandy also reminded members that the Hugh Glenn Estate Box is in the Jury Room, stored there until the Commission had a proper display in place. In addition, Sandy showed the members that she had the 1895 Military Roll from the Spanish-American War, suggesting that it could also be displayed.

It was also suggested that the Commission request from the Assessor's office, to display one of the Assessment Books, currently being stored at Lohse's Storage in Chico.

4. **Continued discussion on language for Glenn Dinner Ranch Bell plaque** - Members reviewed the language submitted by Joanne below. She shared a book "Hugh Glenn" by Jimmy V. Allen, published by Berryessa Parlor No. 192, Willows, CA, Native Daughter of the Golden West.

"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."

Joanne stated that the cost of the plaque through FD Sweet & Sons in Orland would be \$600, and that she had expected it to be much less, however, she would be willing to pay a portion. Discussion was held on the fact that the Commission still needs the remainder of \$2,600 for the display case and didn't have funding for the Dinner Ranch Bell plaque at this time.

Discussion was held on the above language, and motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Doris, to change the following language to read: "This Dinner Bell ~~rang out~~ was located at the ranch of Dr. Hugh James Glenn.....", motion carried unanimously by members present.

5. **Hold discussion on fundraising ideas** – Sandy stated that she will be placing the information regarding the sale of newspapers and old law books on the new website, which used to reside on the old site, however, it was doubtful that the Commission would receive much response. She also shared a fundraiser that the California Clerk of the Board of Supervisor Association is working on, where all CA counties would submit pictures for note cards of County parks and beaches, old historic buildings/Courthouses, and native flowers/plants grown in CA, and suggested doing something similar through the Commission to raise funds, however, the Commission has no seed money. Doris advised that she has several pictures that could be use for such a project. Discussion was held on possibly selling at Chamber of Commerce, Libraries and at various functions. Joanne also suggested making postcards for the area.

Sandy also advised that she has had a request to purchase one of the pictures from those displayed downstairs in the Courthouse. She suggested that the Commission could copy and make available for sale as a fundraising effort. Further discussion was held regarding the funding for the project, and it was suggested to request seed money from the Board of Supervisors; whereby it was decided to place the matter, along with additional member appointments, on an upcoming agenda for approval. It was suggested that the Commission bring forward at the April 21st Board meeting with a request for \$3,000 (\$2,600 for display case and \$400 towards fundraising project and plaques).

Further discussion was held regarding the sale of the pictures located downstairs of the Courthouse, and it was decided that because the pictures belong to the Commission, that they could be copied/sold, and it was suggested that Sandy contact the Courts on which pictures they want copies of, before moving them to the Memorial Hall. Sandy stated that she will check with FedEx Kinko's on pricing of duplicating the pictures.

6. **Unscheduled Matters & Public comment** - Discussion was held on the number of members available for Commission meetings, and it was suggested that the Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors that additional members (currently volunteers) become either officially appointed or to serve as an alternate to those that rarely attend. Keith Hansen stated that he has an interest to be either a member or alternate; and Joanne stated that Vince Minto had mentioned in a newspaper article that he is interested in the Commission's effort; whereby Sandy stated she would be in contact with him to confirm, and place on an upcoming agenda for the Board's approval of appointments.
7. **Next meeting** – April 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board's conference room.
8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.