

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF EL DORADO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES December 21, 1978

The Board convened this date at 3:00 in a Special Meeting. Present: Supervisors Arliene Todd, William V. D. Johnson, W. P. Walker, Lloyd R. Kutter, and Thomas L. Stewart. Also present: Ann R. Macy, Board of Supervisors Clerk. Chairman Stewart presided.

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Proper notice having been duly given, the Board convened to discuss with the Director of Public Works a problem resulting from one of the heaviest snowstorms at South Lake Tahoe in the past ten years on December 17 and 18: approximately 3½ to 4 feet in a 15-hour period.

A copy of a newspaper article was passed to the other Board members by the Chairman wherein a work slowdown by some snowplow crews was mentioned, allegedly to display anger over internal problems between the personnel stationed in Meyers and their superiors in Placerville.

Both Supervisor Stewart and Supervisor Johnson stated that they had received telephone calls all day and part of the night, and some calls two and three days later regarding certain roads which were still unplowed.

Mr. Cort, Director of Public Works, advised that there were new employees on the snowplow crews, who had to learn primarily "on the plows", and that this was not only the heaviest snowstorm in years, it was one of the first storms of the year, which added to the problem.


Supervisor Stewart expressed dissatisfaction with the scheduling of the crews. Supervisor Johnson stated that the Highway Superintendent position, recently vacated, should be filled with a competent organizer and director to ascertain that the streets are passable for the coming weekend.

The motion of Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stewart, that the Director of Public Works (1) Fill the Highway Superintendent position for the Lake Tahoe section of his department; (2) See that adequate western slope personnel is taken to Tahoe to complete cleanup operations from the storm that dumped 3 feet of snow on Monday, and (3) That he, the Director of Public Works, give the matter his personal attention as to scheduling and organizing the snow removal operations at Lake Tahoe until such time as a Highway Superintendent is hired, was amended by Supervisor Walker and seconded by Supervisor Todd, that the motion state that Director Art Cort, or his assistant, perform the duties outlined.

The Chairman called for the vote on the amendment to the motion and it was carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Todd, Walker, and Kutter; Noes: Supervisors Johnson and Stewart. The Chairman then called for the vote on the original motion, and it was unanimously carried.

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APPROVED:


Thomas L. Stewart, Chairman

ATTEST:

Dolores Bredeson, Acting County Clerk
& ex officio Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy