



County of Yuba Board of Supervisors

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August 23, 2022

The Honorable Stephen Berrier
Supervising Judge of the Grand Jury
Superior Court of the State of California
County of Yuba
215 Fifth Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Re: RESPONSE TO 2021-2022 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT – “Yuba County Jail Report”

Dear Judge Berrier:

The Yuba County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury for the many hours spent in researching, investigating, and making recommendations for improvements in government operation that benefit the citizens and taxpayers of Yuba County.

In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Board submits the following response to the findings and recommendations of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Final Report for the Yuba County Jail Report pertaining to matters under its control.

Sheriff Wendell Anderson was requested to forward over his responses to the Chief Administrative Officer for attachment to the Board’s response included herein. The Board of Supervisors’ response is organized by major heading in the same order as listed in the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS

F1. A new medical/mental health facility at the YCJ is expected to break ground in 2022. The medical/mental health facility is being funded by a 20 million dollar SB 863 Improvement Grant. There will be a remainder of \$735,000 needed, which will be funded by Yuba County.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F2. The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program Counselor position at the YCJ has been eliminated. A new position, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Coordinator, will be shared between YCJ, and Probation. As of April 2022, this position has not been created, filled, or announced.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F3. With the passing of Measure K, the YCJ received \$859,100 for fiscal year 2021-2022 and is hiring seven additional positions: one lieutenant, five correctional officers, and one office specialist.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

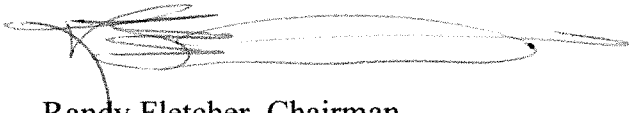
R1. None.

R2. None.

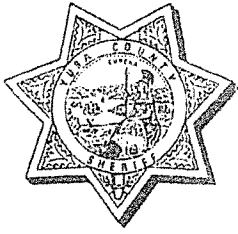
R3. None.

No recommendations required a response from the Board of Supervisors.

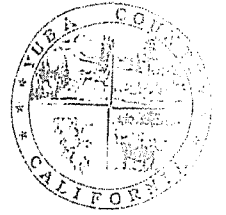
Sincerely,

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Randy Fletcher, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors



Yuba County Sheriff's Department
Wendell Anderson, Sheriff-Coroner



July 26, 2022

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The Honorable Steven Berrier
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RE: Response to 2021/2022 Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations

Dear Judge Berrier:

This letter, provided pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933, in the Yuba County Sheriff's Department's response to the 2021/2022 Grand Jury Final Report- Findings and Recommendations concerning the investigation into the Yuba County Jail.

We would like to express our thanks and sincere gratitude to the 2021/2022 Yuba County Grand Jury for their dedication and commitment to the County of Yuba. Please accept the following response to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations:

FINDINGS

Finding #1: A new medical/mental health facility at the YCJ is expected to break ground in 2022. The medical/mental health facility is being funded by a 20 million dollar SB 863 Improvement Grant. There will be a remainder of \$735,000 needed, which will be funded by Yuba County.

RESPONSE TO FINDING #1: The medical/mental health facility at the YCJ will allow for advanced care for those in our care. The ability to house those with special needs separate from our general population will undoubtedly be a benefit to our staff and those incarcerated in our jail. The project is advancing and I am hopeful that the groundbreaking will be in the following months.

Finding #2: The Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program Counselor position at the YCJ has been eliminated. A new position, Drug and Alcohol Treatment Coordinator, will be shared between YCJ, and Probation. As of April 2022, this position has not been created, filled, or announced.

Response to Finding #2: The Yuba County Jail staff will continue to coordinate and work closely with the Yuba County Probation Department to establish and recruit for this much needed position. As we anticipate the opening of the medical/mental health facility it will be imperative that the position be in place as we move forward.

Finding #3: With the passing of Measure K, the YCJ received \$859,100 for fiscal year 2021-2022 and is hiring seven additional positions: one lieutenant, five correctional officers, and one office specialist.

RESPONSE TO FINDING #3: Measure K has had an enormous impact on allocations within the jail and we continue to attempt to recruit and fill these new positions. The Lieutenant position has been filled for the past several months and has made an impact on the management of our staff and administrative duties that are required on a daily basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation #1: None

Recommendation#2: None

Recommendation#3: None

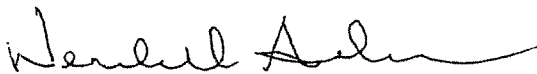
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS:

Thank you for your service to our community. The recommendations of the 2021/2022 Grand Jury are testament to the hard work done by the Jail line staff, supervisors and administration. We will continue to strive to provide the best level of service possible to those in our custody. With continued training and hard work, our goal is to continue to provide a safe environment for all under our care and to work with our community, to provide avenues for education, treatment and counseling to everyone incarcerated in our facility.

CONCLUSION:

I wish to thank the 2021/2022 Grand Jury for their dedication, devotion and commitment to our community. We find value in the inspection process, insight and the recognition to the men and women working in the Yuba County Jail. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me via telephone at 530 749-7779 or via electronic mail at wanderson@co.yuba.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Wendell Anderson
Sheriff-Coroner

cc: Yuba County Board of Supervisors
Yuba County Counsel



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Re: RESPONSE TO 2021-2022 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT – “Yuba County Airport Report”

Dear Judge Berrier:

The Yuba County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury for the many hours spent in researching, investigating, and making recommendations for improvements in government operation that benefit the citizens and taxpayers of Yuba County.

In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Board submits the following response to the findings and recommendations of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Final Report for the Yuba County Airport Report pertaining to matters under its control.

The Yuba County Airport is no longer under the Administrative Services department, it is now under the Community Development & Services Agency (CDSA) department. The Director of CDSA and Airport Manager were requested to forward over their response to the Chief Administrative Officer for attachment to the Board's response included herein. The Board of Supervisors' response is organized by major heading in the same order as listed in the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS

F1. The YCA is the only entity within the county that operates as an enterprise fund.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F2. The YCGJ has found that the YCA is actively seeking expansion and development of the industrial park area with an additional taxiway breaking ground by July 11th, 2022, with hopes of being completed September 2022.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F3. The YCA does not have a crew lounge facility for pilots.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. None.

R2. None.

R3. The YCGJ recommends that the YCA seek a vendor to create a lounge for pilots to use between flights. The YCGJ recommends the YCA find such a tenant by June 2024.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the response of CDSA Director and Airport Manager for this recommendation, that the Airport “has a goal to provide a 24/7 pilot lounge, free of charge, by June 2024.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Fletcher", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Randy Fletcher, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors

The County of Yuba

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July 15, 2022

RE: Airport – “Businesses Are Flying In” Grand Jury Report for FY21-22

Dear Judge Barrier,

Please see FY21-22 Grand Jury Report responses below:

FINDINGS

F1. The YCA is the only entity within the county that operates as an enterprise fund.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F2. The YCGJ has found that the YCA is actively seeking expansion and development of the industrial park area with an additional taxiway breaking ground by July 11th, 2022, with hopes of being completed September 2022.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F3. The YCA does not have a crew lounge facility for pilots.

Response: The respondent partially disagrees with the finding

Explanation: Pilots are able to use a lounge, at the fixed base operator, 7am – 4pm, Monday through Friday, for a fee which is waived with the purchase of fuel (not a County BOS approved fee in the County Fee Schedule).

RECOMMENDATIONS

R3. The YCGJ recommends that the YCA seek a vendor to create a lounge for pilots to use between flights. The YCGJ recommends the YCA find such a tenant by June 2024.

Response: This recommendation has not been implemented, as of yet. The airport has a goal to provide a 24/7 pilot lounge, free of charge, by June 2024.

Best regards,

Mike Lee, Director, Community Development & Services Agency

Jason Kopping, Airport Manager, Yuba County Airport

August 17, 2022

Honorable Stephen W. Berrier, Presiding Judge
Yuba County Superior Court
215 5th Street, Suite 200
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RE: Response of the Marysville City Council to the final report of the Yuba County Grand Jury ("YCGJ") 2021-2022 (pages 29-43)

Pursuant to California Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05, the City Council ("Council") of the City of Marysville ("City") hereby submits its formal response to the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Final Report ("Report") on the Historic Marysville City Cemetery ("HMCC"). The Council respects the important role of the Yuba County Grand Jury, and respectfully provides the following responses:

I) Introduction

The Council's primary responsibility is to act in the best interest of the citizens of Marysville. The Council has major commitments to residents of the community, business owners, City employees, the Federal Government and the State of California as well as adherence to the Marysville Charter, its Municipal Code and related policies. To maximize the organization's effectiveness and maintain public confidence the Mayor and Council Members are expected to make often difficult policy and fiscal decisions that best benefit our constituents.

II) Required Responses to Findings and Recommendations

A) Finding 1: *The Friends for the Preservation of Yuba County History (FPYCH) is a group of people dedicated to preserve, protect and study the history of Yuba County. The FPYCH hosts several on-site fundraising events to restore and preserve the HMCC.*

• **Council Response to Finding 1: Agree**

The Council agrees with the finding. The Council acknowledges the efforts of the Friends for Preservation of Yuba County History (FPYCH) and is appreciative of their work to preserve, protect and study the history of Yuba County.

For background purposes, the preservation and maintenance of the Cemetery was addressed in 1992 by creating the Cemetery Commission of the City of Marysville. The functions of the commission are codified in Marysville Municipal Code section 2.70 as follows:

1. It shall develop and maintain a comprehensive plan for the maintenance and protection of the cemetery.
2. It shall investigate and make recommendations to the city council upon reasonable and practical means for putting the plan into effect and as the basis for the efficient expenditure of funds relating to the cemetery.
3. It shall periodically review the improvement program for the cemetery.
4. It shall perform such other functions as the City Council may provide.

The seven Cemetery Commissioners are appointed and serve at the will of the Council and Mayor. The Commission is required to hold public meetings at least at a minimum of once per quarter, keep a record of its Resolutions, findings and determinations, and adopt Rules and Regulations pertaining to its meetings and the transaction of its business. No action shall be taken without receiving the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Commission. Additionally, actions requiring appropriation of funds, or purchase of goods and services must be approved by the Council. Appropriations are addressed annually (at minimum) as part of the budget process, whereupon City Staff makes recommendations for approval by majority vote of the Council.

While recommendations from the public and Grand Jury are welcome, the Council requests that the process already established via City Municipal code be utilized to address the needs of the Cemetery.

- **City Manager's Response to Finding 1:**

The City Manager concurs with Council's response and supports the process outlined in the municipal code.

B) Finding 2: *The City of Marysville does not currently have a way for the public to electronically donate money to the HMCC.*

- **Council Response to Finding 2: Disagree in Part**

The Council agrees with the finding that it does not currently have a way for the public to electronically donate money to the HMCC, but Council disagrees with the recommendation that the City should provide such mechanism. The City of Marysville is a public agency and does not as a general practice, act as a clearing house for donations, nor does it have any obligation to do so. As stated in Finding #1, the FPYCH is a non-profit organization that in part provides a fund-raising function and would be the more appropriate body for collecting all donations electronically or non-electronically. The City would recommend that the FPYCH be the clearing house for electronic and non-electronic donations.

- **City Manager's Response to Finding 2:**

The City Manager concurs with Council's response and will direct staff to establish a link on the City's website to an external link for charitable donations, which will be selected by the FYPCH.

C) Finding 3: *The HMCC sections and pathways are not clearly defined or wheelchair friendly.*

- **Council Response to Finding 3: Disagree in Part**

The Council disagrees with this finding because the statement is overly broad and general. It is unclear as to what is meant by "Sections and pathways within the HMCC are not clearly defined or wheelchair friendly". Council would therefore require clarification regarding this finding.

- **City Manager's Response to Finding 3:** The City Manager concurs with Council's response. City staff will work with the Cemetery Commission to better understand what is meant by "clearly defined pathways".

D) Recommendation 1: *None*

- **Council's Response to Recommendation 1: N/A**

Though there was no recommendation given by the YCGJ, the Council would like to reiterate that there is already a codified mechanism in place to address the preservation and maintenance of the cemetery, and the Council will direct the Cemetery Commission as a body, report formally at an upcoming Council meeting, and if it has not already done so present proposed Commission Rules and Regulations, for approval by a majority of the City Council.

The City Council will also direct the Cemetery Commission to, if not already doing so, meet publicly at least once per quarter, and form a quorum of four (4) members minimum, for the purpose of transacting and recording cemetery business. Minutes for such meeting are to be provided to all City Council Members. Council directs staff to provide support for quarterly meetings for the purpose of noticing, agenda preparation and recording of minutes.

The City Council also requests that the Commission develop and present a formal comprehensive plan for the maintenance and protection of the Cemetery as stated in Finding #1 above for review by the City Manager and integration into the budget for Council approval starting in FY2023/24. The City Council will direct City Staff to provide technical guidance in developing such a plan.

E) Recommendation 2: *The YCGJ recommends the City of Marysville create an electronic method for the public to make a monetary donation directly to the HMCC liability account. Such electronic method should be implemented no later than June of 2023 and communicated to the public.*

- **Council Response to Recommendation 2: Disagree**

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or appropriate. The Council believes a more appropriate solution is to provide a link on the City website that directs the public to the FPYCH website where the donations can be collected and managed by FPYCH. Alternatively, if the FPYCH does not have an appropriate website to collect donations, the City can direct the public to an already established third party website such as *Charity Navigator* (<https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/680433016>), which already appears to accommodate electronic donations and directs them to the FPYCH.

- **City Manager's Response to Finding 2:**

The City Manager concurs with Council's response.

F) Recommendation 3: *The YCGJ recommends within the fiscal year 2024, the City of Marysville actively pursue financial support through grants, state, and federal funding to provide financial assistance for the restoration and preservation of the HMCC.*

- **Council's Response to Recommendation 3: Disagree in Part**

The recommendation will not be implemented as stated. Unlike larger agencies, the City of Marysville does not have a dedicated grant administrator to pursue financial support via State, Federal and/or Private Grants. Preparation of grant applications therefore falls upon individual Department Directors. Since City Staff resources are limited, Staff is focused on the pursuit of grants related to City Council priorities such as public safety, street improvements, improvements to community parks as well as general facility and infrastructure improvements.

Council will direct that if City Staff that if they identify potential grant opportunities that may be applicable to the Cemetery, that they pass this information on to the FPYHC. The City Manager recommends that the FPYCH pursue these opportunities and complete applications for such opportunities.

- **City Manager's Response to Finding 3:**

The City Manager concurs with Council's response. City staff can provide technical guidance and support letters related to the application process. The City Manager will provide additional support as resources become available. The Friends for Preservation of Yuba County History, as a non-profit servicing the entire County, may also want to pursue assistance for grant research and writing from Yuba County.

III) Conclusion:

While the Council does not agree with all findings and recommendations in the report, it agrees that the Historic Marysville City Cemetery is an important historical landmark for the City and is appreciative of the dedicated efforts of the *Cemetery Commission of the City of Marysville* and *Friends for Preservation of Yuba County History*. Using the resources available, the City will continue to work with the FPYCH to preserve and maintain the cemetery and pursue funding opportunities that will assist in doing so.


Chris Branscum



Mayor, City of Marysville

8-24-22
Date

Jim Schaad



City Manager, City of Marysville

8/24/22
Date



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Re: **RESPONSE TO 2021-2022 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT – “Yuba County Homelessness Response”**

Dear Judge Berrier:

The Yuba County Board of Supervisors would like to thank the members of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury for the many hours spent in researching, investigating, and making recommendations for improvements in government operation that benefit the citizens and taxpayers of Yuba County.

In accordance with Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the Board submits the following response to the findings and recommendations of the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Final Report for the Yuba County Homelessness Response pertaining to matters under its control.

The Board of Supervisors' response is organized by major heading in the same order as listed in the 2021-2022 Grand Jury Report.

FINDINGS

F1. Yuba County has many essential services available for the homeless.

The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

F2. The Point-in-Time (PIT) homeless count for Yuba County has continued to rise; the 2019 PIT count for Yuba County was 428 people and the total rose to 697 in 2021.

Please note that the 2019 PIT count and the 2021 PIT count used two different methodologies for ascertainment and this difference makes comparison between the two counts difficult. The 2019 PIT count was a physical count of all homeless individuals in Yuba County on one day in January 2019 whereas the 2021 count was a compilation of unduplicated visits to the Coordinated Entry System between October 27, 2020 to January 27, 2021. The next PIT count should revert back to a one-day

physical count and we look forward to comparing that data to the 2019 count as both years will have the exact same data collection methodology.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. The YCGJ recommends that the YCBS use all available multimedia sources to educate county residents regarding ongoing and successful programs outlined in the January 2019 Homeless Regional Plan. For example: social media, direct mail campaigns, local radio ads, and newspaper articles. Communication should be published no later than December 2023, and continue quarterly with regular reporting to the community in perpetuity.***

Recommendations from the Grand Jury are welcomed. Yuba County will continue working closely with community partners including local homeless service providers to share information about programs and outcomes. The County collaborates closely with the Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium and other entities to contribute data which is published to a quarterly summary report available on the Consortium website.

- R2. In an effort to reduce Yuba County's overall PIT count, the YCGJ recommends the YCBS continue to approve the allocation of funds for the purchase of locations that can be dedicated to housing for homeless and low-income people, and to assist in the improvement of local homeless facilities. Plans and proposals should be made available for public viewing and comment no later than the beginning of fiscal year 2024.***

The Board of Supervisors acknowledges there is a need for additional housing however, this recommendation requires further consideration. Any projects within the authority of the Board will be presented during regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meetings. Agendas and supporting documents for the meetings will published in advance and the public will have an opportunity to speak about any items included on the agenda.

Sincerely,



Randy Fletcher, Chairman
Yuba County Board of Supervisors