

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
February 7, 2017

“For all items *NOT* on the agenda”

(Each Speaker Limited to 3 Minutes)

Voluntary Sign-In Sheet

1. Charles L. Cranco
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3. Antonette Skiles
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**How about helping
your local community**

2/6/17

To: Everyone

Subject: What Old Farts Have Learned

If you read what I hand out, you will see with age comes wisdom. Bad mental and physical health puts you at the mercy of others, and listening to old farts is useful going forward in life.

For me, I see working folks, producing folks, and rural folks in for a world of hurt. Unelected media, politicians, lawyers, Fourth Branch of Government (regulators), well-off folks, and voting minority lack a lot of real world experience. I see **Humboldt County private economy** (half supported by taxpayer dollars and employment numbers including part time jobs) **in trouble**. I see low paying tourism jobs and marijuana as pie in the sky.

I watched a show on TV showing the benefits of trees. Since I have been a lead supervisor and a practicing field forester for fifty plus years (yes, there is a difference between practicing field forester and theoretical forester who lacks field experience) who has fought a lot of fire and knows when fire is a good thing and when it is a bad thing and knows how to grow a tree; to properly harvest this tree; and how to re-grow many big and small trees, I see private economies like the timber industry as a good thing. I also see the long term timber industry especially in California being forced to disappear.

I am accused of only talking about bad things. So be it. Being at the end of my life, I see life's realities are not fair, but I am not giving-up. I see rural folks like Buckeye, Farm Bureau, and other landowners groups not paying attention, and especially regarding public relations, doing a lousy job telling what is happening to working rural folks. Since it only takes one terrorist to slip through and having been a lead supervisor dealing with things at a lower level, I understand actions put in place by Trump. Being citified and with more populated areas especially on the west and northeast coasts voting against my thinking, I am skeptical about Trump helping rural folks.

I believe many in control of things will be amazed what old farts have learned about many things. I am only on this earth for a short while, and I have learned how humans stupidly do not learn life's realities which many will never experience and are not all fair. This nation is divided, and things are going to get interesting. I am starting to see why my dad said revolution and/or World War III is coming.

I have made a partial list of what I have learned, and if you want to know what I have learned, buy me a coffee and seriously listen sometime.

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(An old tired field forester no one gives much attention who has lived in a working man's world)

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Who is your Board of Supervisors working for?

In a stunning display of doublespeak, newly appointed Humboldt County chairwoman Supervisor Virginia Bass claims she'll "better serve the citizens in our community" by enforcing restrictions and limiting citizens' access to publicly address the Board of Supervisors. ("Board of Supervisors to See Changes in 2017," www.times-standard.com, Dec. 31, 2016). Public comment is already limited to three minutes and should be extended to better understand the concerns and the crises our working families, friends and neighbors are facing.

Supervisor Bass is also moving the public comment period to 9 a.m., yet, for many years the 1:30 p.m. session provided better access for working people, especially residents living in remote areas. Bass claims that reducing public comments will "more time to attend to other important matters" If our supervisors feel burdened, they are obligated to exhaust all alternatives, such as holding additional or extended meetings before choosing to restrict public access. Every county resident should be offended by supervisor Bass' autocratic suppression of public input.

Why?

According to Humboldt County's June 2015 Trends Report nearly every category of local human suffering, including unemployed youths, child abuse, infant mortality, major illnesses, suicide, and fatal overdoses, exceeds state averages by 200 to 300 percent. Current reports reflect little changes.

We need supervisors willing to listen to their constituents and to focus legislation on well-known solutions to our community's multiple human crises with the same veracity they

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No criminal charges for local judges

State Attorney General's Office: 'No action is warranted'

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The California Attorney General's Office will not be filing criminal charges against two Humboldt County judges who were publicly admonished last year for filing false case affidavits in order to receive their paychecks.

A spokeswoman for the Attorney General's Office stated Monday that the investigation concluded on Jan. 12, with the office finding that "no action is warranted on the part of this office."

The nearly yearlong investigation began after Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming sent a letter to the California Attorney General's Office in February 2016 asking it to review the admonishments of Dale Reinholtzen and Chris Wilson due to her and her employees having to work on daily basis with the two local judges.

Reinholtzen and Wilson were publicly reprimanded by the California Commission on Judicial Performance between September 2015 and January for failing to render a

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The California Attorney General's Office will not be filing formal charges against Humboldt County Superior Court Judge Dale Reinholtzen (pictured) and Christopher Wilson after the two men were admonished for submitting false salary documents.