

Property For Boulder Creek Library OK'd

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A gift of one acre of land in Boulder Creek for a branch library was accepted by county supervisors this morning.

In another major action, the board found money to get the Watsonville Senior Citizen's Center built.

The gift of land came from Robert Kuerzell and his daughter, Marilyn O'Dell, who conditioned their gift on the county designating one-quarter acre that is now part of the library site for some "reasonable" development within the next year.

Kuerzell also asked the board to encourage the city of Santa Cruz and the city-county Library Board to name the branch library in honor of former county supervisor Vince Locatelli.

Another condition is that county begin construction on the library within five years. The county has around \$500,000 set aside for construction.

Supervisors' Chairman Pat Liberty, who represents the San Lorenzo Valley, expressed the board's gratitude to Kuerzell and Supervisor Marilyn Liddicoat called it "a noble gift."

However, Liddicoat and Supervisor Dan Forbus were worried that the five-year period would not be long enough. They amended the contract for the library from completion within five years to it only having to be under construction within that period.

Also on a unanimous vote, the board agreed to come up with \$100,000 for the Watsonville Senior Citizen Center. It will be added to another \$300,000 so plans may be completed in October.

Led by Forbus, some members of the board resisted the county using general fund money to support the center.

However, that problem was solved when the board decided to designate an additional \$50,000 in federal revenue sharing funds for the project. It was added to an initial \$50,000 that came out of last year's revenue sharing budget.

The new revenue sharing money will be made up of funds saved from unused funds in this year's budget.