

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m.: Chairman Kehoe called the Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Kehoe
District No. 2 - Supervisor Fust
District No. 3 - Supervisor Hawes
District No. 4 - Supervisor Wilson
District No. 5 - Supervisor Clarke

County Administrative Officer - Doug Latimer
County Counsel - Karen Jahr
Clerk of the Board - Carolyn Taylor

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Reverend Kyle Stevens, Vineyard City Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Clarke.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions of the Members of the Board, county staff, elected officials, and county department heads were made.

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PROCLAMATION: FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation, which designates May 2002 as "Foster Care Awareness Month" in Shasta County. Social Services Director Dell Skillman, and Mickie Harris, President of the County Foster Parents

Association, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding foster care, made various introductions, and received the proclamation from the Supervisor Kehoe.

PROCLAMATION: OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates May 2002 as Older Americans' Month in Shasta County. Supervisor Clarke reviewed the "Single Point of Entry" project and the new senior network that has been established to provide information to seniors. Supervisor Clarke presented the proclamation to Senior Consultant Doreen Bradshaw.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

**PROPOSED LIBRARY GRANT
ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST**

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer explained that a request had been received from New Library Now! requesting additional funding from the County in order to meet their required match. CAO Latimer further explained that there is a projected \$22 million State budget shortfall which will impact the County; however, should the Board of Supervisors determine they want to approve this additional funding, his staff has identified a variety of possible funding sources but cautioned that these sources would have to be one-time funding sources.

The following members of the public addressed the Board of Supervisors in support of the requested additional funding from the County: Victoria "Missy" McArthur of New Library Now!; 7th grader Don Ashby; Bob Wise; County Superintendent of Schools Charlie Menoher; Redding Chamber of Commerce CEO Frank Strazzarino; Dr. Ray John, Principal of Bishop Quinn School; Shyrle De Haven, Al Wiseberg, New Library Now!; and Russell Hunt. Supervisor Wilson read a letter from Mr. Brunemier, which stated the need for a new library.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Hawes, to fund the requested \$1.5 million for the library.

Under discussion, the motion was amended with the approval of the maker of motion and second to also include the following contingencies, as required by the Redding City Council when they approved additional library funding:

1. City and County additional funds will only be used for construction of the new library.
2. New Library Now! will continue its fund-raising efforts.
3. Any excess monies raised by New Library Now! not needed for construction shall be used to purchase new books for the library.

Discussion was then held on possible funding sources, and CAO Latimer outlined possible sources of funding, as follows: (1) Working in cooperation with the City of Redding, utilize Proposition 40, Park Bond Funds in the amount of \$1.2 million for the City of Redding plunge, with the City of Redding reimbursing the County in that same amount from their General Fund for the library; (2) sell a parcel of County-owned property along Breslauer Way for \$200,000; and (3) utilize the remaining \$100,000 of Productivity Improvement Project Funds.

The motion was again amended to include the funding source recommendations outlined by CAO Latimer.

The Board of Supervisors indicated that all parties must be judicious in the construction of an affordable library and that the Board of Supervisors and County staff must be completely involved in the construction of this project. Members of the Board also pointed out that once the library is completed, a special district needs to be formed for the running and management of the library and that the governing board of the district must be made up of representatives from "all" areas of the County, not just the City of Redding. CAO Latimer pointed out that it is a requirement that the County be the governing entity through the planning and building process, and once the library is built, staff will proceed with the formation of a special district, which requires passage of a taxing measure to fund.

By roll call vote, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the motion to fund an additional \$1.5 million from the funding sources outlined by the County Administrative Officer, with the three contingencies, as listed.

9:40 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

9:52 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

The request by the Social Services Department to approve an amendment to the contract with Collection Bureau of America to collect past due General Assistance accounts was pulled from the Consent Calendar by the Department to be acted upon at a later time.

Supervisor Clarke pulled from the Consent Calendar for recognition the request to use the Shingletown Airport for a stargazing event to be held on July 10-15, 2002 and encouraged everyone to attend.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar: (Supervisor Kehoe abstained from acting on the request for the County's participation in and appropriation for a multi-agency lawsuit regarding the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Project.)

Approved Shasta County's participation in and appropriation for a multi-agency lawsuit regarding the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group Project in the amount of \$6,000. (Administrative Office)

Authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$50,525.31 for County operating funds and special districts, as submitted; and authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$68.00 requiring special Board action. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 7, 2002, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved a funding agreement with the County Counsels' Association of California and 20 other counties in an amount not to exceed \$13,246 to finance legal representation of the counties in the Pacific Gas and Electric bankruptcy proceedings and before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. (County Counsel)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a contract with the City of Anderson in the amount of \$35,000 from the date of signing through April 30, 2003 to partially fund a business development study. (Housing and Community Action Programs)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with the City of Anderson in the amount of \$25,000 to enable the Housing Department to administer the rehabilitation of the Anderson Oaks apartment complex. (Housing and Community Action Programs)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Health Improvement Partnership of Shasta, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000 to implement the Search Institute's "Healthy Communities-Healthy Youth" initiative in Shasta County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, with two one-year options to renew through June 30, 2005. (Public Health)

Approved a waiver to Section 4.7 of the Shasta County Personnel Rules, Work Out of Classification, to allow Marshia Duncan, Public Health Nutritionist II, to continue working out of classification as the Public Health Interim Program Manager for the Community Nutrition Division through June 1, 2002. (Public Health/Support Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with Golden Umbrella, Inc. in the amount of \$91,515 for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, increasing total compensation to \$346,781, to administer the Consolidated Intake Project for adult and elderly at risk of abuse. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with the Anderson Police Department in an annualized amount of \$25,993.41 for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, increasing total compensation to \$51,229.73, to provide investigations of elder crimes and abuse. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with Restoration Enterprises in the amount of \$42,500 for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, increasing total compensation to \$174,165, to administer a CalWORKs Auto Loan Pilot Program. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with Family Service Agency in the amount of \$113,800, increasing total compensation to \$227,600, to administer the Enhanced Services Program and extending the term of the contract to June 30, 2003. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with New Directions to Hope in the amount of \$5,000 for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, increasing total compensation to \$9,900, to provide additional anger management and domestic violence treatment services. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the contract with Shasta County Women's Refuge in the amount of \$42,256, increasing total compensation to \$122,927, to provide a Domestic Violence Specialist for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a renewal contract with the University of California, Davis in the amount of \$20,300 to provide social worker training for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. (Social Services)

Adopted Resolution No. 2002-64, which authorizes the Sheriff to submit an application to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for continued funding for the Shasta County Interagency Narcotics Task Force in the amount of \$226,977 for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No. 43)

Adopted Resolution No. 2002-65, which authorizes the use of the Shingletown Airport Shingletown Airport Stargazing Event; and approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Shingletown Activities Council to use the airport for the event, effective from the date of signing through July 15, 2002, with no compensation. (Public Works)

(See Resolution Book No. 43)

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PROCLAMATION: AIRPORT DAY IN EASTERN SHASTA COUNTY

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation, which designates May 19, 2002 as Airport Day in Eastern Shasta County. Supervisor Hawes will present the proclamation at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer presented an update on the State's budget shortfall of \$22-25 million and the anticipated impacts it will have on counties. He explained that in preparing the County's up coming budget, policies were established to deal with all departments equally in addressing budgetary concerns. These included:

1. Any grant positions running out will be abolished.
2. Any position vacant for one year will be abolished.
3. No new vehicles are to be obtained or requested in the budget.
4. Attempts will be made to cover the increases to PERS, the medical premium increases, and the negotiated raises.
5. Departments may not spend more than 50% of any of their trust funds.

CAO Latimer stated the County is not yet in a position where there is a need to impose a hiring freeze, but this could occur later in the year if the State does not move to resolve the budget problems until December. He stated his commitment to the Board that if an employee is going to lose employment in one department, every effort will be made to ensure that they continue as an employee somewhere else in the County.

By consensus, the Members of the Board supported the measures outlined by the CAO in addressing the budget issues.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS**COUNTY FIRE****STATUS REPORT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM**

Fire Warden Duane Fry presented the staff report explaining the history and development of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Insurance Reimbursement Program, which was established as a means of recouping costs and increasing revenues for the department. However, Fire Warden Fry explained that no funds had been collected to date due to a variety of reasons which included: (1) A lack of signature authorization for invoicing insurance companies; (2) inability to invoice MediCare/Medical patients; (3) incomplete information collected in the field; (4) complex medical billing procedures, etc. Mr. Fry outlined the following options that could be initiated regarding the program: (1) Initiate internal corrective measures; (2) outsource insurance reimbursement billing; or (3) discontinue the insurance reimbursement program. Fire Warden Fry recommended that the EMS Insurance Reimbursement Program be discontinued.

Members of the Board expressed their desire to see the program continue, and discussion ensued regarding possible ways to make this program work. Mr. Fry stated he would look into other options, as well as meet with local hospital personnel to see if a cooperative procedure could be established that would allow the appropriate EMS reimbursement forms to be completed and signed when other hospital documents are signed.

It was the consensus of the Members of the Board that this program be maintained, and directed Mr. Fry to make additional contact with the local hospitals to try to establish some cooperative procedures and report back to the Board in six months. Supervisors Fust and Clarke will work with Mr. Fry on this program.

10:39 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

CAROLYN TAYLOR
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy