

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

**REGULAR MEETING**

9:00: a.m.: Chairman Clarke 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  
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Christie N. Jewell

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Richard McCoy, Faith Christian Fellowship.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Park Superintendent Jim Milestone thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of the 40th Anniversary of Whiskeytown celebration held on September 26-28, 2003.

Charles Blackburn discussed his failure to receive a certificate from the Country Estates Mutual Water Company to apply for a building permit and well drilling permits and requested the members of the Board of Supervisors investigate if they are in compliance with state regulations. By consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed Resource Management to investigate the matter.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Kehoe pulled for discussion the item allowing Shasta County to participate in the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and the Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Rural Scholarship program. County Administrative Office Administrative Analyst II Celeste Buckley advised that there is a scholarship opportunity through RCRC and RAI for one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships for Shasta County high school seniors from public, private, and charter schools who have shown exemplary academic and civic performance.

Chairman Clarke pulled for recognition the item appointing Karen Kratzer to fill an unexpired term and appoint Rich Rhodes as an alternate on the Children and Families First Commission. She introduced Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for Shasta County Office of Education Karen Kratzer, Jan Kerns, Linda McBride, Sandie Morrison, Curtis Cole, Jan Zettel, Brenda Palmer, Robin Beeson, and Eileen Hartley.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar:

Appointed Karen Kratzer to fill an unexpired term and appointed Rich Rhodes as an alternate on the Children and Families First Commission to January 2004. (Administrative Office)

Adopted Resolution No. 2003-199, which allows Shasta County to participate in the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) and the Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Rural Scholarship Program. (Administrative Office)

(See Resolution Book No. 44)

Authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$610,645.29 for County operating funds and special districts, as submitted; and authorized the issuance of checks totaling \$254.71 requiring special board action. (Auditor-Controller)

Appointed Carol Erickson and reappointed Fred Castagna, Yarmilla DeNault, Barbara Ingram, Lucy McFall, Ray Siner, Jo Sutherland, and Virginia Webster to the Shasta County Long-Term Care/Adult Day Health Care Council for terms to expire January 2005. (Clerk of the Board)

Appointed Page Halvarson and Terry O'Neill to the Fall River Mills Community Services District Board of Directors in lieu of election to December 2007. (Clerk of the Board)

Appointed James Hawley and Patrick Corey in lieu of election to December 2007 and Jack Nehr in lieu of election to December 2005 to the Millville Fire Protection District Board of Directors. (Clerk of the Board)

For the Fall River Mills Cemetery District, increased the number of trustees from a three-member board to a five-member board; and reappointed Charles Richard Gandy and John Malmen and appointed Sue Reynolds and Frank Germano to November 2007. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Far Northern Regional Center in an amount not to exceed \$66,114 to reimburse one-half the residential treatment costs for a mutual client receiving services from the California Psychiatric Facility for the period June 3, 2003 through June 30, 2004. (Mental Health)

Adopted Resolution No. 2003-200, which adopts the Shasta County Bikeway Plan. (Public Works)

(See Resolution Book No. 44)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the agreement with Taber Consultants, extending the term to December 31, 2003 to provide a foundation investigation for the McArthur Road at Fall River Bridge replacement project. (Public Works)

Accepted a quitclaim deed conveying two parcels of project right-of-way to the Happy Valley Safe Routes to School project. (Public Works)

Awarded to the low bidder, Joe Carter Construction, on a unit-cost basis the contract for the Placer Road at Texas Springs Road Turn Lane project in the amount of \$72,227. (Public Works)

For the Fall River Mills Airport Expansion Project, approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a right-of-way contract with Elizabeth F. Hill; and accepted a grant deed conveying a parcel of project right of way. (Public Works)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an amendment to the agreement with Quad Knopf, Inc., increasing compensation by \$60,000 (for a total not to exceed \$155,599.41) to complete the environmental impact report for the proposed Flying J Travel Plaza development. (Resource Management-Planning Division)

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **PRESENTATION: THREE MOUNTAIN POWER**

Danielle Cagan, representing Three Mountain Power, presented an update on the project. A Plan of Reorganization has been filed. The company filed with the Environmental Protection Agency to extend their emission level permit for 18 months.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

#### **PROCLAMATION: THINK PINK DAY BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

At the recommendation of Ewa Bauer of MD Imaging, Inc. and by motion made, seconded (Fust/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates October 6, 2003 as Think Pink Day and October 2003 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Shasta County.

#### **CONTINUED ACCESS TO MEDICAID AND MEDICARE SERVICES AT REDDING MEDICAL CENTER RESOLUTION NO. 2003-201**

Chairman Clarke opened discussion for input from the community regarding the item to adopt a resolution which supports continued access to Medicaid and Medicare services at Redding Medical Center. Iraj Sivasdas, Roger George, Mary Grossey, Mike Hurley, Thomas Bingham, Charles Freeland, Arvesta Goldenfontano, Harold Hewett, Mary Jane Freeland, Kate Chambers, April Bingham, and Kevin Kendall all spoke regarding their poor health care experiences at Redding Medical Center, that Redding needs two hospitals, and that Tenet Healthcare Corporation (Tenet) should be sold to a responsible party to run the hospital.

Drs. Bob Hansen and David Johnson spoke regarding a petition they and other physicians are supporting. Tenet did not take any action after the Office of the Inspector General announced that they were giving Tenet 35 days to respond to why Medicare, Medicaid, and other funding should not be stopped to Redding Medical Center. The physicians are not taking a position against Tenet but have concerns that one hospital cannot handle all the medical needs of the community and are seeking continuity of care for patients.

Victor Ogrey supported the need to have two hospitals in Redding.

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2003-201, which supports continued access to Medicaid and Medicare services at Redding Medical Center.

(See Resolution Book No. 44)

#### PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

At the recommendation of Shasta County Fire Department Division Chief Kathleen Schori and by motion made, seconded (Wilson/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates October 5-11, 2003 as Fire Prevention Week in Shasta County.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer presented an update on specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including a letter from Orange County Supervisor Chris Norby opposing a constitutional amendment proposed to lock in proposed financial inequities to the County's disadvantage. Last year legislation was proposed that would have increased Orange and Shasta Counties' property tax receipts. By consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed a letter opposing the constitutional amendment be sent to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) with copies to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and to the League of California Cities.

Supervisor Kehoe reported that he recently attended the Shasta County Mental Health Board meeting and reminded members of the Board of Supervisors of the Mental Health Board meeting, advised of the October 9, 2003 annual Mental Illness Awareness banquet, and the October 16, 2003 meeting scheduled to discuss mental illness awareness with Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa.

Supervisor Wilson spoke of a recent newspaper article referencing "Army paycheck deductions hurt family," and requested that a committee be formed to help with solutions for military families with hardship problems. After discussion with Members of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Clarke directed CAO Latimer to talk with the Veterans Service Officer and bring a report back to the Board.

Chairman Clarke reported that the Area II Area Agency on Aging agreed that any new monies coming in will be disbursed 50 percent to Shasta County and 50 percent to the other four counties, in an appropriate share, until Shasta County reaches 50 percent of all ongoing funding. An additional \$1,800 for administration will come before the Board of Supervisors. She reminded the Members of the Board of Supervisors of the Powers to Senior Soup Kitchen scheduled on October 16, 2003.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

#### RESPONSE: FISCAL YEAR 2002-03 SHASTA COUNTY GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Latimer introduced the Foreman of the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Grand Jury, Marsha Caranci, the Foreman of the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Grand Jury, James Patten, and members of the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Grand Jury.

CAO Latimer presented the proposed Board of Supervisors' response to the Final report of the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Grand Jury.

1. Financial Audit of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Auditor-Controller's Claims Approval Process:
  - a. Recommendation #1 regarding holding County department heads responsible for ensuring that claims authorized by them represent valid, legal, and appropriate County expenditures. The recommended response is the Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation.
  - b. Recommendation #8 regarding the County Administrative Officer hiring an outside auditor to perform a management audit of the Auditor-Controller's Office as approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2002. The audit should include a review of personnel practices and delegation of staff assignments in the Accounts Payable Division. The recommended response is the Board of Supervisors concurs with this recommendation.
2. Shasta County Main Jail:
  - a. Recommendation #4 regarding the Sheriff's Office being more aggressive in recruiting qualified personnel to apply for vacancies in the department and whether the Sheriff should report monthly to the Board of Supervisors on the progress in filling these vacancies. The recommended response is the Board of Supervisors concurs with the recommendation as to the recruitment of qualified personnel and leaves the monthly reporting to the Sheriff's discretion.
  - b. Recommendation #5 regarding pursuing funding for relocation of the kitchen and laundry and for renovations to add additional beds to the Jail. The recommended response is this will not be implemented at this time due to funding considerations.
3. Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD): As this is a Special District, there are no recommendations or responses. For Recommendation #2 regarding supporting WSRCD's efforts to discourage illegal trash dumping at the Veterans' Memorial Bridge through cooperation in construction and maintenance of fencing at the site, the recommended response is the County will:
  - a. Establish a monitoring plan, including signs to discourage and identify illegal dumping.
  - b. Announce a "community clean-up" of the area to be held.
  - c. Acknowledge that the bridge now receives more daily usage and therefore offending parties are more susceptible to being identified.
  - d. Maintain close contact with WSRCD staff to educate the public regarding salmon habitat restoration and gravel replacement projects.
  - e. If the above steps do not curb or eliminate the problem, then work with the WSRCD to secure grants for installation of the fence.

The Members of the Board of Supervisors discussed the recommendations. By consensus, the Board of Directors directed a letter be sent to the Auditor-Controller requesting him to reconsider his decision not to attend the entrance interview of the Grand Jury Audit Committee meeting.

Western Shasta Resource Conservation District Manager Mary Schroeder thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of the monitoring plan to identify and discourage illegal dumping. Vice President of Vietnam Veterans' Chapter 357 Robert Fultz spoke in support of the cleanup. Fiscal Year 2003-04 Grand Jury Foreman Jim Patten thanked the Board of Supervisors, CAO Latimer, and County Counsel Karen Jahr for their help to the Grand Jury.

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the proposed response to the Final Report of the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Shasta

County Grand Jury with the following changes to the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District section:

1. Recommendation #2 will be revised to indicate the name of the bridge from Veterans' Memorial Bridge to *Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Bridge*.
2. Response to Recommendation #2 to include "Encourage the District Attorney to vigorously prosecute any individual who practices such illegal dumping."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 23, 2003, as submitted. Supervisor Wilson abstained as she was not present at the September 23, 2003 meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chairman Clarke announced that the Board of Supervisors would recess to a Closed Session to take the following actions:

1. Confer with its Labor Negotiators, County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer and Assistant Director of Support Services Marty Bishop, to discuss the following employee organizations: Shasta County Employees Association, Shasta County Mid-management Association, Deputy Sheriffs Association, Sheriffs Administrative Association, Professional Peace Officers Association, Unrepresented Employees, United Public Employees of California, and Trades and Crafts, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

10:45 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

12:07 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed from Closed Session.

12:11 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Clarke, Fust, Hawes, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Christie N. Jewell present.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Chairman Clarke reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations; however, no reportable action was taken.

12:11 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

H. DOUGLAS LATIMER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy