

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m.: Chairman Hawes 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 Moty
District No. 3 - Supervisor Hawes
District No. 4 - Supervisor Hartman
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Administrative Officer - Larry Lees
County Counsel - Mike Ralston
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Glenda Tracy
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Linda K. Mekelburg

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Major Wayne Wetter, The Salvation Army.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

9:01 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

9:03 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Hawes announced the County claims list and the agreement with Shaw and Associates, Inc. were pulled for discussion.

ACTION ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**COUNTY CLAIMS LIST**

In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, Auditor-Controller Connie Regnell stated that she did not have authority to approve payment of the invoices listed. Chief Probation Officer Brian Richart explained that in January, a minor reported to the Probation Department and turned herself in on an arrest warrant, and her car was erroneously towed off County property after permission had been given to store it. When the minor was released from custody, her car was removed from storage and returned to her. In response to questions by

Supervisor Kehoe, County Counsel Mike Ralston stated that it was a legitimate expense due to the circumstances.

By motion made, seconded (Hartman/Moty), and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the County Claims List totaling \$260.00 requiring special board action. Supervisors Kehoe and Baugh voted no. (Auditor-Controller)

AGREEMENT: SHAW AND ASSOCIATES, INC.
EAST REDDING BIKE LANES PROJECT

In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, Public Works Director Pat Minturn stated that a Request for Proposal was not done, and solicitation for a proposal was only given to Shaw and Associates, Inc. (Shaw). In anticipation of receiving the contract, Shaw prepared an elaborate data base for collection of the real property information.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Hartman), and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Shaw and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$19,300 to provide real property appraisal reports for the East Redding Bike Lanes Project for the period February 1, 2009 through July 1, 2009. Supervisor Kehoe voted no due to the failure of creating a competitive environment. (Public Works)

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 3 and 10, 2009, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Appointed John Dunlap to the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees for a term to expire January 2013. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a retroactive agreement with Provo Canyon School, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and \$30,000 in Fiscal Year 2009-10 to provide youth mental health services for the period January 4, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Mental Health)

For the Palo Cedro Fire Station Metal Building, found the project categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approved plans and specifications and directed the Public Works Director to advertise for bids; and authorized opening of bids on or after April 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (Public Works)

For the Additional Bay at Big Bend Fire Station and Additional Bay at Oak Run Fire Station Project, found the project categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approved plans and specifications and directed the Public Works Director to advertise for bids; and authorized opening of bids on or after April 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. (Public Works)

REGULAR CALENDAR**GENERAL GOVERNMENT****ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS****LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Larry Lees presented an update on specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including the recent budget adopted by the State, which has been found to have a significant gap; Shasta County may face ramifications due to the State facing cuts in the amount of \$8 billion. All County departments have been asked to reduce budgets by 10 percent to assist with the continuing gap from the State.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**LETTER: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
SUPPORT OF POTENTIAL IDENTIFIED COURTHOUSE SITES**

At the recommendation of County Administrative Officer Larry Lees and by motion made, seconded (Baugh/Moty), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign and submit a joint, non-binding letter with the City of Redding to the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the County of Shasta's and City of Redding's support of potential sites identified for a new Courthouse.

9:48 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed and convened as the Shasta County Housing Authority.

SCHEDULED HEARINGS**SPECIAL DISTRICTS/OTHER AGENCIES REGULAR CALENDAR****SHASTA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS****SHASTA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL PLAN
HOUSING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01**

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing to consider the annual plan for the Shasta County Housing Authority. Director of Housing and Community Actions Dr. Richard Kuhns presented the annual plan and recommended approval. The Notice of Hearing and the Notice of Publication are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The public hearing was opened, at which time no one spoke for or against the matter, and the public hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Moty), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted the annual plan for the Shasta County Housing Authority as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and adopted Housing Resolution No. 2009-01, which approves and authorizes the Chairman to sign the Certification of Compliance.

(See Housing Resolution Book)

9:49 a.m.: The Shasta County Housing Authority adjourned and reconvened as the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

WORKSHOP

PUBLIC WORKS

FIX 5 PARTNERSHIP

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPACT FEES

Public Works Director Pat Minturn explained that the Fix 5 Partnership is a venture of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and introduced RTPA Executive Director Dan Little to provide the presentation. Interstate 5 (I-5) is critical to local transportation needs, and as increasing congestion is anticipated in the next 10 to 15 years due to increased driving, improvements and additional lanes will be required. State and federal agencies have a shared responsibility to fund I-5 improvements. Construction and maintenance costs are rising, and the gas tax is not keeping up with costs.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires mitigation to be provided when improvements are proposed, such as the cumulative impacts on I-5. RTPA pursued a grant to develop a comprehensive and long-term solution. A traffic impact fee of \$1,697 for each new development is proposed to fund one-half of the \$232 million need, and State and Federal resources would be leveraged for the other half. The fee program is expected to raise \$100 million in Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funds to be distributed by RTPA for local needs. Mr. Little recommended delaying and phasing in implementation of the fee program until the region is out of the economic downturn.

Wildland Financial Services representative Jeff Kay outlined the proposed changes to the Fix 5 Partnership to create an expanded Shasta County Regional Improvement Program (SCRIP). A funding source needs to be established for local improvements on I-5 and to enhance local control of revenues and expenditures.

Surveys show I-5 is used extensively by local residents, and it is needed for movement of goods and access to employment, shopping, and recreational activities. Vehicle travel is anticipated to increase. Current revenue sources will not keep pace with the costs of improvement, causing the need to incorporate RTIP funding. The fee phase-in is not expected to begin for at least two years and may be tied to a regional economic indicator, such as population growth. After a two-year delay, it is possible the phasing in of fees would begin, set at 25 percent of the full amounts. An additional 25 percent of the fee amounts would be added annually until the fees reach 100 percent in year four.

10:40 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

10:50 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened with Chairman Hawes absent and Vice Chairman Kehoe presiding.

In response to a question by Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Little advised that Tehama County continues to be a part of the study. Their impact fee will be higher because they have less projected growth and more improvement needs.

Shasta VOICES Executive Director Mary Machado opposed the SCRIP impact fee as Shasta County residents already pay local gas taxes; it is a time of poor economic conditions, and a fee study has not been completed to justify the proposed fee.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Little replied that RTPA has retained the services of the firm of Abbott & Kinderman to provide a peer review of the Nexus study to

assure the traffic impact fee program meets necessary standards. Should a legal challenge arise, a Memorandum of Understanding would provide that only RTPA would be responsible to defend the challenges.

11:50 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy