

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, September 28, 1999

**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 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 Pastor Jerry Mapes, Redding Christian Fellowship.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Fire Warden Duane Fry presented an update on the Happy Valley fire and displayed maps showing the boundary area of the fire where approximately 1,600-1,800 acres were burned. He reported that 49 homes, 110 outbuildings, and 18 additional structures were destroyed. However, 414 other structures were saved through the efforts of more than 1,000 personnel and the various agencies involved. The Board members complimented everyone involved for their outstanding contributions.

Sheriff Jim Pope recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution ratifying his proclamation declaring a local emergency situation and request that the resolution be forwarded to the Governor along with a request that he ask the President to make a declaration in order for Shasta County to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors made a finding of urgency to place this matter on the agenda for action.

By further motion made, seconded (Fust/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 99-135 which ratifies the proclamation of a local emergency and orders that a copy of the declaration be forwarded to the Governor with a request that he proclaim that a state of emergency exists in Shasta County and that the Governor request a Presidential Declaration.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

Assemblyman Dick Dickerson addressed the Board and pledged whatever assistance his office could provide, including sending letters of support to the Governor on the County's behalf.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Supervisor Kehoe pulled, for clarification, the request to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Melinda Adams, L.C.S.W., in the amount of \$15,000 for counseling and therapy services to Medi-Cal eligible referrals during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. He questioned the effective date of the contract. He stated that the contract was approved as to form on one date, signed by Ms. Adams on another date, and would be signed by the Chairman on still another date. Staff explained the document processing procedure and stated that the effective date is the date the Chairman signs the contract. The Clerk of the Board staff places that date on the contract once it is approved and signed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County in a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,200 for general marketing and Enterprise Zone administration services during Fiscal Year 1999-2000. (Administrative Office)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 1999, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved the various appointments and reappointments to the medical staff of the Shasta Psychiatric Hospital. (Mental Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Dr. Hala Saleem in the amount of \$142,000 for psychiatric services to the Youth Systems of Care Division during the period of October 4, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Mental Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Melinda Adams, L.C.S.W., in the amount of \$15,000 for counseling and therapy services to Medi-Cal eligible referrals during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Mental Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Robert Grosch, M.F.C.C., in the amount of \$15,000 for counseling and therapy services to Medi-Cal eligible referrals during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Mental Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Shasta County Mental Health's Alcohol and Drug Programs and the Shasta County Probation Department in the amount of \$61,613 to facilitate the assignment of a Probation Officer as the Drug Court Coordinator for the Addicted Offender Program during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Mental Health - Alcohol and Drug Programs)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Children and Family Futures in the amount of \$82,000 to assist the fourteen Northern Regional Alcohol and Other Drug Programs Consortium counties in the development of children and family-centered substance abuse services during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Mental Health - Alcohol and Drug Programs)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign amendments to renew agreements with the Women's Refuge for reimbursement of \$28,800 and with Media Plus in the amount of \$21,500 both of which are designed to facilitate a public awareness media campaign addressing domestic and family violence as part of the Respect Program during the period of September 30, 1999 through September 30, 2000. (Public Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Far Northern Regional Center to reimburse the Opportunity Center in the amount of \$27,600 for transporting clients to and from their work site during the period of May 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Pacific Bell Internet Services in the amount of \$11,074 for Internet services to state-supported personal computers within the County Department of Social Services during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement between the Departments of Social Services and Housing and Community Action Programs in the amount of \$86,250 for tutoring services to CalWORKs participants during the period of September 28, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service in the amount of \$60,000 for two residential motel case managers to provide supportive services designed to transition CalWORKs families to permanent housing during the period of October 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Social Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a renewal contract with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service in the amount of \$102,000 for an Independent Living Skills Program for foster youth ages 16-21 years during the period of October 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000. (Social Services)

Took the following actions regarding the Vedder Road Permanent Road Division paving contract in the Burney area: found the project categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act, approved the plans and specifications, instructed the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids, and authorized the opening of bids on October 15, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. (Public Works)

Adopted Resolution No. 99-136 which authorizes the Department of Resource Management's Community Education Section to apply for a Local Government Used Oil Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$160,000. (Resource Management - Community Education Section)

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

## **REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **BOARD MATTERS**

#### **PROCLAMATION: MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK**

At the recommendation of Mental Health Director Jim Broderick and Marg Hall, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and by motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates October 3-9, 1999 as "Mental Illness Awareness Week" in Shasta County.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer presented Legislative Advocates Don and David Peterson who were in attendance to present a legislative update.

Don Peterson indicated that Assembly Bill (AB) 417 (Floyd), which would exclude ERAF funds being transferred from County Service Area No. 1 - Fire Protection, had been signed by the Governor. He stated that he would be providing the Board with copies of a report he is preparing on the 197 bills that he and his staff have been tracking. He then discussed groups of legislation involving three areas.

The first group of legislation dealt with the child support enforcement (AB 150, AB 196 and Senate Bill 542). Mr. Peterson indicated these bills create a "major and significant" change in the way child support enforcement is handled and will most likely require "repair" legislation in the future.

The second group of legislation dealt with bond issues. Mr. Peterson noted that his upcoming report will include all the information needed to assist Shasta County in applying for funds, if the bonds pass at election time.

The third area covered "teeter fund" calculations. Mr. Peterson explained that the original, agreed upon method of calculating these funds has been determined to be incorrect. New legislation is necessary to validate the original method of calculation and allow counties to keep the funds as originally calculated.

Mr. Peterson indicated that areas of legislation they will be working on will include public works and roads, trial court issues, and whatever legislation is necessary to ensure that counties do not bare any of the child support enforcement costs since that function will no longer be under county control.

Mr. Peterson then complimented Assemblyman Dickerson, Senator Johannessen, Supervisor Wilson, and all others who were successful in getting legislation approved for the Veteran's cemetery in Northern California.

The Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest. Supervisor Wilson explained that the Board of Supervisors had previously supported the request for the Roosevelt Memorial. Since then she has received a request for a resolution of support for appropriations from the Interior Department for this project. It was the consensus of the Board that this be brought back next week for action.

Supervisor Fust explained that the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) has formed a new group called the North-South Talks Group to discuss water issue needs from the northern and southern California points of view. He stated that the group sent letters to the Governor and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt outlining what the group believes are the important points for the future of California water. However, the Northern California Water Association, which represents numerous water suppliers and others, did not concur with the content of that letter and sent a letter in objection. Supervisor Fust stated that when work began on these water issues, it was determined that a "united front" was necessary. However, the direction now being taken may not be of benefit to Shasta County or its water agencies. He suggested, and the Board concurred, that a copy of this information be sent to Deputy Public Works Director Pat Minturn requesting that he review it and report back to the Board of Supervisors as to whether or not this is something that Shasta County can support or if it would be detrimental to us and our water agencies.

Supervisor Kehoe questioned whether the construction and mailing of the North-South letter was consistent with the charter of RCRC. Supervisor Fust's response was that he did not have the answer and, in fact, this same question came up while the County was reviewing the Trinity River decision. He explained that Pat Minturn has scheduled a workshop to be held within the next few weeks, and it was his hope that an answer to that question would be given at that time. Supervisor Kehoe requested that County Counsel also do an analytical review of the RCRC charter.

Supervisor Clarke reminded the Board that in 1997, the County supported the successful efforts of Congressman Wally Herger to keep water tributaries within his district off of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative list. However, she reported that she had just been informed that President Clinton has issued an Executive Order including these rivers in the initiative. Supervisor Clarke stated that she would compile all of the information available as soon as possible and forward it to the other Board Members so that action to oppose this order can be taken.

Supervisor Hawes explained that he had received notification from Mono County that they had adopted a resolution in an effort to stop a wilderness area designation in their county, and they have requested the support of other counties. By consensus, the Board directed that this matter be brought back next week for action.

### AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

#### COUNTY CLAIMS

By motion made, seconded (Wilson/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$123,170.19 for County operating funds and special districts, as submitted by Auditor-Controller Rick Graham.

### INFORMATION SYSTEMS

#### AGREEMENT: NEW HORIZONS COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER

Information Systems Chief Technical Officer Charles Haas presented a staff report requesting approval of personal services agreement with New Horizons Computer Learning Center for the purchase of 527 classes in advance to be used over the next 18 months at a total cost of \$50,065. Supervisor Kehoe questioned whether or not this was a new contract and if the old contract had been terminated. Mr. Haas explained that it was a new contract. County Counsel Karen Jahr recommended that under the provisions of the old contract that it be terminated. Mr. Kehoe also pointed out some contradictions to provisions of the new contract dealing with the payment for services, and it was determined that a section of the standard contract had not been appropriately deleted. Mr. Kehoe expressed his belief that it is not sound business practice to prepay this amount of money.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a personal services agreement with New Horizons Computer Learning Center for the purchase of 527 classes in advance to be used over the next 18 months at a total cost of \$50,065. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Supervisors Clarke, Fust, Hawes and Wilson  
Noes: Supervisor Kehoe

### SUPPORT SERVICES

#### AGREEMENT: BECKER AND BELL

Support Services Director Harry Albright presented a staff report requesting approval of a revised contract with Becker and Bell, a labor relations consulting firm, for the period of December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2002. In response to questions from Supervisor Kehoe, Mr. Albright explained that this firm was first hired in 1993 following a competitive process and the County has utilized their services since that time. Supervisor Kehoe noted that he was concerned about the process, rather than the award of the contract, and he expressed his belief that nine years is too long a period of time for a noncompetitive environment.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a revised contract with Becker and Bell, a labor relations consulting firm, for the period of December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2002. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Supervisors Clarke, Fust, Hawes and Wilson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: Supervisor Kehoe

**LAW AND JUSTICE****DISTRICT ATTORNEY - FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION****CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS****RESOLUTION NO. 99-137**

At the recommendation of Family Support Division Program Manager Steve Baer and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Fust), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 99-137 which authorizes outreach expenditures for the purpose of maximizing child support collections and the payment of claims for these expenditures by the Auditor-Controller.

(See Resolution Book No. 40)

**CARRY OVER FUNDS, FISCAL YEAR 1998-99****KIDZ CONSORTIUM**

At the recommendation of Family Support Division Program Manager Steve Baer and by motion made, seconded (Fust/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed the Auditor-Controller to designate Fiscal Year (FY) 1998-99 Family Support carryover funds in the amount of \$248,862 for the purpose of paying the non-federal share of the KIDZ consortium costs for FY 1999-2000, or to be set aside as a reserve to pay for unamortized tenant improvements when the division moves to a new building.

**SCHEDULED HEARING****SHERIFF-CORONER****CITIZENS OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY****BUDGET AMENDMENT**

This was the time set to receive testimony regarding the use of Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Program funds. Undersheriff Larry Schaller presented the staff report and recommended approval of the request.

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

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the request from the Sheriff for front-line law enforcement services funding in the amount of \$152,554 and \$61,224 for the Main Jail, and approved a budget amendment which increases appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$213,778 from funds made available under the COPS Program.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

1. Confer with counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled Childs v. County of Shasta and City of Shasta Lake v. County of Shasta, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision a.
2. Confer with its Labor Negotiator, County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer, to discuss the following employee organizations: Shasta County Employees Association, Shasta County Mid-Management Association, Deputy Sheriff's Association, Sheriffs Administrative Association, Professional Peace Officers' Association, Unrepresented Employees, and United Public Employees of California, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6.

10:43 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

12:00 noon: The Board of Supervisors recessed from Closed Session.

3:00 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Hawes, Wilson, Kehoe and Fust, Assistant County Counsel Michael Ralston, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Pamela English present.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Assistant County Counsel Michael Ralston reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing litigation, as well as labor negotiations, however, no reportable action was taken.

3:01 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned

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Chairman

ATTEST:

CAROLYN TAYLOR  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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