

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

REGULAR MEETING

9:02 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
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Linda Mekelburg

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Don Duff, Trinity Lutheran Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Dave Hawley thanked the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to meet and confer regarding the issue of release of specific salary information of County employees in single-position jobs and would support the Board of Supervisors in a decision to maintain the privacy of individuals in single-position jobs.

Celeste Draisner challenged the Board of Supervisors to be leaders during the upcoming budget crisis and asked that they be careful about cutting senior services and core medical services.

Arnold Erickson noted that the Knauf fiberglass facility is in the process of completing a supplemental environmental impact report and requested the Board of Supervisors become involved.

Victor Ogrey noted that with all the recent rain, vegetation in Churn Creek is holding back the water flow; he expressed hope that the responsible parties would clean out the vegetation in Churn Creek when the weather is drier. Public Works Director Pat Minturn noted that except for areas where County roads cross Churn Creek, it is the responsibility of the private landowners along Churn Creek to keep the channel clear.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$26,655.68 for County operating funds and special districts, as submitted. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2004, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Reappointed Bradley McWhorter to the Manton Joint Cemetery District Board for a four-year term to expire December 2007. (Clerk of the Board)

Appointed Stephen Martin to the Area II Developmental Disabilities Board for a three-year term to expire December 2006. (Clerk of the Board)

Adopted Resolution No. 2004-28, which authorizes the Auditor-Controller to retain the administrative leave balance for reinstatement until September 4, 2004 of two Public Health employees who are being demoted from management positions as part of the current staff reductions. (Support Services-Human Resources Division)

(See Resolution Book No. 45)

Adopted Resolution No. 2004-29, which repeals Resolution No. 2003-223 and notifies the Public Employees' Retirement System of the changes in the monthly group health contributions for the Mid-Management Bargaining Unit; and adopted Resolution No. 2004-30, which repeals Resolution No. 2003-218 and notifies the Public Employees' Retirement System of the changes in the monthly group health contributions for the Unrepresented Managers. (Support Services-Human Resources Division)

(See Resolution Book No. 45)

Approves and authorizes the Director of Public Works to sign a Notice of Completion for the Landfill/Veterans Cemetery Water System Improvements project and record it within ten days of actual completion of the work. (Public Works)

Authorized the Shasta County Fire Department to accept a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$99,000 for the purchase of communications and rescue equipment. (County Fire)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the State Department of Food and Agriculture Division of Fairs and Expositions budget for the Inter-Mountain Fair in the amount of \$540,458 for the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. (Inter-Mountain Fair)

REGULAR CALENDAR

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION: COUNTY CLERK ELECTRONIC VOTING SECURITY

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Ann Reed explained that Secretary of State Ken Shelley recently issued a memorandum to all counties regarding security issues for the electronic voting systems. He wishes to address the perception of unreliability and inaccuracy of electronic voting machines. However, directives included in the memorandum could erode rather than bolster voter confidence. Mrs. Reed assured the Board of Supervisors and voters that

Shasta County's voting system is secure and trustworthy. Her office will do everything in its power to ensure the accuracy and security of Shasta County's electronic voting system.

PRESENTATION: U.S. FOREST SERVICE
UPDATE ON SHASTA-TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST ACTIVITIES

Forest Supervisor Sharon Heywood presented an update on operations on the Shasta/Trinity National Forest, including a discussion of the complexity of the forest, a brief review of vegetation management accomplishments, and an update on the Healthy Forest Initiative.

A question-and-answer session followed.

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, noting that in response to letters received from rural counties, including Shasta County, Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi has scheduled public meetings in some rural areas to hear input on his decision to decrease automobile insurance rates in five metropolitan counties which would, in turn, increase rates in the remaining 53 counties. A meeting has been scheduled in Chico on March 3, 2004.

CAO Latimer also noted that a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives (HR 3743 (Ney)) that addresses improved safety of rural roads. By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a letter in support of HR 3743 (Ney).

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MENTAL HEALTH/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SHASTA COUNTY PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
PROGRESS REPORT

Chairperson Terry Starr reported that the Shasta County Psychiatric Health Facility Community Committee has had three meetings. Many people are concerned about the possible closure of the Psychiatric Health Facility, and the Committee is in the process of researching what can be done to provide the best possible services to the citizens of Shasta County. Mr. Starr introduced several members of the Committee: Cindy Bither-Bradley, Don Van Buskirk, Marge Hall, Mary Steagall, Susan Wilson, Doreen Bradshaw, and Dean Germano. He noted that the Committee should be able to present the Board of Supervisors with a good set of recommendations by March 9, 2004.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT**COUNTY COUNSEL****PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST**
EXACT SALARIES OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES

This item was continued from the February 3, 2004 Board of Supervisors meeting. County Counsel Karen Jahr explained that the Board of Supervisors has the duty to weigh two competing interests: the right of the public to have access to information that sheds light on operations of county government against the privacy interests of the 114 employees with regard to information concerning their exact salaries. Under the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, if the Board of Supervisors decides to release those salaries, they would need to declare an impasse with the unions and mediate before the information is released.

Dave Ritchie, representing the United Public Employees of California (UPEC), noted that UPEC would support a decision of the Board of Supervisors to not release individually identifying salary information of the 114 employees holding single-occupant positions at this time.

Record Searchlight Managing Editor Greg Clark explained to the Board of Supervisors that the Record Searchlight has requested the information on behalf of the citizens of Shasta County and contends that the employee bargaining units have no standing in this matter as the Public Records Act request does not constitute a term and condition of employment. He asked that if the Board of Supervisors decides not to release specific salary information for the 114 employees, that the Board of Supervisors release specific information for the other employee categories.

Paul Heckman requested that the Board of Supervisors maintain the current practice of releasing salary-range-only information on County employees.

Victor Ogrey suggested that public employees' specific salaries should be released.

Richard Riis agreed with the Board of Supervisors in not publicizing public employees' specific salaries.

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to continue the current practice of releasing only salary ranges for those readily identifiable rank-and-file employees who hold single-occupant positions. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Supervisors Hawes, Wilson, and Clarke
NOES: Supervisors Kehoe and Fust
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Supervisors Kehoe and Fust noted that in their opinion, the exact salaries of those employees are public information and should be released.

PUBLIC WORKS

BUDGET AMENDMENT

At the recommendation of Public Works Director Pat Minturn and by motion made, seconded (Clarke/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget amendment increasing revenue and appropriations in the amount of \$4,626 in the Surveyor Budget Unit to review maps.

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEALTH

BEILENSON HEARING: REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 1442.5 (Beilenson hearing) to receive input regarding the proposed reduction or elimination of services at the Public Health Department. Public Health Director Marta McKenzie explained that because of the reduction in Vehicle License Fee revenue, the Public Health Department must cut expenses which will result in a reduction of medical and health services to the public. As part of the Beilenson process, Shasta County must detail which services will be reduced or eliminated, show how the decision was made to eliminate or reduce those services, and conduct a public hearing to obtain public input regarding the proposed reductions. In the decision-making process, the department reviewed contract services, cost effectiveness of services, minimum staffing levels, professional licensures and certifications, and health outcomes. The Notice of Hearing is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The public hearing was opened. Cindy Dodds and Dean Germano spoke in support of the reductions proposed by the Public Health Department.

Dot Van Cleve read a letter from the American Lung Association of Superior California requesting no cuts be made to tobacco-related programs.

Sharon Brisolara distributed a summary of evaluation results from the Public Health Department's involvement in the Partnership for the Public's Health initiative.

Doris Trott noted that she was reluctant to see funding cut for senior health services.

Rod Lindsay stated that the Shasta Lake City Council is committed to helping in the community in whatever way they can.

No one else spoke for or against the matter, and the public hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the following service reductions:

1. Immunizations (children, adults, travel): Eliminate one half-day clinic per week in Redding, Burney, Anderson, and Shasta Lake.
2. Tuberculosis control: Eliminate one full-day clinic per week in Redding and one half-day clinic per week in Shasta Lake, Burney, and Anderson for skin testing and resultant follow-up.
3. Blood Pressure Checks: Reduce clinics from monthly to quarterly in Anderson, Happy Valley, Lakehead, and Shasta Lake.

4. Nurse of the Day: Reduce coverage countywide from eight hours per day to two hours per day.
5. Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic: Eliminate one half-day clinic per week and resultant follow-up in Redding.
6. Outreach: Reduce countywide outreach to hard-to-reach and low-income populations to increase access to public health and health care services; reduce organizing to improve community health.
7. Tobacco Cessation: Eliminate tobacco cessation services countywide.
8. Senior Health (formerly grant funded): Eliminate physical activity programs, including walking clubs and telephone support.
9. Perinatal: Eliminate countywide clinic-based prenatal outreach and referral as well as home visiting for high-risk mothers and infants.
10. Bike Safety (formerly grant funded): Eliminate countywide bike safety rodeos and purchase of new bike helmets.
11. Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Nutrition Services: Reduce capacity to serve clients through WIC program (e.g., increased wait times for appointments, services, etc.).
12. Child Safety Seats (formerly grant funded): Eliminate countywide child safety seat classes.

PUBLIC WORKS

ABANDONMENT: TWO UNDEVELOPED PUBLIC EASEMENTS KESWICK AREA RESOLUTION NO. 2004-31

This was the time set to consider the abandonment of two undeveloped public easements on Fielding Street and an alley in block 10 in the town of Keswick. Public Works Director Pat Minturn presented the staff report and recommended adoption of the resolution. The Notice of Hearing and Affidavit 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 request, and the public hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Fust/Wilson), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2004-31, which approves the abandonment of two undeveloped public easements on Fielding Street and an alley in block 10 in the town of Keswick.

(See Resolution Book No. 45)

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 its counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled in re Investigation of Shasta County Grand Jury and Barber v. Shasta County Mental Health, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (a).
2. Confer with its counsel to discuss on potential case of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (c).
3. Confer with its Labor Negotiators, County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer and Director of Support Services Joann Davis, 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.

11:20 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

12:13 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed from Closed Session.

12:16 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Hawes, Kehoe, and Fust, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Christie N. Jewell present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Chairman Hawes reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing and anticipated litigation, as well as labor negotiations; however, no reportable action was taken.

12:17 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

H. DOUGLAS LATIMER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy