

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

REGULAR MEETING

9:02 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 Cibula
 District No. 3 - Supervisor Hawes
 District No. 4 - Supervisor Hartman
 District No. 5 - Supervisor Clarke

County Administrative Officer - Doug Latimer
 County Counsel - Karen Jahr
 Deputy Clerk of the Board - Tazina Otis
 Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Glenda Tracy

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Associate Pastor Don Mangrum, Central Valley Assembly of God Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Richard Paz advised that he attended a meeting regarding the Shasta Dam & CALFED Water Program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Clarke/Hawes), and carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar (Supervisor Cibula abstained from the item regarding an ordinance which amends Chapter 8.60 of the Shasta County Code as he has real estate holdings in the immediate vicinity):

Introduced and waived the reading of an ordinance which amends Chapter 8.60 of the Shasta County Code to prohibit the riding of skateboards, bicycles, and similar devices on County property other than roads. (Administrative Office)

Authorized the issuance of warrants totaling \$7,954.20 requiring special board action. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2005, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Enacted Ordinance No. 462-115, which establishes a “No Parking” zone on Castle Creek Road at the entrance to Castle Crags State Park, as introduced May 10, 2005. (Clerk of the Board)

(See No Parking Zone Ordinance Book)

Appointed John Helfrich to the Economic Development Corporation to fill an unexpired term to January 2006. (Clerk of the Board)

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-55, which amends Chapter 26, *Disabilities Nondiscrimination & Accommodation Policy and Compliance Program, of the Personnel Rules*; and adopted Policy Resolution No. 2005-3, which amends Administrative Policy 1-116, *Procedures for Receiving Written Complaints From Members of the Public*, and adds Administrative Policy 1-117, *Rights of Persons With Disabilities; Complaint Procedures*, to the Administrative Manual. (County Counsel)

(See Resolution Book No. 46)

(See Policy Resolution Book)

Approved a contract with Sara Seeger, M.D. in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 to provide psychiatric “fit-for-duty” examinations and related services as determined necessary by County department heads from the date of signing through May 24, 2005, with two additional one-year renewals. (Support Services)

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-56, which authorizes a temporary waiver of Personnel Rules Chapter 6, *Recruitments and Appointments*, to facilitate placement of employees displaced by County layoffs. (Social Services)

(See Resolution Book No. 46)

Authorized the Director of Housing and Community Action Programs to sign and submit a renewal agreement, and any subsequent amendments, to the California Department of Corporations in the amount of \$4,999 to provide funding through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to administer the Seniors Against Investment Fraud Program in Shasta and Tehama Counties for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. (Housing and Community Action Programs)

Appointed the following people to the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory (IHSS) Committee: Ethel Webb (Provider Seat) to fill an unexpired term to March 2006; Cathleen Ward (Community Leader Seat) to fill an unexpired term to March 2007; and Jennie Brown (Recipient Seat) to fill an unexpired term to March 2006. (Social Services - In-Home Supportive Services)

Appointed Iris Sanders to the Mental Health Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term to January 2006; and approved an amendment to the by-laws which reduces the membership from 16 to 15. (Mental Health)

Approved the appointment of Wade Lee at Step “E” as an Accountant Auditor III. (Public Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Public Customer Offer from GlaxoSmithKline to continue purchasing vaccine at discounted pricing rates. (Public Health)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement to govern the use of federally forfeited cash, property, proceeds, and any interest earned thereon with participating law enforcement agencies for the period October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2008. (Sheriff)

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-57, which authorizes the Sheriff to submit a renewal application to the State Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$193,333 to continue funding for the Sheriff's Office Marijuana Suppression Program for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No.46)

Authorized the Sheriff to sign a renewal agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration in the amount of \$60,825 to provide supplemental funding for the Sheriff's Marijuana Suppression Team from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. (Sheriff)

Took the following actions regarding the Burney Veterans Hall Paving 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 June 16, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. (Public Works)

Adopted Resolution No. 2005-58, which authorizes the Department of Resource Management to apply for the Used Oil Recycling Block Grant, Fiscal Year 2005-06 in the amount of \$28,220 on behalf of the County of Shasta and the Cities of Anderson and Shasta Lake. (Resource Management - Community Education Section)

(See Resolution Book No.46)

REGULAR CALENDAR

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

GLOBAL TAX-SHARING REPORT

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer reported that on April 24, 2005, the Board of Supervisors voted to send a proposed tax-sharing agreement to the City of Redding and appointed Supervisor Clarke, and Resource Management Director Russ Mull to further discuss the matter with the City of Redding. The Redding City Council appointed Councilman Ken Murray and Deputy City Manager Kurt Starman to meet with the County. Projections are that the County would receive 2 percent of every 5 percent starting at an 86/14 split based on the proposed formula. The tax-sharing proposal has the support of City Management.

At the recommendation of CAO Doug Latimer and by motion made, seconded (Cibula/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to proceed with the global tax-sharing proposal.

Supervisor Kehoe requested that CAO Latimer provide the letter of conveyance form to be signed.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer presented an update on specific legislation of importance.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

SUPPORT SERVICES - FLEET MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BUDGET TRANSFER

At the recommendation of Director of Support Services Joann Davis and by motion made, seconded (Hawes/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget transfer recognizing up to \$18,500 in replacement funds transferable to a fixed asset for the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

PUBLIC WORKS

BID OPENING

Supervisor Kehoe announced that the item regarding the bid opening for the sale of a parcel of real property on Orange Avenue would be deferred to the afternoon session as bids will be accepted until 1:15 p.m.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

COUNTY FIRE

**AGREEMENT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
AND FIRE PROTECTION (CDF)
COOPERATIVE FIRE PROTECTION**

At the recommendation of County Fire Warden Ken McLean and by motion made, seconded (Hawes/Hartman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a cooperative fire protection agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) for the period July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2006 and in the amount of \$2,628,202 for Fiscal Year 2005-06 to administer and operate the Shasta County Fire Department.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

At the recommendation of County Fire Administrative Officer Kelly Dreesmann and by motion made, seconded (Hawes/Clarke), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenues by \$147,753, primarily due to increased expenditures and reimbursements related to the French and Bear Fires in mid-August 2004.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

At the recommendation of County Fire Division Chief Scott Holmquist and by motion made, seconded (Hartman/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved

a budget amendment increasing revenues and appropriations by \$10,300; and accepted grant revenues in the amount of \$10,300 from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Rural Fire Assistance Program.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kehoe announced that the Board of Supervisors would recess to a Closed Session to Confer with its counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled Strong v. State Board of Equalization (Sacramento Superior Court Case #05AM02788), Hodges v. County of Shasta, and Horisk v. Shasta County Mental Health, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (a).

9:40 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

10:25 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed from Closed Session.

10:27 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session with all Supervisors, County Administrative Officer Doug Latimer, County Counsel Karen Jahr, and Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Glenda Tracy present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

County Counsel Karen Jahr reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing litigation. By a 4-0 vote, with Cibula abstaining, the Board approved the Assessor joining in the declaratory relief action as a plaintiff for the matter of Strong v. State Board of Equalization. By unanimous vote, the defense of Hodges v. County of Shasta was reassigned to Gary Brickwood Law Firm (previously handled by Larry Moss). By unanimous vote, the settlement of \$13,000 was authorized in the matter of Horisk v. Shasta County Mental Health.

No other reportable action was taken.

10:34 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

1:30 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Clarke, Cibula, Hawes, and Hartman, County Counsel Karen Jahr, Deputy Clerk of the Board Tazina Otis, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Linda Mekelburg present. Chairman Kehoe was recused as he owns property in the immediate vicinity of Orange Avenue; Vice Chairman Clarke presided.

AFTERNOON SESSION

PUBLIC WORKS

SALE OF THE ORANGE AVENUE PROPERTY

This was the time set to conduct a bid opening for the sale of the Orange Avenue Property, Assessor's Parcel No. 105-170-003 (Redding Area) and consider accepting the written or oral bids for the property.

Shasta County Public Works Deputy Director Chief Scott Wahl presented the staff report and recommended approval.

The following bids were opened:

Steve Stiner	\$36,777.00
Scott Bond	\$36,001.00
Greg Washburn	\$41,600.00

All bidders provided a check for a \$5,000 deposit.

The bidding was opened to accept oral bids in increments of 5 percent over the highest written bid. The following bids were accepted:

Scott Bond	\$43,680.00
Greg Washburn	\$45,864.00
Scott Bond	\$48,157.20
Greg Washburn	\$50,565.06
Scott Bond	\$53,093.31
Greg Washburn	\$55,747.98

By motion made, seconded (Hawes/Hartman), and carried, the Board of Supervisors ratified the high bid of George Washburn at \$55,747.98.

1:37 p.m.: Chairman Kehoe entered the Chambers and presided.

WORKSHOP

HEALTH AND WELFARE

MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PLAN

County Administrative Analyst Celeste Buckley introduced Former Executive Director of the County Mental Health Department Association (CMHDA) Catherine Camp, who gave history on the Mental Health Care funding.

Executive Director of Hill Country Community Clinic Lynn Dora, Board Certified Child Adolescent and Adult Therapist Dr. Pappas, and Dr. Ann Murphy complained about the current status of the Mental Health care system.

Norene Moss discussed her experience being unable to refill her medication.

Mental Health Access Team Leader Dr. Campbell and Mental Health Medical Chief Dr. Richard Zarriello explained that there are standby intakes available daily.

Pat Crossman explained the Hope Van services to the homeless.

Don Kingdon explained that Shasta County Mental Health has been working collaboratively with partners in the community to deliver service directly or through contractors.

Mental Health Division Chief Ron Parton discussed the availability of prescription medication programs and the department's homeless program.

Shasta County Mental Health Family and Children Services Clinical Division Chief Maxine Wayda explained the importance of early intervention and detection of mental illness in children.

Dr. Kingdon noted that there are inpatient residential conservatorship low-income apartments available.

Shasta Community Health Center Psychiatrist, Dr. Pappas, North Valley Medical Association President Dr. Ronald Reese, Shasta Regional Medical Center Emergency Medicine Director Andrew Knapp, Mercy Medical Center Emergency Services Director Dr. Rob Hamilton, and Sharon Mosley spoke about their concerns with the Mental Health system. Dr. Reese suggested that the County have an outside third party reviewer develop alternative healthcare solutions. Dr. Knapp suggested an acute crisis facility.

First Baptist Church of Redding Pastor Bill Gillis suggested that the community work together to find solutions.

Shasta County Mental Health Access Crisis Team Members Becky Schwart and Traci Ross explained that it takes a long time for a client to be placed in a psychiatric facility. Beds are limited due to the amount of hospitals in need of placing clients, lab work not done, beds are limited, and emergency rules have to be followed.

4:00 p.m.: Supervisor Clarke left the room.

Shasta County Psychiatric Medical Society President Dr. Andrews explained that the County has changed and is a growing community, and the County needs to be prepared.

Good News Rescue Mission Pastor Dave Honey expressed his views about the changes needed to better serve the mentally ill and homeless.

Sue Gustafson spoke about client needs.

Mercy Medical Center President Rick Barnett suggested that the County support a crisis intervention center, physicians adept at declaring who is and is not in crisis, and consideration of long-term solutions from an outside study.

Redding Chief of Police Leonard Moty and Shasta Community Health Center CEO Dean Germano suggested a third party review Mental Health services and provided suggestions.

4:55 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

5:11 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

Terrence Starr spoke about solutions and explained that Mental Health is highly regulated.

County Administrative Analyst Celeste Buckley explained that Mental Health has proposed that the County of Shasta and the City of Shasta Lake partner to provide funding for a detoxification facility.

Shasta County Alcohol and Drug Programs Administrator David Reiten explained that a person could be transferred to a detoxification facility after they have been stabilized on medication and noted that Dr. Murphy has offered the use of the Hope Van. There is also a proposed public/private partnership which includes Shasta Regional Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, City of Redding, City of Anderson, City of Shasta Lake, Redding Police Department, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, Shasta Consortium of Community Health Care Providers, and the Redding Rancheria. The solution is to help break people from addiction, and that addiction is a substance abuse issue, not a mental health issue.

Dr. Kingdon stated that inpatient psychiatric facilities would be more readily available to care for persons with mental disorders if alcohol and substance abuse clients were able to go to a detox facility.

Dr. Murphy explained that substance abuse is a mental health disorder, and the two should be treated together.

Empire Recovery Center Executive Director Patty Neely informed the Board that although the Empire Recovery Center has nine residential treatment beds, she is often forced to send clients to the hospital due to a lack of beds.

County Administrative Analyst Celeste Buckley recommended opening a detoxification facility and requested direction regarding the proposed solutions, including:

1. Community Action Plan
2. Consultant to study mental health treatment in Shasta County
3. Crisis intervention center
4. §5150 authority designated to community physicians
5. Other actions or solutions as appropriate

Supervisor Kehoe stressed that collaboration and leadership of the Board of Supervisors, mental health community, and the hospitals is important to arrive at a comprehensive solution.

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Doug Latimer explained that the County would need to work with the state legislature to change from the traditional California mental health system and recommended that staff bring back a Request For Proposal (RFP) with the assistance from the private partners to hire a consultant to study mental health treatment in Shasta County.

Supervisor Cibula, Supervisor Hawes, and Supervisor Hartman supported the solutions presented.

Supervisor Kehoe explained that Shasta Regional Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, Shasta Community Health Center, Shasta Consortium of Community Health Centers have offered to help pay for a well respected and experienced outside consultant to conduct a nonbiased assessment and present their findings and recommendations, along with a business plan to achieve the most desirable outcomes.

By motion made, seconded (Cibula/Hartman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of an outside consultant to perform the duties as previously listed.

CAO Latimer will work with the other principles to develop a cost-sharing agreement and a timeline agreeable to all parties. Staff will return to the Board of Supervisors in 30 days with a cost-sharing agreement and a sample RFP.

At the recommendation of CAO Doug Latimer and by motion made, seconded (Cibula/Hawes), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring back within 30 days a cost-sharing agreement and that County Counsel provide the board with information on the legal liabilities to the County regarding §5150 authority.

Mercy Medical Center Chief Operating Officer Carlos Priestly requested a shorter time period due to currently having patients in need of services.

Supervisor Hawes moved that the County continue to proceed with investigation of construction of a proposed detoxification facility. CAO Latimer suggested that many of the suggestions should be reviewed by the consultant. Following further discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

Supervisor Kehoe requested identifying the critical problems and offer solutions at this meeting.

Supervisor Kehoe requested the medical community identify the immediate problems needing solutions, which include rapid response, inability to directly admit to a psychiatric facility, delay in placements with a §5150 designation, safety of staff, lack of alternatives to the emergency room, and an alternative method to receive medical clearance in an emergency room.

Supervisor Kehoe requested the medical community identify solutions, which include stationing crisis mental health workers at emergency rooms, working with hospitals to reduce hours in emergency room dedicated beds, training on §5150 authority for other providers, surveying other counties on their §5150 procedures, hospitals providing enhanced security, physician-driven response team, psychiatrist on call 24 hours per day for emergency rooms, parallel decision making, early notification to emergency rooms of patient admission, Proposition 63 funding for psychiatrists in emergencies, and regular monthly dialogue between parties.

Dr. Kingdon responded to the rapid response issue, noting that only law enforcement has the ability to designate persons as §5150, unless the Board of Supervisors appoints other people.

In response to a question from Supervisor Cibula regarding shortening the response time, Dr. Kingdon explained that the emergency room wait is the problem, not the response time. He suggested revising the operational memorandum of understanding to ensure cooperation between the local hospitals and also suggested stationing a nurse at each hospital.

In response to a question from Supervisor Hawes regarding the liability of persons with §5150 authority, Dr. Kingdon assured him that Mental Health will survey other counties for their procedures on this issue.

Chief Moty assured the Board of Supervisors that the Redding Police Department can initiate a system to call ahead and transport the patient to the hospital where the caregiver practices.

Captain Don Van Buskirk spoke regarding the time frame and security.

Supervisor Hartman suggested determining whether hospitals will accept medical clearance from the local clinics.

Shasta Consortium Community Health Centers Executive Director Doreen Bradshaw volunteered to facilitate monthly meetings with the key stakeholders in an effort to promote dialogue and continued collaboration.

By consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to provide monthly status reports to the Board of Supervisors.

6:45 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

H. DOUGLAS LATIMER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy