

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

9:01 a.m.: Chairman Cibula 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. 4 - Supervisor Hartman
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Administrative Officer - Larry Lees
County Counsel - Karen Jahr
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Valerie Ibarra
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Linda Mekelburg
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Diane Colson

District No. 3 - Supervisor Hawes - Absent

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor George Nite, Cross Pointe Community Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by County Fire Warden Mike Chuchel.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Elk Trail Water Association President Paul Stout thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support of the water annexation and reminded them that September 10, 2007 is the deadline for responses from residents.

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Cathy Darling discussed the efforts of the Elections Department to prepare for the November 2007 election and to comply with the Secretary of State's recertification order. She confirmed that the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials is lobbying to negotiate the terms of the recertification.

BOARD MATTERS

**RECOGNITION OF 2007 WALKING CHALLENGE
TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WINNERS**

Director of Support Services Joann Davis and Chairman Cibula recognized the winners of the 2007 Walking Challenge, and plaques were presented. Gayle Hermann was the individual winner, and the Shasta County Clerk's Office were the department champions.

**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
U.S.D.A. SECRETARIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-108**

Agricultural Commissioner Mary Pfeiffer presented the staff report and requested approval of a local emergency proclamation and a U.S.D.A. Secretarial Disaster Declaration due to crop and forage loss. Ms. Pfeiffer attributed the local emergency to lack of rainfall effecting 50-70 percent of Eastern Shasta County, causing higher costs to care for livestock and to producers to seek government aid.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Hartman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Proclamation of Existence of a Local Emergency which requests a U.S.D.A. Secretarial Disaster Declaration for Shasta County due to drought conditions; and adopted Resolution No. 2007-108, which designates applicant's agents for the purpose of obtaining certain federal financial assistance under a U.S.D.A. Secretarial Disaster Declaration.

(See Resolution Book No. 48)

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Kehoe pulled for discussion the County claims list and the item regarding retroactive step advances for affected Sheriff's Office employees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Baugh), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar, as amended (Supervisor Cibula abstained from the Courthouse Annex Remodel project matter due to a professional relationship regarding a real property holdings remodel):

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on August 14 and 21, 2007, as submitted.
(Clerk of the Board)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the Federal Annual Certification Report for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, outlining receipt and expenditure of federal asset forfeiture sharing funds during Fiscal Year 2006-07. (District Attorney)

Awarded to the low bidder, Steve Gheen Builders, on a lump-sum basis, the contract for construction on the Courthouse Annex Remodel project in the amount of \$185,924.
(Public Works)

ACTION ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNTY CLAIMS LIST

In response to questions by Supervisors Kehoe and Baugh, Auditor-Controller Connie Regnell said the Fire Department claim appeared on the claims list as there was no personal service agreement on file, and she introduced Director of Support Services Joann Davis. Ms. Davis explained that the Fire Department claim for painting a vehicle appeared on the claims list as a result of the transition from blanket purchase orders to personal service agreements, and she assured the Board of Supervisors that this situation would not occur again. Director of Child Support Services Terri Love confirmed the Child Support Services claim is not to be paid from the County's General Fund.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the County Claims List totaling \$17,376.16 requiring special board action. (Auditor-Controller)

RETROACTIVE STEP ADVANCES

Supervisor Kehoe expressed his disappointment in an item like this coming to the Board of Supervisors, and added that he would prefer not see another like it again. By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Baugh), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Auditor-Controller to pay retroactive step advances to affected Sheriff's Office employees in accordance with Chapter 35 of the *Personnel Rules*. (Sheriff)

REGULAR CALENDAR

ITEMS PULLED FROM REGULAR CALENDAR

Chairman Cibula announced that the item regarding approval of a short-term loan to the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Community College District was pulled at the request of the department.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Administrative Officer (CAO) Larry Lees had no legislative report.

Supervisor Kehoe reported he recently attended the "Mental Health is Everybody's Business" training seminar. Director of Mental Health Mark Montgomery and Director of Public Health Donnell Ewert discussed the stigma of mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, suicide, referrals and access points, and the need for increased understanding.

Supervisor Cibula advised he recently attended a tax sharing meeting with Supervisor Hartman, Shasta County personnel, and City of Redding personnel.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Cibula 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 Mejia and Robertson v. County of Shasta, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a); and
2. Confer with its Real Property Negotiator Larry Lees to negotiate price and terms of payment regarding property at 37005 Main Street, Burney (property owner Michael C. Kiser), 37116 Main Street, Burney (property owner Lynn Miller), and 43227 Highway 299 East, Fall River Mills (property owner Bill Brunner); pursuant to Government Code section 54954.2.

9:43 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

10:41 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Kehoe, Cibula, Hartman, and Baugh, County Administrative Officer Larry Lees, County Counsel Karen Jahr, Assistant County Counsel Mike Ralston, and Deputy Clerks of the Board Valerie Ibarra and Diane Colson present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Assistant County Counsel Mike Ralston reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing litigation, as well as real property negotiations. By unanimous vote, the Board of Supervisors authorized the law firm of Gary Brickwood to handle the defense in the matter of Mejia and Robertson v. County of Shasta. No other reportable action was taken.

10:42 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy