

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m.: Chairman Moty called the Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Chimenti
 District No. 2 - Supervisor Moty
 District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
 District No. 4 - Supervisor Morgan
 District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Larry Lees
 County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
 Administrative Board Clerk - Kristin Gulling-Smith
 Administrative Board Clerk - John Sitka

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Nathan Blank, Little Country Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD MATTERS

OCTOBER 2019 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
STAFF NURSE SARAH CULVER
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-086

At the recommendation of Nancy Bolen, Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services Branch Director, and by motion made, seconded (Baugh/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2019-086 which recognizes Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency Staff Nurse Sarah Culver as Shasta County's Employee of the Month for October 2019.

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

PRESENTATION: 2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT
ASSESSOR-RECORDER

Assessor-Recorder Leslie Morgan presented the Assessor-Recorder's 2019-20 Annual Report.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, Ms. Morgan stated that Win-River Casino is located on Tribal lands, which are not assessed or taxed by the County. She further explained that personal property on Tribal lands is assessed depending on the owner's relationship to the Tribe.

In response to questions from Supervisor Rickert, Ms. Morgan explained that the Assessor's Office cannot apply market trends to assessment values until sales with reduced prices reflect that trend. She stated that someone who has been impacted by a situation can reach out to the Assessor's Office and they will attempt to assist them via Proposition 8 review.

In response to questions from Supervisor Morgan, Ms. Morgan stated that due to County ordinance, the Assessor's Office can lower assessed property value for people affected by disasters even if the property owner does not directly reach out to the County to request it be done.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Beth Messick discussed the hazards of coal seams and methane gas during construction projects.

Edmond Baier spoke about the dangers of wind turbines.

Maggie Osa spoke in favor of a moratorium on future wind turbine projects.

Greg Hector spoke in favor of further rehabilitation efforts in the County.

Brenda Woods described issues with the mental health and substance abuse treatment programs in the County.

Monique Welin spoke regarding issues with correctional and treatment systems in the County.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Morgan/Rickert), 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 the revised Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the Golden State Finance Authority and adopted Resolution No. 2019-087 which approves the revisions to the JPA. (Administrative Office)

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the County claims list in the amount of \$114,609.64 as submitted. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the proposed calendar of Board of Supervisors' meetings for the year 2020. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2019, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-088 which: Repeals Resolution No. 2019-033; and authorizes the Shasta County Arts Council to apply for and accept the California Arts Council State-Local Partnership Program Grant for the activity period of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2022. (Clerk of the Board)

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a retroactive renewal agreement with Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC. in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to provide narcotic replacement therapy services for the period August 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Took the following actions: Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an evergreen agreement with the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), to procure state hospital beds with no stated maximum compensation, in the amount of \$1,402 per bed procurement, which includes CalMHSA administrative charges, authorizing CalMHSA to contract for state hospital beds on behalf of Shasta County for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with automatic one-year renewals thereafter; and approved and authorized the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), or any HHS Branch Director designated by the HHS Director, to approve total bed procurement payments in an amount not to exceed \$14,020 for a ten-year period and to sign prospective and retroactive amendments to the agreement that do not otherwise result in a substantial or functional change to the intent of the original agreement and do not increase or extend the \$14,020 ten-year limitation, as long as they comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a retroactive renewal agreement with Psynergy Programs, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to provide residential mental health treatment services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a retroactive renewal agreement with Willow Glen Care Center in an amount not to exceed \$1,450,000 to provide residential mental health treatment services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Took the following actions: Ratified the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) - Adult Services Branch Director's signature on the letter of interest sent to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) accepting a one-time \$1,198,356 State General Fund allocation for Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilot Housing services; adopted Resolution No. 2019-089 which designates the HHS Adult Services Branch Director as the single point of contact to DHCS for the WPC Pilot Housing funding and authorizes participation in the WPC Pilot Housing; approved a budget amendment to accept the funding and increase appropriations and revenue by \$1,198,356 in the HHS-Mental Health budget, which includes a Trans-out in the amount of \$300,000 to the Community Action Agency budget; and approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenue in the amount of \$300,000 in the Community Action Agency budget for down payment assistance programs. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services, Housing and Community Action Programs)

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a renewal agreement with Andrew J. Wong Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 to provide monthly help desk and software/hardware maintenance and programming updates to the Child and Adolescents Needs and Strengths database for the period November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-090 which updates the General Assistance Manual to include changes to California Welfare and Institutions Code and makes additional program changes recommended by the Health and Human Services Agency which increases the efficiency of the program and assures the program is administered in a consistent manner.

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-091 which recognizes that the circumstances and factors that led to the Board's July 30, 2018 ratification of a local emergency proclamation due to the wildland

fire identified as the "Carr Fire" have not been resolved and that there is a need for continuation of the local emergency proclamation. (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Adopted Resolution No. 2019-092 which makes a finding that various surplus robotics equipment is not required for County use; and approves the transfer of one Vanguard Bomb Disposal Robot, Serial Number 045-281, County ID No. 36466, and one Deep Ocean - Phantom 300 Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle to Shasta Union High School District in accordance with Government Code section 25365(a). (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

Approved and authorized the Public Works Director to sign a Notice of Completion for the "2019 SB-1 Pavement Rehabilitation Project," Contract No. 706801, and record it within 15 days of actual completion. (Public Works)

Took the following actions: Awarded the purchase of one transfer truck to Western Truck Parts & Equipment of Redding, California for a total price of \$176,423.26 (including tax and delivery) under Sourcewell Contract #081716-PMC; awarded the purchase of one dump truck with plow and dump related components to Riverview International Trucks, LLC, of West Sacramento, California for a total price of \$207,320.12 (including tax and delivery) under California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) #1-18-23-20F; and approved and authorized the purchase of the transfer truck under the Sourcewell Contract and the dump truck under the CMAS contract. (Public Works)

On behalf of County Service Area (CSA) No. 2-Sugarloaf Water, approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenue by \$35,000 in the CSA No. 2-Sugarloaf Water Admin budget offset with a trans-in from the Water Agency to outfit a new well. (Public Works, County Service Area No. 2-Sugarloaf Water)

Awarded to the low bidder, Fouts Bros. Fire Equipment, the contract for the purchase of a 3,000-gallon water tender for County Service Area No. 1-County Fire, for the total purchase price of \$254,53 (including sales tax and delivery). (County Service Area No. 1-County Fire)

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Executive Officer (CEO) Larry Lees had no legislative update.

Supervisor Baugh recently attended a meeting of the Rural County Representatives of California.

At the recommendation of Supervisor Baugh, and by consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring a future agenda item regarding a letter in support of California State Treasurer Fiona Ma's efforts to fund the Williamson Act.

Supervisor Moty recently attended a meeting of the California State Association of Counties Finance Corporation.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

PUBLIC WORKS

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 6-JONES VALLEY

EMERGENCY PUMP REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-093

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Pat Minturn, Public Works Director, presented the staff report and explained that only one of three pumps that provides water for County Service Area No. 6-Jones Valley is operational (Pump #1), and it is at risk of failure. Due to this, Public Works plans to replace Pump #2, one of the non-operational pumps.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Minturn stated that there is a monitor on the line for Pump #3, so Public Works will be able to diagnose any current issues with it.

In response to questions by Supervisor Morgan, Mr. Minturn further stated that the monitor will be able to diagnose spikes in the electric current. Mr. Minturn explained that the issue with Pump #1 involves a failed check valve, which is unconnected to the electric issues with the other two pumps and necessitates manual operation. Once Pump #2 is online, Public Works plans to use Pump #1 as a standby and eventually replace the check valve.

In response to questions by Supervisor Chimenti, Mr. Minturn explained that there is no practical way of placing surge protection on the lines to the water pumps due to the high voltage used. He also stated that if spikes in current are the cause of the problems with the pumps, it will be Pacific Gas & Electric's problem and responsibility to provide clean power to the pumps.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Morgan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions on behalf of County Service Area (CSA) No. 6-Jones Valley Water: Adopted Resolution No. 2019-093 which finds that an emergency exists that will not permit a delay resulting from a competitive solicitation for bids to improve the well; ratified the Deputy Public Works Director's signatures on Purchase Orders #14701 in the amount of \$12,055.34 and #14702 in the amount of \$49,500, and also authorize future additional costs as may be incurred, for a total not to exceed \$80,000 to repair, restore, and replace Pump #2 to service; found the project to remove and replace the Pump #2 motor to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15269; and approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations by \$80,000 in the CSA No. 6-Jones Valley Water Admin budget offset by use of fund balance.

(See Resolution Book No. 63)

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1-COUNTY FIRE

SHASTA COUNTY CODE ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

ADDING CHAPTER 8.10 DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR PROTECTION

AMENDING SECTION 12.12.050 GRADING PERMIT EXEMPTIONS

AMENDING SECTION 16.04.130 FIRE STANDARDS AND EQUIPMENT

Fire Chief Bret Gouvea presented the staff report and described the ordinance, which would help create defensible space in areas defined as "Urban Lands" in unincorporated areas of Shasta County.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Gouvea described the efforts of the Shingletown Fire Safe Council and Shingletown area residents in taking steps to increase their defensible space and fire safety.

In response to questions by Supervisor Chimenti, Mr. Gouvea explained that the Shasta County Fire Department does thousands of property inspections each year, as well as inspecting properties for which they receive complaints. He described the process of inspection and the steps that can be taken against non-compliant property owners, including action by County Code Enforcement, hiring outside companies to clear the property, and referring non-compliant owners to the District Attorney, up to those owners incurring misdemeanor charges. Mr. Gouvea emphasized that the Fire Department's goal is compliance with the safety requirements.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Gouvea stated that the types of property owners vary over time and that their compliance process has met with roughly 80% success, whether the properties are owned by banks or absentee owners.

In response to questions by Supervisor Morgan, CEO Lees explained that the costs of cleaning up non-compliant properties can be added to the property's taxes as a lien. Mr. Gouvea explained that the Fire Department works closely with the District Attorney's Office and Code Enforcement to ensure that non-compliant properties are taken care of carefully and expediently.

Len Lindstrand spoke regarding various sections in the proposed ordinance where he felt clarification was needed.

County Counsel Rubin Cruse, Jr. addressed Mr. Lindstrand's questions. He stated that for the purposes of the proposed ordinance, multiple properties owned by one owner would be addressed as one combined parcel; he clarified that those combined parcels would be subject to the ordinance depending on whether the combined parcel is in a zone that allows subdivision into parcels of two acres or less.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Mr. Cruse stated that it would be up to the Fire Department to educate landowners to ensure compliance. Mr. Gouvea explained that the Fire Department is not looking for clearance on every parcel in the county, but for clearance on parcels where there are undue fire hazards. Mr. Cruse also stated that any ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors is subject to future revision if necessary. Mr. Gouvea explained that enforcement of this ordinance would follow current enforcement per Public Resources Code, but would extend the ability to enforce the requirements on parcels with absentee landowners or that extend into the 100-foot clearance zone.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Cruse explained that the terminology used in the proposed ordinance was created for and is defined specifically within the ordinance.

In response to questions from Supervisor Moty, Mr. Cruse stated that amendments to sections of County Code are included in the ordinance to ensure conformity with the new chapter being added.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Baugh), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors introduced and waived the reading of an ordinance which adds Chapter 8.10, Defensible Space for Fire Protection, to the Shasta County Code, and amends section 12.12.050, Grading Permit Exemptions, and 16.04.130, Fire Standards and Equipment, of the Shasta County Code; and found the proposed ordinance is not subject to and exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in the ordinance.

REPORT ON PROPOSED RESERVE FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM

CEO Larry Lees and Fire Chief Bret Gouvea presented the staff report and described the proposed Reserve Firefighter Program ("Program"). Under the Program, each station in the Program would be staffed by one volunteer firefighter and one officer for 24-hour shifts. The staff would be drawn from the County's volunteer firefighters, and they would be paid a set stipend for each 24-hour shift. The Program would allow improved emergency response coverage throughout the County.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Mr. Gouvea stated that the cost to staff one station was estimated at \$100,000 per year via the proposed Reserve Firefighter Program. Mr. Gouvea further stated that the initial implementation would probably be for two or three stations, depending on the ability to staff the stations from the volunteer firefighter pool in the County. He estimated that the number of volunteer firefighters would grow once the program is implemented, due to the potential career path it offers.

In response to questions by Supervisor Chimenti, Mr. Gouvea explained that reserve firefighters would receive training, just as volunteer firefighters, but that reserve firefighters would have even more opportunities.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, CEO Lees stated that funding for the program would come from the County's Contingency Fund to fund two or three stations for a few years while the program is tested, and that once the program is proven successful, the County could look at other sources for funding. Mr. Gouvea stated that it is unlikely that the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection would be able to assist with funding this type of program.

At the recommendation of Supervisor Baugh, and by consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring a future agenda item regarding a letter to State Senator Dahle and to the California State Association of Counties in support of legislation to support a tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to move forward with investigating the proposed Reserve Firefighter Program to improve emergency response capability in rural areas of Shasta County.

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

COUNTY COUNSEL

SPECIAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX

ORDINANCE NO. SCC 2019-05

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-094

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing to consider a Special Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax. County Counsel Rubin Cruse, Jr. presented the staff report and recommended approval. The Notice of Public Hearing and the Notice of Publication are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

The public hearing was opened.

Stan Neutze spoke in favor of the proposed Special Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax.

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

By motion made, seconded (Chimenti/Morgan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors received an update from the County Counsel regarding a special transactions and use tax to support public safety purposes; conducted a public hearing; introduced, waived the reading of, and enacted Ordinance No. SCC 2019-05 (the "Ordinance") to adopt a special transactions and use tax in an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) to be used for funding public safety purposes in the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County of Shasta, to be effective upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the qualified electors casting votes; adopted Resolution No. 2019-094 (the "Resolution") which: calls for an election and places the Ordinance on the ballot for the March 3, 2020, Primary Election for the purpose of enabling voters to approve or reject the Ordinance, and provides additional direction and instruction related to the conduct of the election;

and found that the Ordinance and Resolution are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in the Ordinance and Resolution.

(See County Code Ordinance Book)
(See Resolution Book No. 63)

11:16 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed and reconvened as the Shasta County Water Agency.

11:17 a.m.: The Shasta County Water Agency adjourned and reconvened as the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Moty noted that the item regarding the Shasta County Management Council Mid-Management Bargaining Unit had been pulled at the request of the department.

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

Confer with its Labor Negotiators, County Executive Officer Larry Lees, Personnel Director Angela Davis, and Chief Labor Negotiator Gage Dungy, Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore, to discuss the following employee organization: Professional Peace Officers Association, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6; and

Confer with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled:

County of Shasta v Lincoln General Insurance Company, et al.

County of Shasta, et al. v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corporation, et al.

Hammerbeck, Richard Kevin v. County of Shasta, et al.

Johnson, Randall Scott v. Tom Bosenko, et al.

Jeantet, Gary D., et al. v. County of Shasta, et al.

McCullough, Savannah v. Shasta County, et al.

Walker, Joe v. Shasta County Board of Supervisors, et al.

pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1); and

Confer with legal counsel to discuss one potential case of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (4); and

Consider a public employee appointment (County Executive Officer), pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

11:17 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

12:48 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors returned from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with all Supervisors, County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board Larry Lees, County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., Administrative Board Clerk Kristin Gulling-Smith, and Administrative Board Clerk John Sitka present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr. reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations, existing and anticipated litigation, and a public employee appointment; the following reportable action was taken:

In the matter of *Walker, Joe v. Shasta County Board of Supervisors, et al* a case involving claim to excess proceeds arising out of a tax sale, the Board, by a 5-0 vote, gave approval to County Counsel to defend this action.

In the matter of *Hammerbeck, Richard Kevin v. County of Shasta, et al.* a case involving alleged wrongful denial of public benefits, the Board, by a 5-0 vote, gave approval to legal counsel to defend this action and authorized the County Counsel's Office to assign the defense of all County defendants in this case to Gary Brickwood, Esq.

In the matter of *Johnson, Randall Scott, et al. v. Tom Bosenko, et al.* a case involving alleged wrongful death of an inmate, the Board, by a 5-0 vote, gave approval to legal counsel to defend this action and authorized the County Counsel's Office to assign the defense of all County defendants in this case to Gary Brickwood, Esq.

In the matter of *McCullough, Savannah v. Shasta County, et al.*, a case involving alleged inadequate medical treatment of an inmate, the Board, by a 5-0 vote, gave approval to legal counsel to defend this action and authorized the County Counsel's Office to assign the defense of all County defendants in this case to Gary Brickwood, Esq.

In the matter of *Gary D. Jeantet and Patricia L. Jeantet v. Shasta County*, a case involving alleged negligent maintenance of a road, the Board, by a 5-0 vote, gave approval to legal counsel to defend this action and authorized the County Counsel's Office to assign the defense of all County defendants in this case to Gary Brickwood, Esq.

There was no other reportable action.

12:49 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

AFTERNOON SESSION - REGULAR CALENDAR CONTINUED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1:01 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

REDDING RANCHERIA CASINO PROJECT DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNTY POSITION

CEO Larry Lees presented the staff report and described the option for the Board of Supervisors to approve one of two proposed letters regarding the County's stance on the proposed Redding Rancheria Casino Project ("Project"): "Letter A," which would express the Board of Supervisors' opposition to the Project, or "Letter B," which would state the Board's intention to continue to negotiate mitigation efforts with the Redding Rancheria ("Rancheria").

Tracy Edwards, CEO of the Rancheria, requested that the Board of Supervisors not send either of the proposed letters and instead wait for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' response to the letter sent previously. She requested that if a letter must be sent, the Board send Letter B.

Jack E. Potter, Jr., read from a proclamation received from Governor Newsom and requested the Board wait to decide before sending either letter. He also requested that if a letter must be sent, the Board send Letter B.

Gary Rickard spoke against the Project being built in the proposed location due to the history of violence against Native Americans on that land and stated that he is discussing alternative locations with the Rancheria.

Rob Karinke, on behalf of Speak Up Shasta, spoke against the Project and requested that the Board of Supervisors send Letter A.

Steve Williams spoke against the Project due to the location being unsuitable for its scope and size and requested that the Board send Letter A.

James Lynch, on behalf of Shasta Community Residents for Positive Development, spoke against the Project, due to various issues with the proposed location and suggested working together to find an alternative location.

Chuck Knauer, Field Representative for Carpenters Union Local 1599, spoke in support of the Project due to the employment opportunities the Project presents and suggested an alternate letter of support for the Project, rather than either of the proposed letters.

Travis Brown spoke in support of the Project due to both temporary and permanent employment opportunities it presents.

Donna Hart spoke against the Project due to concerns with human trafficking at casinos.

Kristy Lanham spoke against the Project due to concerns with crimes and social issues associated with casinos, as well as the environmental impacts due to the proposed location.

John Livingston spoke against the Project due to environmental concerns. He supported the Board sending Letter A and requested that the Board also write to State Senator LaMalfa and Senators Feinstein and Harris.

Nancy Kirkland spoke against the Project in the proposed location due to environmental and traffic concerns, and suggested expansion in the casino's current location. She requested that the Board support sending Letter A.

Supervisor Baugh described how the Project is outside the normal County land use planning practice because the Rancheria has sovereign nation status. He explained that the Board's opinion on the Project will be sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which has the final decision on the Project, but that it will only be an opinion, not a deciding factor. Supervisor Baugh stated that the Rancheria is the number one call location to the County's public safety unit and expressed his concern that the Rancheria and Win-River Casino pay no taxes toward the County's cost for funding public safety services.

Supervisor Rickert explained that she has concerns with gambling as an addiction. She also expressed her hope that the location proposed for the Project could be used instead as a natural area for families to visit.

Supervisor Morgan expressed concerns with overdevelopment in Redding and with the environmental concerns of the proposed location.

Supervisor Chimenti stated that he is generally in support of development, but that he has strong concerns about the public safety concerns that the size of the Project would cause. He further stated that he cannot support the Project without a strong mitigation agreement which would raise appropriate funds to pay the increased cost of public safety.

Supervisor Moty discussed the positive aspects of the Project, such as increased employment opportunities, as well as the negative aspects, such as increased public safety costs. He stated that he does not see a benefit to the County as a whole.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Morgan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chairman to sign Letter A, stating the County's opposition to the Redding Rancheria Casino Project in its current proposed location.

2:03 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy