

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FEBRUARY 17, 2004

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convene in Regular Session at 9:08 a.m. Chairman Hanson asks for public comment and no comments are received. County Clerk Nagel announces the Closed Session items and the Board recesses to Closed Session at 9:09 a.m. to discuss: 1) employee performance evaluation: Fair Manager Claud Neely; and 2) conference with Labor Negotiator Andy Whiteman: May include the following bargaining units - Lassen County Peace Officers Assn. (LCPOA), and Lassen County Correctional Peace Officers Assn. (LCCPOA).

Present in the Closed Session are Supervisors Robert Pyle, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, and Jack Hanson; and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Supervisor Chapman enters at 9:15 a.m. Closed Session is recessed at 9:59 a.m.

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors reconvenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 10:01 a.m. Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, and Jack Hanson; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Andy Whiteman and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Supervisor Chapman.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The County Clerk announces the Closed Session dealt with: 1) employee performance evaluation: Fair Manager Claud Neely - closed session is continued to the next meeting; and 2) conference with Labor Negotiator Andy Whiteman: May include the following bargaining units - Lassen County Peace Officers Assn. (LCPOA), and Lassen County Correctional Peace Officers Assn. (LCCPOA) - this item was not considered in closed session.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Chairman Hanson notes the conference with Labor Negotiator was removed from the closed session. CAO Whiteman has received a request from City of Susanville to remove Item H-7, loan request, from the agenda. Supervisor Chapman requests the meeting be adjourned in memory of Julian Mapes and George Oakley.

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried to approve the agenda with the noted changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Poet Laureate Violet Stout reads a Valentine's Poem. She also distributes a letter her son received relating to roofing materials and the hazardous material designation and talks about the adverse impact this will mean to her son's business.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION

Recognition Committee member Carole Dustin provides information on the Irene Doyle Award which will be presented in May.

Chairman Hanson makes the following presentations for years of service:

Fifteen years: a two pen desk set to Brenda Garate, Sheriff's Department.

Twenty years: a desk clock to Jay Cheney, Public Works Department.

Twenty-five years: a desk clock/calculator to Silas Bollinger, Sheriff's Department.

TITLE III PROJECTS

Assistant to the CAO Chris Beard provides an update on Approved Title III Projects.

Search and Rescue representative Bob Trussell provides information on five dry dive suits they have obtained and how they will be used.

Assistant Community Development Director Bertotti provides information on the funds used for the GIS Mapping Project.

Tom Gauthier gives an update on funds used to support administration and activities related to the implementation of the Lassen County Fire Safe Plan.

Lassen Lands and Trail Trust (LLTT) Education Committee Chairperson Jan Heid provides (Supervisor Chapman departs at 10:26 a.m.)

information on a hands-on forest experience for 8/9 year olds.

(Supervisor Chapman returns at 10:29 a.m.) They are requesting \$7,345. She reviews other projects that LLTT has completed.

Supervisor Keefer notes this project was submitted to the RAC, but did not fit in the requirements of Title II projects. It does fit in the framework of Title III projects. He feels the one component that is missing is forest management and sustainability - "cutting trees is not bad, it is good if done properly". This needs to be an integral part of the curriculum.

Supervisor Dahle states he is very concerned about who is chosen as the naturalist and what is taught. Ms. Heid acknowledges stewardship of the forests is important to them also.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried, with Supervisor Chapman abstaining, to approve the request for funding with the understanding the forest management component be added to the curriculum.

Supervisor Keefer discusses the importance of good record keeping to clearly show the use of funds in relation to federal lands (i.e. how often the dry suits are used on federal lands, emphasis on the forest management component of the Outdoor Education/Youth Camp/Day in the Forest program; use of GIS System in relation to fire planning and protection).

Recess 10:46 - 10:51 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND REZONE #2003-156, KEN AND IRENE DOYLE

The public hearing is opened at 10:51 a.m. to consider Rezone #2003-156, to rezone two parcels, totaling 5.1 acres, from A-1 (General Agriculture District) to C-T (Town Service District). The project site is located on the south side of Highway 395, west of the Milford Grade intersection, in the designated Town Center of Milford.

Planner Rick Simon presents the staff report. He discusses two letters that were received from Susanville Indian Rancheria and Tamara Gage relating to archaeological resources. He provides some options for addressing the resource matter.

Speaking in opposition:

Amy Huberland talks about the archaeological site and her understanding of the CEQA process. She states that development could cause adverse affects and some protection needs to be put in place.

Teresa Dixon also speaks about the need to preserve the historic Native American Indian sites.

Speaking in favor:

Applicant Ken Doyle states the parcel they are asking to rezone is a strip of meadow that is unlikely to have Indian burial sites located on it.

Cee Cee Dale-Cesmat states the applicant wishes to build something to get economic stimulation in the area. Applicants know they will have

to perform wetlands protection and an archaeological study prior to development taking place.

The hearing is closed at 11:18 a.m.

Staff answers questions from board members.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer and seconded by Supervisor Dahle to introduce and adopt, by title only, Ordinance No. 467A-338, implementing the rezone, with the condition that prior to any future development on the site an archaeological survey be conducted.

County Counsel John Ketelsen provides information on conditional zoning and how to enforce the conditions. He states the discretion to do environmental mitigations is at this stage of the process not at the administrative stage. He feels the proposed action is appropriate to accomplish the desired outcome.

The motion carries unanimously on a roll call vote.

PRISON PROSECUTION PROGRAM

District Attorney Bob Burns makes a presentation on the Prison Prosecution Program noting it is not adequately funded by the State. There are four substantial murder trials coming up soon which will have high costs, therefore he is proposing to augment the fund, for cash flow purposes only, by using Homicide Funds. There are several persons present that are very interested in the funding of the program. The two issues are the need for adequate funding to address the personnel safety issues at the prisons as well as dealing with the overall funding shortfall legislatively.

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman and seconded by Supervisor Pyle to approve a loan of \$450,000 from Advanced Homicide Fund to the Prison Prosecution, with direction to staff to prepare the appropriate contractual documents.

Supervisor Dahle states the people (Unions) that work at the prisons need to help get the funding issue resolved - he sees the loan money being spent and the State not paying it back.

Supervisor Chapman states this is using the State's money to cash flow the Prison Prosecution Fund.

Treasurer/Tax Collector Egan has some discomfort with what the Board is proposing - he thinks some further study should be performed to determine if there is some written information on how the original

funds were to be used and suggests getting a County Counsel opinion.

Auditor Fouch does not feel uncomfortable with using interest from the homicide fund but would like to dole out the funds in installments rather than a lump sum.

County Counsel John Ketelsen states the loan of interest does not bother him as long as it is well documented. He is looking into the matter to determine if the County has the right to the entire fund.

The motion carries unanimously to approve a \$450,000. loan (transfer of funds) from Homicide Interest Trust Fund (306-0061-7603341) to Prison Prosecution Fund (107-0421-2012400).

LASSEN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

The Board of Supervisors recess and convene as the Lassen County Fair Board.

Premium Book:

Livestock Committee Chairman Jerry Hitchings asks the board members to give direction to replace in the premium book the mandatory pre-weigh-in/inspection/tagging of animals to be entered in the fair. He has volunteers to administer the program and provides information on the educational value of the program.

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried to
to direct the Fair Manager to replace the Mandatory Pre Tagging and Weigh In Section in the Fair Premium book.

Susanville Rodeo:

Fair Manager Claud Neely informs the Board that the City of Susanville has asked for a joint venture with the Fair to put on the Rodeo along with other entertainment (i.e. carnival, concert and agricultural activities). He requests the 2004 Lassen County Fair Budget be augmented by \$20,000 from the Fair Reserve Fund. The following accounts would reflect the budget change:

Account Number, 3066009 Interim Entertainment and Program Number, 66609 Concerts.

Discussion is held with board members wanting more detail prior to authorizing the transfer of funds.

Jim Rauch representing the Rodeo Association talks about the cost of renting the arena and states it would be a great help if they did not have to make that payment. He states the association felt a joint

venture would be a help to the fairgrounds as well as the Rodeo Assn. He indicates the rodeo will go on regardless of what decision is made.

The Board takes no action and requests more information relating to the budget.

Advisory Board:

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to accept the letter from Carrie Satica submitting her resignation from the Lassen County Fair Advisory Board and direct County Clerk to advertise vacancy.

The Lassen County Fair Board adjourns and the Board of Supervisors reconvene.

Noon recess 12:20 - 1:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve layoffs for Child Support Services in the following four positions effective June 30, 2004, for the 2004/2005 budget year: Account Clerk (Range 9); Child Support Services Officer I/II (Range 11/13); Senior Child Support Services Assistant (Range 12); and Technical Support Specialist I/II (Range 17/19). Receive notice of possible additional layoffs and office closure if the state mandates an additional 5% reduction to administrative allocation.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to approve changes to the 2003/2004 Child Support budget to bring the County budget in line with State allocations and include excess incentive funds due the State as described in Audit. 1) Increase revenue account 528-0432-2007210 Federal Funding by \$608.; 2) increase revenue account 528-0432-2006210 State Funding by \$1,292.; 3) decrease expenditure account 528-0432-3000100 Salary and Wages by \$8,910.; 4) decrease expenditure account 528-0432-3002800 Special Department Expense by \$25,266.; and 5) increase expenditure account 528-0432-3008000 Residual Equity Transfer by \$86,523.

STUDY SESSION - DYER MOUNTAIN

Assistant Community Development Director Bertotti provides an update on the projects they have been working on in regard to the Dyer Mountain Project. He states the County started with an agreement with DMA and contracted with an independent firm for preparation of the EIR. The arrangement is unique as it allows the proponent to do a certain amount of the work. Work has been going well with a high

degree of cooperation. Should probably be receiving an administrative draft the first part of March. It is the County's responsibility to prepare an EIR and analysis of the effect of the project. Will then work with consultant before presenting to community and Planning Commission.

Briar Tazuk of Dyer Mountain Associates (DMA) again apologizes for the breakdown in communication that has occurred and sees today as an opportunity to correct some misunderstandings. He introduces the project managers Douglas Clyde and Jerry Duffy who will be providing project information. He notes Roseburg Resources representatives are present - Ray Jones, Dan Frost and Steve Hansen. Also Alex de Martimprey, a Westwood community member has taken the time to get an understanding of the project and the events that have been occurring is also present. Gaylord Briggs will provide a historical review of the project.

Douglas Clyde states his responsibility is to manage permitting design of the project. He reviews his past experience and provides an overview of where the ski industry is at present. He notes this is a complex and expensive process and goes on to cover the many aspects of the project. They have spent over \$3 million in planning and studying of the project. He distributes and discusses the DMA List of Documents and Reports. All of the completed documents have been delivered to the county.

Roseburg representative Ray Jones states they are interested as they own the land. He states their loan covenants do not allow a lien on their property. They want more clarity about the project. He suggests a working group come from this session to put together a list of processes to be accomplished with some expected timelines. He states they endorse the project and feel it has validity and realize it is complicated and takes time.

Alex de Martimprey is here because he is committed to the Westwood Community and states it has been the most economically depressed area of most of Lassen County since Red River Lumber closed in 1954. He hopes collective vision can lead to rectifying the issues for the benefit of the community and county.

Gaylord Briggs is here as an interested citizen to provide historical background on Dyer Mt. Part of his story is an illustration of Roseburg Resource's commitment and resolve and asks that they not be let down by the community and businesses.

Briar Tazuk distributes a packet of information on the change of

zoning recoupment fee and summarizes events that have occurred. He reviews the way investors look at the project and the relationship with the county, and the national events that have had a major affect on investments. He discusses the six to eight month delay caused by the County's EIR consultant not performing and having to be replaced which created the consequence of needing to extend the payment postponement. He states DMA respectfully requests the terms and conditions of the January 21, 2004 county proposal be honored. He states DMA's action was based on their understanding of the February, 2003 meeting with staff, that the fee would be placed on the 2003/2004 tax bill and states they were never notified otherwise. He states during the meeting it was stated by staff this was not a good time to bring this to the Board.

Supervisor Dahle states that he is very supportive of seeing the project go but he does want to see the recoupment fee cleared. This has nothing to do with support of the project.

Assessor Bunch provides information on how the recoupment fee was calculated by assessing the value of the property coming out of TPZ and going to general forest. It is not based on recreational use value.

Briar Tazuk states that TPZ is a benefit to get a specific behavior of using property in a certain manner and there has been no change in property use, in fact there is a promise to not change use until environmental documents are completed.

Supervisor Chapman says it is incumbent upon Briar to keep the Board and public informed, and it is incumbent upon staff to not decide what the Board needs to see. He firmly directs staff to not hold back things such as the February, 2003 meeting from the Board. He goes through the packet of documents submitted by Briar and discusses the events that have occurred. He finds it amazing that DMA was not in front of the Board in December, 2003 to discuss the recoupment fee agreement. He states any agreement with the County has to be approved by the Board even if negotiated by staff. He feels paying the tax recoupment fee is the best way to regain public support and the best way to resolve this is for someone to step forward and make payment.

Tax Collector Egan gives a review of the events that occurred which do not completely reflect the same listing of events submitted by DMA.

Supervisor Pyle wants to make it clear that he supports the project. He can see how DMA interpreted the CAO letter sent out on January 21, 2004 and wants to know why the Board was not informed about the

February, 2003 meeting. He states what is important is to get over the hurdle and feels both sides have made mistakes. He has a simple solution - public attitude has changed and now there is a need for the tax recoupment fee to be worked out between DMA and Roseburg. He hopes the two can get together and work this out so the project can go ahead.

Briar Tazuk states the investors they are currently working with do not have the expectation their funds would be used for tax recoupment. He feels it is achievable and requests a 90 day extension so they can identify an investor they can make comfortable with using their funds for the fee.

Supervisor Chapman states if there is a way to have a finalization to this matter he would be favorable of giving an extension of 60 days to May 1st, with the understanding the fee will be paid in full with no further extensions and feels this would go a long way to restoring public support. Supervisor Pyle and Supervisor Keefer feel the prior Board action should stand and the full amount remain due on March 1st.

Chamber of Commerce representative Richard Parker reads a statement in favor of DMA and states there is a need for a working group to keep the project moving forward. Feels the due date for full payment should be extended to May 1st.

Sara Duryed states she has brought many investors to Lassen County and being given 60 more days would be a tremendous help to those bringing in investors.

Mike Spedick asks the Board to not through the baby out with the bath water -states the County has a huge opportunity here and notes the original investors are all still with the project.

Mike Meyer states it does not seem appropriate to not support the project and he talks about the business climate and the loss of jobs.

Alex de Martimprey states the County's support is crucial and asks for consideration of providing a 60 day extension.

Supervisor Hanson notes the overriding guidance of the initiative is for the County to establish the policy that Lassen County shall take such actions which are reasonably necessary to provide for implementation of the initiative.

Recess 3:53 - 4:00 p.m. Supervisor Dahle is not present.

LASSEN COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Chapman and carried, with Supervisor Dahle absent, to appoint Sam K. Anderson to fill a vacancy on the Lassen County Waterworks District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Chapman and carried, with Supervisor Dahle absent, to take the noted action on the following Consent Calendar items:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PERSONNEL ITEM

Receive and file Personnel Movement report for December, 2003.

AUDITOR AND TREASURER DEPARTMENTS ITEM

Receive and file Treasurer's Investments Report and Auditor's verification for the month of January, 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Lassen County Fair Advisory Board meeting agenda for February 10, 2004.

MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

This item is continued to the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PURCHASING DIVISION

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried, with Supervisor Dahle absent, to approve lease agreement with Ray Morgan Company for one copy machine in Child Protective Services for 60 months at the rate of \$1,372. per quarter.

TREASURER / TAX COLLECTOR

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried, with Supervisor Dahle absent, to approve unsecured taxes outlined for discharge of accountability in accordance with provisions of Section 2611.1 and 2923 of the California Revenue and Tax Code, and authorize Chairman to sign the discharge.

Supervisor Dahle returns at 4:08 p.m.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to: 1) Make the following findings: there is no present need for courthouse or criminal facilities construction; and the transfer of \$58,000 from the Criminal

Justice Facilities Construction Fund is necessary to meet public safety needs; 2) adopt Resolution No. 04-010; and 3) increase the appropriation in Criminal Justice Facilities Construction Fund (126-1261-3007000) and increase the appropriation in the General Fund (100-111-3009013).

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter regarding RCRC Membership Counties 2004 Rural Alliance, Inc. (RAI) Funds for local scholarship program is received. Supervisor Dahle suggests notice be sent to the schools and that two \$500 scholarships be awarded.

2. A request from Evelyn Tolbert for item to be placed on board agenda to adopt policy to obtain early childhood pictures of children in protective custody, is received and filed.

INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Whiteman will be attending a CAO meeting in Ukiah on Friday.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Dahle announces he will be making appointments to District Four positions on the Fair Advisory Board with individuals from his district. He asks Supervisor Chapman to prepare proclamations expressing thanks to Jeff Hemphill and George Marsters for their service on the Board.

2. Supervisor Pyle designates \$1000 of his discretionary funds to the Spalding CSD for their fire truck fund.

3. Supervisor Pyle introduces discussion on a request from Congressman Doolittle for a wish list for the upcoming appropriation budget.

4. Supervisor Chapman reports on meetings he attended.

5. Supervisor Hanson announces the State Lands Commission will be here on March 17, 2004 to discuss the Honey Lake take over.

Recess 4:18 - 5:30 p.m.

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUSANVILLE CITY - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors reconvenes at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, and Jack Hanson; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Andy Whiteman and County Clerk Theresa Nagel; City Councilmembers Lino Callegari, Rod DeBoer, Mary Fahlen, Rocky Joy and Doug Sayers; City Administrator Newell Sorenson, City Legal Counsel Kathleen Lazard and City Clerk Debra Magginetti.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara France representing the Nevada State National Softball Association states that Susanville will be hosting the State Tournament this year and she asks for the City and County to give consideration for any help they can provide. Notes it will bring lots of people to the community.

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES (SPI)

SPI representative Mark Lathrop provides a history on how they got to the position of having to close the mill this year. There is not enough private land to supply the mill and huge cutbacks continue on federal lands logging production. SPI will relocate as many employees as possible to other locations. There are no current plans for the millsite. No decision has been made yet on the co-generation plant. He notes California has the strictest environmental regulations in the world and if things don't change there will be no facilities left to process material from fire management clearing. Private land timber harvesting will continue and the logs will go to Quincy or Burney. Closing this mill will help keep other SPI mills open. Supervisor Hanson asks Mr. Lathrop to pass on thanks to the Emmerson Family for their dedication to the community over the years and he realizes this was a very hard decision for them.

SIERRA ARMY DEPOT (SIAD)

Colonel Plemmons provides an overview on the work that SIAD performs - their business has gone from \$24 to \$124 million and they are continuing to hire. Will hire 50-60 in near future and 50-60 more in the summer - employees will be temporary until a final decision is made on BRAC 2005. In regard to BRAC 2005, they are working hard to get more business. Have gotten SIAD's name out very well with the work in Iraq. Supervisor Dahle wants to know how local officials can help and Plemmons responds getting State Officials to come for tours to see what SIAD offers.

A suggestion is made from the public to dedicate time to clearly document all the impacts of the mill closure on the community so when the BRAC process takes place the information can be given to federal representatives.

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Assistant Community Development Director Bertotti gives an overview of the services provided by this department with highlights of the property owned by the county in Herlong. Discusses the Johnstonville Water System and need for discussions with the City regarding expansion.

Community Development Director Robert Sorvaag distributes information on positive building permit revenue and increased housing starts in the county.

Economic Development Planner Cynthia Celaya distributes a Report of Market Demand, financial Feasibility and Economic Impact of Proposed Indoor Arena at Lassen County Fairgrounds. It is approximately a \$6 million project. Would be looking for grant funds - would have to be some type of joint effort - could be operating in the black in three years.

HISTORIC UPTOWN SUSANVILLE

Bill Noonberg states that HUSA has the desire to make uptown Susanville an attractive unique area for day trips, such as Nevada City, Virginia City and many other communities - uptown this is a great under-utilized asset. They will be working with CalTrans to find ways to slow down traffic on upper Main Street, such as narrowing to one lane with diagonal parking. Also have ideas on ways to bring a personality to uptown to attract visitors.

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Wayne Bienkowski provides information on unemployment numbers and the impact of the Jeldwen closure and what is happening with the SPI closure. On the plus side is SIAD's hiring. The biggest unknown is when the federal prison will open (will mean 350-400 new hires). When the construction at Diamond Mt. Casino is complete they will hire 30 to 60 employees. There are lots of jobs in the construction industry if a person has tools, can drive and will show up.

ALLIANCE FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Gary Corderman distributes a hand out on services provided by the Alliance. He provides an overview of the Human Resource Services they provide to small businesses.

LASSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES DISTRICT

LMUD General Manager Evelene Twitchell states that LMUD is dedicated to competitive constant rates, upgrading infrastructure, financial stability and planning for the on-going energy crisis. This is how they will contribute to economic development. Cal-ISO fees are a huge impact on electricity costs and that is why generating power within the system would be a big help. She provides information on the utility rates charged by others to show that LMUD rates are competitive; acknowledges that California's industrial rates are not competitive with other states; and reviews the Public Benefits Program. Discusses the possibility of connecting to the power line

between Oregon and Nevada and notes that LMUD by itself could not afford to build a substation. LMUD Board President Fred Nagel states they are looking at the Marble Substation Project as a possible backdoor to Nevada Power.

Supervisor Dahle suggests giving consideration to the co-generation plant at SPI.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Theresa Crowther reviews some of the events and projects the Chamber is working on: coordinate with Lassen Career Network to provide services to businesses; Civil War Days; Diamond Mt. Run; Volcanic Legacy Communities Partnership placing signs along the byway between Crater Lake and Lassen Park (one of 27 designated byways in the nation); promoting groomed snowmobile trails; attracting businesses such as tele-commuting businesses.

HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Bob Anton provides an overview of the services they provide in relation to erosion control, forest management, etc.

NORTH CAL-NEVA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Mark Steffek provides information on work they have performed in relation to water resource matters; noxious weed control; work with fire safe councils; stream bank construction on Susan River; etc.

LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Homer Cissell states the college reacts to economic demands from the community and demands from industry. He states we are not attracting businesses that need highly skilled employees - industries that will benefit us the most are technology based. He would like to bring new programs to the college, but what type is the question. He explains some of the reasons the computer classes in outlying areas are not presently operating. In answer to a question he states the gunsmithing program is not in trouble.

Jack Pastor feels taking a strong stand to save the railroad spur into Susanville is very important.

LASSEN COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS

Jennifer Gorohoff provides data on median house prices between 2002 and 2003. She states local realtors do not think the mill closure will have a big impact on the market. They are concerned that the millsite does not become a blighted area. Realtor Jim McCarthy states things that are coming down the road that need to be considered are: need to think about doing away with single septic systems; need for

multi-family housing; need relief from traffic problems on Main Street.

CITY OF SUSANVILLE

Newell Sorensen states the City will be setting aside staff time to do outreach to try to attract new businesses. Building permits are up in the City. Suggests the Economic Development Council meet more often.

ACTION IDEAS

Supervisor Keefer points out the Economic Development Strategy Plan encourages the development of a coordinating council and having monthly meetings of the Economic Development Council is a good idea. We need to think about what the county assets are and how to draw businesses. Need to get people together to network and get things done.

Councilman Callegari states we need to be planning now for future events that will draw people. There are good ideas and the people with ideas need to be turned loose.

Councilman Joy states we really need to look to the future. Possibly hire a consultant for ideas on our assets and develop around the assets and reach out. Would like to continue meetings like this.

Supervisor Chapman - need to look at land holdings and how to utilize what we have available (i.e. mountain biking on public lands).

Lassen National Forest Information Officer Heidi Perry feels we need to look at the Economic Development Strategy Plan and what has been accomplished and provide some ideas on what direction to take.

Supervisor Chapman sees a need to identify between the county and city a position to be a facilitator to keep the ideas moving forward.

Councilman Joy - get the two administrators together to work on this.

Supervisor Dahle feels direction can be given right now to the administrators to define a scope of work to find such a person. Economic Development is ongoing - must work at it all the time.

Councilman Sayers - let's put these meetings on a monthly basis and keep the community behind us and keep the process moving.

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 9:01 p.m. in memory of life-long active community member Julian Mapes and long-

time involved community member George Oakley.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

THERESA NAGEL, CLERK OF THE BOARD