

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APRIL 20, 2004

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convene in Regular Session at 9:07 a.m. Chairman Hanson asks for public comment and no comments are received. County Clerk Nagel announces the Closed Session item and the Board recesses to Closed Session at 9:08 a.m. for an employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer McFerrin A. Whiteman.

Present in the Closed Session are Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer, Brian Dahle, and Jack Hanson; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer Andy Whiteman and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Supervisor Chapman enters at 9:09 a.m. Closed Session is recessed at 9:40 a.m.

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors reconvenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 9:45 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 an employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer McFerrin A. Whiteman -exit interview was conducted with the CAO, in light of his acceptance of employment elsewhere, and directed the Chairman to recommend a procedure by which to recruit for his replacement.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve the agenda as posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Hill, President of Lassen Sportsman's Club, presents a plaque to the Board of Supervisors in appreciation of their sponsorship of the Junior Fishing Derby the past ten years.

FAIR ADVISORY BOARD

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

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman and seconded by Supervisor Pyle to approve carnival contract with "Desert Star Attractions" for 2004 City of Susanville Rodeo and authorize Fair Manager to sign.

Manager Claud Neely states the rodeo event will not impact the Fair financially, with the exception of not charging for rent, power and water (approximately \$4,000). The Fair has realized a loss of revenue (motocross fell thru and car races are down) and he has cancelled a couple of electrical projects. Supervisor Dahle does not want the Fair to come up short in the budget because the County will not be augmenting his budget this year. Mr. Neely states that any profit from the rodeo event will be split equally between the Fair and Rodeo Association.

The motion carries.

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

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION

Chairman Hanson makes the following presentation for years of service:

Fifteen years: a two pen desk set to Steve Fuller, Community Development Department.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Chapman has received an application for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities and asks that it be placed on the next agenda; notes that over one million signatures have been turned in for the Local Taxpayer and Public Safety Initiative; reports on the Lassen Senior Services Board meeting and the discussions relating to the Big Valley Seniors Transportation Van.

2. Supervisor Pyle attended the Eagle Lake Community Association meeting and reports fuel break work was discussed with the Forest Service; requests an item be placed on the next agenda for support of legislation to help combat the dramatic rise in the price of retail gasoline; he asks where the County and City are in regard to hiring an economic development person and CAO Whiteman responds that he is waiting for a response from the Chamber of Commerce.

3. Supervisor Dahle reports on the RCRC meeting and states the fuel price issue and initiative were discussed. Madera County also provided information on the issues relating to permitting

very large dairies in their county.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WHITEMAN

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to adopt Resolution No. 04-019, to purchase two acres of undeveloped Janesville Property (APN# 129-140-41) for addition to Janesville Park.

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4. Supervisor Keefer reports on a meeting with the District Attorney, Judge Bradbury and State Department of Water Resources representatives relating to water rights issues; discusses the upcoming Shasta Consortium meeting; notes Lassen National Forest Supervisor Cole will be relocating and suggests an item be placed on the next agenda to support the appointment of Jeff Withroe to this position.

5. Supervisor Chapman states he is glad to see Woody Morgan back; notes that yesterday was CAO Whiteman's birthday and congratulates him.

6. Supervisor Hanson announces that staff from Senator Boxer's office will attend the Interagency Fire Facility Grand Opening on Thursday and will also tour Herlong; reports on the informational meeting on code enforcement to discuss revamping procedures and he feels they are on the right track; notes that Amy Horn from the Sierra Business Council will be here on May 18th and 19th and he suggests she be placed on the Board Agenda - he will coordinate this.

LASSEN COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION - PHIL NEMIR

Fish and Game Commissioner Phil Nemir reads a letter requesting the establishment of the Lassen County Wildlife Resources Management Program, as outlined in the County General Plan, as a high priority, so fish and wildlife populations will continue to have a healthy future. He notes that Plumas County has developed maps showing the critical habitat areas so development can be focused in areas that are less critical.

Discussions are held. Supervisor Chapman states rather than having habitat issues driven by area plans or proposed development, maybe it would be better to have an inventory of resource focus groups and habitat localities - suggests being proactive rather than reactive.

Supervisor Dahle notes we have a general plan, area plans, NEPA and CEQA, but critical habitat has never been designated for species. This desperately needs to be done on the National and State level - we need to do planning and Lassen County is not doing that - need to help development occur where it should

occur and "where" has to be defined. He feels this is both a good and bad idea, there will be "nimby's", developers and "oligists" (who never designate where critical habitat is) disagreeing. The process has to be very well thought out and done well.

Mr. Nemir feels it is important to put together a group of knowledgeable people to work on developing a scheme.

Supervisor Chapman agrees with Supervisor Dahle and states the real need is to come back with a plan that designates the critical habitat.

Supervisor Keefer asks what are we going to give up to make this a priority.

Community Development Director Robert Sorvaag states that since area plans have been prepared they include designation of habitat value areas - notes it would be good to have wildlife value habitat mapping due to the belief we are running out of building sites. He notes the BLM is mapping salt grass areas (Wandering Skipper habitat) and the Fish and Wildlife Service is mapping salt grass and thermal springs and he feels the County would be the appropriate agency to link the different agencies.

Supervisor Keefer feels the issue is timing and staff needs to monitor the mapping that is already being done by other agencies - look at pulling it all together at the proper time. He does not want to pull Community Development resources away from other projects that have been designated as priorities.

Supervisor Dahle states that economic development and this issue go together - so maybe this should be further discussed and considered by the Board. Supervisor Chapman suggests placing further discussion on an agenda in September to see where we are after the budget sessions.

Fish and Game Biologist Frank Hall feels this is important to separate the "wheat from the chaff" in regard to what areas are appropriate for development.

BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ALCOHOL AND DRUG DIVISION

Behavioral & Public Health Services Director Kevin Mannel wants to alert the Board that continued funding for Prop 36 Programs may no longer be provided if the underspending is continued. He presents options that were considered with the decision to expand services to meet the local needs.

Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Member Emory Bowden discusses the Prop 36 Program and why having an additional one-half time counselor and probation officer is so important to help new clients in the program, and relates his past experience as a client.

Alcohol and Drug Program Deputy Director Michael Beard provides statistics on the Prop 36 program to demonstrate the need for an additional one-half time counselor and probation officer to serve the clientele. He answers questions from Supervisor Dahle in regard to recidivism. Supervisor Chapman suggests that more in-depth information on cure rates, for clients going through the program, be provided during the budget process. Supervisor Dahle feels these statistics are needed to convince the State that funding needs to continue beyond 2006.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried to approve Proposition 36 Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) Plan and Budget for 2004/2005.

LASSEN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to accept the letter from Betty Harrison submitting her resignation from the Mental Health Advisory Board; and direct Clerk to advertise the vacancy.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

COUNTY CLERK ITEM

Approve minutes of April 13, 2004.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approve the donation of 12 computers from Community Social Services (CSS) to the Family Resource Centers in Big Valley, Herlong and Westwood.

PRISON TRIALS COST REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ITEMS

Receive and file Recap of CCC Prison Trials Cost Reimbursement Billing for the month of March, 2004; and High Desert State Prison Trials Cost Reimbursement Billing for the month of March, 2004.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ITEM

Award agreement for traffic counts and speed studies on Lassen

County roadways to Traffic Data Systems for an amount not to exceed \$75,000; and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Highway 36 Town Hill Safety Task Force meeting agenda for April 14, 2004.
- b. Lassen County Air Pollution Control District Governing Board meeting agenda for April 20, 2004.
- c. Big Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting announcement for April 22, 2004 -presentation of Forest Resources & Economic Diversification in Big Valley.
- d. Lassen County Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board meeting agenda for April 19, 2004.

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It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to authorize a letter of support for the California Department of Transportation recommendation that a 9-mile segment of the existing 55-mph zone be increased to 65 mph for SR 44 between Old Station and the junction with SR 36, specifically between Plum Valley Road Intersection and SR 36 Intersection.

INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Whiteman introduces Human Resources/Risk Manager Ron Vossler who previously worked at Sierra Army Depot.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

THERESA NAGEL, CLERK OF THE BOARD