

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APRIL 27, 2004

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 9:31 a.m. Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Lloyd Keefer and Brian Dahle; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Andy Whiteman and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Supervisor Chapman and Supervisor Hanson are attending the dedication of the Headquarters Building at Sierra Army Depot in the name of Lt. Colonel Leonard Lowry, the most decorated World War II Native American Soldier. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Supervisor Pyle.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Keefer announces the closed session will be held following the conclusion of the items scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

CAO Whiteman requests that Item H-1 and H-2 be heard in the afternoon session as each require a 4/5 vote. It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve the agenda with the noted changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Poet Laureate Violet Stout reads a poem entitled "The Golden Range" in memory of Pierce McClelland. Supervisor Pyle requests the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pierce McClelland.
2. Kimberly Pipes asks the Board of Supervisors to bring in the State to takeover CPS.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Dahle reports on the Economic Development meeting held in Big Valley which was a good meeting with 60 in attendance. They found out there is a need to form a committee and bring the Forest Service in to work with the Sustained Yield Unit; also found out that non-profit groups can administer the stewardship programs and provides further information.
2. Supervisor Keefer will be meeting with Jeff Withroe to update the letter of support for the appointment of Jeff Withroe to the position of Lassen Forest Supervisor. This will appear on a future agenda.

#### ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to appoint Kimberly L. Neill to fill a vacancy on the Assessment Appeals Board.

#### BIG VALLEY RECREATION DISTRICT

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to appoint Renee Torres to fill a vacancy in the Big Valley Recreation District.

#### IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to accept a letter from Margaret (Peggy) Crosby resigning from the In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Board and direct Clerk to advertise vacancy.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

#### COUNTY CLERK ITEM

Approve minutes of April 20, 2004.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PERSONNEL ITEM

Receive and file Personnel Movement report for March, 2004.

#### TREASURER ITEM

Receive and file Treasurer's Fund Balance Report for March, 2004.

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Highway 36 Town Hill Safety Task Force meeting agenda for April 20, 2004; minutes from April 14, 2004 meeting; and Ideas/Options List.

#### BEHAVIORAL & PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign, the amendment to FY 2003/04 State of California Department of Mental Health Standard Agreement #03-73028-000, in the amount of \$368,068, for specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries of Lassen County.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve the Grant Deed between Big Valley Joint

Unified School District and the County of Lassen; and authorize the CAO to sign.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - LEGISLATION

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to adopt Resolution No. 04-020, in support of H.R. 1039 (Thompson), Wholesale Motor Fuel Fairness and Competition Restoration Act.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENT

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to appoint Cheryl Barcia to fill a vacancy on the Far Northern Coordinating Council on Developmental Disabilities Board of Directors.

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CAO Whiteman presents and reviews a draft Request for Proposal for the storage of vehicles and parking lot striping prior to special events at Fair Parking Lots.

Item #14 of the draft which relates to a minimum bid is discussed. The board members feel the amount of \$15,000 to stripe the parking lot is a bogus amount. The determination is to put no minimum bid amount in the request for proposal and to divide the bids to have one for storage and a separate bid for striping.

Following further discussion, Supervisor Dahle suggests that County Counsel work with Public Works Director Larry Millar and Fair Manager Neely to put together specifications for striping the parking lot.

Supervisor Keefer speaks about the parking lot looking like a junk yard and feels there is a need to limit what is stored there. Supervisor Dahle suggests inserting wording that requires the area be kept neat and that no tires or containers be stored on the lot.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT CONT.

3. Nick Ceaglio provides an update on Dyer Mountain, informing the board members that a contract has gone out to Jay Morrish for the first phase of the golf course. He also notes there have been further delays from North Fork in finishing the EIR. Dyer Mountain Associates have asked North Fork for a more realistic time line - looks like an additional 45 days.

#### GRANT AWARD

Lassen Land and Trails Trust representative Jan Heid announces

they have added a specific component for forest management and sustainability to the curriculum of the Nature Camp for Kids.

Supervisor Dahle wants to support this, but he would like a copy of the curriculum and outline of the course. Supervisor Pyle and Supervisor Keefer stress that forest health must be a strong component of the program.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to award \$7,345 to Lassen Land and Trails Trust for the Nature Camp for Kids, with the stipulation that the board members receive the curriculum and outline of the course work.

#### INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Whiteman reports the first meeting of the Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee has been scheduled for May 11, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Recess 10:21 - 10:45 a.m.

#### LASSEN COUNTY FAIR

Darwin Solus of the Susanville Rotary presents information on Susanville Rotary's Centennial Project which consists of designing and constructing a new entrance for the Lassen County Fairgrounds, with a budget of approximately \$50,000. Rotary held a contest and received five entries, all of superior quality, the winner was Korbe Brenner and his two children. He also notes the other contestants have graciously agreed to have components of their designs used in the upgrade.

Supervisor Dahle compliments the Susanville Rotary for the community projects they have taken on.

Recess 10:52 - 11:00 a.m.

#### UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Supervisor Keefer thanks Mr. Cole for his support over the past few years as he moves on to a new position.

Forest Supervisor Ed Cole informs the board members the Forest Service is programmed to treat 30,000 acres this year with 80 million board feet of material removed, 40-45,000 board feet will be saw logs. He also notes with this increased work load they are keeping staff here rather than sending them to San Bernardino to help with the forest recovery following last year's fires.

He also notes that Chico State will no longer be the concessionaire for the campgrounds and until a new

concessionaire is obtained this responsibility will fall on Forest Service personnel. They hope to have a new concessionaire by mid-summer. They will be requesting authority to keep campground fees to enhance the local campgrounds during the time the Forest Service is maintaining the campgrounds.

The Forest Service is putting the finishing touches on a business plan for the forests which outlines short time goals, issues and strategies. This will also help with starting the 2007 Forest Plan Revision.

Mr. Cole announces that upon his transfer, Jeff Withroe will be acting Forest Supervisor for a period of 89 days and advertisements for his replacement will begin in mid-May. They hope to have his position filled fast. He states that he really appreciated working with everyone, it has been a real positive experience for him.

Each board member expresses their appreciation of the good working relationship they have had with Mr. Cole.

Noon recess 11:13 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Supervisor Chapman and Supervisor Hanson are present for the afternoon session.

#### LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY

The Board of Supervisors recess and convene as the Local Reuse Authority.

Assistant Community Development Director Bertotti presents the LRA quarterly report covering building leases, requests for proposal, property transfer deed to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and US Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Engineering/Cost Analysis along with attachments relating to SIAD rentals, expenses and site visits.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to authorize Operations Manager to move forward with preparation of a deed to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); and approve comments to the Sierra Army Depot/US Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Engineering/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the North East Shore (Former Honey Lake Demolition Area) and West Airfield Parcels and authorize chairman to sign letter.

The Local Reuse Authority adjourns and the Board of Supervisors reconvene.

#### SIERRA ARMY DEPOT (SIAD)

Assistant Community Development Director Bertotti provides

information on the Redevelopment Agency, BRAC 2005 update and contract for professional services.

Supervisor Hanson expresses his pleasure at having SIAD within his district, speaks of what a great job they are doing and how very important the facility is to Lassen County.

SIAD Commander Colonel Plemmons feels that SIAD has a better than even chance in the BRAC 2005 process. Colonel Plemmons provides an in-depth installation overview with a power point presentation. He notes that Sierra Army Depot will have a name change in the future and will become Sierra Expeditionary Logistics Center. Their mission of systems storage and deployment is unique, with no other facility performing the same functions. The support of the local community, governmental agencies, and business partners will be very important during the BRAC 2005 process.

Supervisor Keefer was very impressed on a recent tour of the base at how the missions have grown over the past three years. Supervisor Chapman compliments Colonel Plemmons for his infectious enthusiasm that is making the missions at SIAD so successful.

Recess 2:33 - 2:36 p.m. Supervisor Chapman not present

BRAC 2005

Community Development Director Robert Sorvaag reminds the board members that Public Private Solutions Group, Inc. (John Murphy and Bill Harvey) worked on the last BRAC process very successfully and he highly recommends hiring Mr. Murphy to help with BRAC 2005. Supervisor Chapman enters at 2:38 p.m.

Supervisor Hanson also encourages approval of a contract with them. In answer to a question from Supervisor Hanson, Mr. Sorvaag states that economic development funds could be used to finance this contract.

Supervisor Keefer feels the best resource we have is Colonel Plemmons and he needs an explanation how this contract with John Murphy will enhance the BRAC process.

Colonel Plemmons states that he is very impressed with John Murphy and notes what he will produce, from the local political point of view, will be very valuable. Colonel Plemmons efforts will be with the Department of Army.

Supervisor Chapman feels this contract will be a fundamental/key

part of the process.

In answer to questions from Supervisor Dahle, Mr. Sorvaag expects the costs to be approximately \$25,000.

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to authorize County Administrative Officer (CAO) or designee to enter into a contract with Public Private Solutions Group, Inc. for consulting services pertaining to BRAC 2005, up to \$25,000.

#### AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to: approve increase in Agriculture Commissioner's budget for expenditures for Extra Labor, Line Item #100-0601-3000130 by \$20,000; approve increase in revenue received from Big Valley Pest Abatement District to Line item #100-0601-2007400 by \$20,000.

#### AUDITOR

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to authorize the transfer of \$351,306 from Child Support's fund balance to the General Fund; increase Child Support Operating Transfer Out, 528-0432-2007000 by \$351,306; increase General Fund Operating Transfer In, 100-90000-2011200 by \$351,306.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to authorize an expenditure increase in the Public Defender Conflict budget, 130-0371-3002304 by \$80,000. Public Safety's (130) existing fund balance will be used to support this increase.

#### CLOSED SESSION

County Clerk Nagel announces the Closed Session items and the Board recesses to Closed Session at 2:58 p.m. for: 1) conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9: 3 cases; and 2) conference with Labor Negotiator Andy Whiteman: - Lassen County Peace Officers Assn. (LCPOA)

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, Human Resources Director Ron Vossler, Sheriff Bill Freitas and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Sheriff Freitas departs at 3:08 p.m. Closed Session is recessed at 3:33 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The County Clerk announces the Closed Session dealt with: 1) conference with Labor Negotiator Andy Whiteman: - Lassen County Peace Officers Assn. (LCPOA) - moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried to accept the LCPOA two year contract; and 2) conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9: 3 cases - no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:35 p.m. in memory of James Pierce McClelland, Lassen County native son and rancher.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

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THERESA NAGEL, CLERK OF THE BOARD