

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 25, 2004

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer and Brian Dahle, County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Bixby and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Supervisor Hanson is absent. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Supervisor Keefer. Vice-Chairman Keefer announces that Supervisor Hanson is absent today because of a family emergency relating to his parents being hospitalized.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Keefer announces that no closed session was held.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Keefer asks for public comment and no comments are received.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Dahle discusses the RCRC meeting and notes that Assemblyman Leslie's Sierra Nevada Conservancy bill has been gutted; announces that Tehama County Supervisor Charlie Willard suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Reno; provides information on the desire to build Little League/Soccer fields in Big Valley and he needs to know when the Park Bond Funds will be available and the amount (CAO Bixby will check this out and report to the Board).
2. Supervisor Pyle announces he attended the 30th District PTA meeting in Chester and received an award from Westwood PTA.
3. Supervisor Chapman announces that Deputy Undersecretary Matt McKinnon from California Labor and Workforce Development Agency will be in Susanville on June 4th to see what the needs are in getting workers back to work and the Lassen Career Network funding needs; reports on the Town Hill Task Force meeting and suggestions for addressing the traffic issues.
4. Supervisor Keefer notes that Rick Keene was in town last week and he met with him; reports on the Fire Incident Meeting held in Janesville and notes that he found out a contact phone

number for fires on the Plumas Forest, since getting information has been difficult in the past; reports on the Prison Citizen's Advisory meeting he attended where information was received on early release programs being planned and how it will impact the prisons; as a follow-up to the Economic Development Study Session he wants an item on the next agenda to look at the Strategic Economic Development Plan and to respond to the Chamber of Commerce Request for Proposal relating to an Economic Development Position.

#### SOLID WASTE HEARING PANEL

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to appoint Brian Dahle, Board of Supervisor; Mike Engman, Public at Large; Gary Plunkett, Technical Expert, for two year terms on the Solid Waste Hearing Panel.

#### 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:

#### AUDITOR AND TREASURER DEPARTMENTS ITEM

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

#### DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES ITEM

Approve lease agreement with Ray Morgan Company for one (1) copy machine and an upgrade of the present LaserFiche imaging software for the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) for a period of 60 months at the rate of \$681.85/month; and authorize the Chairman to sign.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - SURVEYOR DIVISION ITEM

Adopt Resolution No. 04-029, approving Parcel Map # 2004-15, Wilson & Ruth Mallery.

#### TREASURER ITEM

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

#### MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Lassen County Fair Advisory Board meeting agenda for May 14, 2004.
- b. Lassen County Technical Advisory Committee meeting agenda for May 20, 2004.

#### ASSESSOR

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to direct payroll staff to pay Carole Dustin at Step E in Range 18 in her new position of Senior Assessment GIS/Cadastral Drafter, retroactive to May 11, 2004.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - ED-HOUSING DIVISION

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to authorize County Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute contract for professional services with Shaw Engineering for feasibility analysis for new water line connection to West Patton Village, in an amount not to exceed \$25,315.

#### BEHAVIORAL & PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to approve Bioterrorism Agreement with California Department of Health Services for the period of July 1, 2002 through August 30, 2004 for funding in the amount of \$94,922; and authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute the agreement documents.

#### INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Bixby distributes Veteran's Red Poppies and invites everyone to the American Legion tri-tip dinner on Saturday at Spaldings.

Recess 10:04 - 10:15 a.m.

#### AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

##### Mormon Crickets:

Agriculture Commissioner Ken Smith distributes maps showing the movement of the Mormon Crickets (have crossed Wendel Road and moving North). He provides information on the treatments that have taken place and commends the Sierra Army Depot for the great work they have done. He would like the Board to send a letter to the USDA requesting the Mormon Cricket Surveys be continued next year as these were very helpful, and requesting aerial growth regulator spraying. He notes they were not able to treat state lands. The real need is to buffer agriculture lands with treatment methods to keep the crickets out of crops.

##### Mosquito Abatement:

Agriculture Commissioner Ken Smith notes there are twelve varieties of mosquitoes with all breeding in standing water. One variety lives in trees and they are the most aggressive. The control recommendations are for people to clean out standing water sources such as rain gutters, discarded tires that hold water, flower containers with standing water; change the water

in livestock troughs frequently; introduce mosquito fish in ponds; wear long clothing; make sure house screens are tight.

Jeff Hemphill provides information on the mosquito abatement program that Shasta County administers. There is currently no program for mosquito abatement in Lassen County, but if a pest abatement district were formed that could be one of the pest abatement programs.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing is opened at 10:40 a.m., to consider Proposed Revisions to Lassen County Building Code; Title 12 adding Section 12.24.035 "Notice of Non-Compliance" and Section 12.24.075 "Permit Expiration" to the code; amend Section 12.24.090 "Exempt Entities" and Section 12.24.060 "Fees".

Building Official Steve Fuller presents the staff report, reviewing each of the proposed revisions.

#### Construction without a Permit:

For structures built without a permit or being used contrary to provisions of the California Building Code, the proposal is to record a "Notice of Non-compliance" against the property.

#### Permit Expiration:

The addition of an extended expiration section would allow one year to begin a project after permit issuance and would also allow a year in between inspections without the permit expiring, as opposed to the 180 days set forth in the California Building Code. This would create a more consumer friendly process.

#### Exempt Agencies:

Agencies such as the City of Susanville, school districts, all tax supported bodies, etc. were established in 1965 as fee exempt. In 2003, the department spent many hours reviewing a major sewage treatment plant expansion for the Sanitary District at no charge, while projects submitted by building contractors and general public were delayed. In an attempt to provide equitable service, it is proposed to eliminate the exemptions and establish a separate fee structure based on the valuations of the types of projects typically submitted by these agencies. Two alternatives are presented.

CAO Bixby suggests a negotiated fee to hire an outside inspector for such projects to avoid impacting the general public. Supervisor Dahle does not want contractors to either subsidize others or be held up getting permits.

Building Valuation Table:

Fees for the different building occupancies are based on the building industries valuation table which is periodically updated based on regional construction costs. Currently the Department establishes a value per square foot for projects not listed in the Table such as remodeling and covered decks, this amendment proposes the use of a factor of the valuation established for the occupancy listed in the Table that closely resembles the project. As the Table is updated, the County fees would reflect that.

Supervisor Chapman does not feel comfortable with this proposal without further information on how this compares to current fees. He wants examples of how current and proposed fees would compare.

Manufactured Housing:

The current fee structure means that newer homes are subsidizing the older low value homes. The proposal is to use a factor of .5 of what a wood-framed dwelling is valued in the Table, which would reduce the fee (\$100-\$200) for newer homes that require less inspections and increase the fee for older homes that are usually not installed by dealers and require more inspections.

Expedited Plan Check Fee:

Mr. Fuller notes there are contractors interested in having an expedited plan check fee which would pay for overtime costs.

No one speaks in opposition to the revisions.

Building Contractor Skip Jones thanks the Board for adding an additional building inspector stating this has been very helpful. He explains the reasons for desiring an expedited plan check procedure.

The hearing is closed at 11:16 a.m.

Supervisor Chapman wants comparisons of fees that are currently charged for projects such as remodeling and covered decks and what would be charged under the proposal to use the Building Valuation Table. He also wants staff to put together the public purpose reasons for an expedited inspection fee and resubmit this ordinance at a future meeting.

Vice-Chairman Keefer continues the item to a future meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - BUILDING DIVISION

Richard Egan points out conflicting language contained in the resolution establishing guidelines for agricultural building exemptions.

Following further discussion two changes are made to the proposed resolution.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to adopt Resolution No. 03-028, establishing guidelines for agricultural building exemptions with revisions.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

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SUPERVISORS

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF

ATTEST:

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THERESA NAGEL, CLERK OF THE BOARD