

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2004

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Special Session on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 9:13 a.m. Present: Supervisors Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer and Jack Hanson; County Counsel John Ketelsen, County Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Bixby and County Clerk Theresa Nagel. Supervisor Dahle is not present at the beginning of the meeting. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Supervisor Hanson.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Hanson announces that no closed session was held.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairman Hanson notes this is Pearl Harbor Day and he recognizes those who served our country during World War II and at Pearl Harbor.

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

Violet Stout informs the Board that Dick Weeks passed away yesterday and she notes he was a Veteran. Supervisor Chapman requests the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dick Weeks.

FAIR MANAGER RECRUITMENT

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried, with Supervisor Dahle absent, to appoint Rod De Boer, Diana Wemple, David Lile, Jim Jeskey and Dan Douglas to the Fair Manager Screening Committee.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Supervisor Dahle enters at 9:20 a.m.

CAO Bixby notes the contract with Toni Healy is very restrictive (\$9,999, ending February 28, 2005) and he recommends the amount be increased to \$20,000 with an ending date of April 30, 2005. Supervisor Chapman agrees but suggests the time be

extended to June 30, 2005.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Chapman and carried to approve and authorize the CAO to sign a legal services contract with Toni Healy for Public Defender services, in the amount of \$20,000 with an ending date of June 30, 2005.

CAO Bixby notes there are six public defender applicants for the board members to interview and he suggests the interviews be conducted on December 20, 2004.

CAO Bixby departs.

SHERIFF/CORONER INTERVIEWS

Board members determine which questions they wish to ask. Supervisor Chapman lists the letters he has received and asks that they be entered in the public record. Letters were received from Everett Heard; Phil Bryant, Westwood High School; Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Unit Chief Don Posten; John Mineau; Lassen County Fire Officers Association; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Incident Command Team 2 Commander Michael Chuchel; City of Susanville Fire Department Chief Stu Ratner; Concerned Employees of Lassen County Sheriff's Department; City of Susanville Mayor Rodney De Boer.

Discussion is held on the appropriateness of having the public make comments during the interview process. Supervisor Dahle feels this selection should not be based on how many friends a candidate can get into the room - states we have applications from the candidates with their qualifications.

Steve Warren is interviewed. Recess 10:28 - 10:39 a.m.

Silas Bollinger is interviewed.

Chester "Chip" Jackson is interviewed.

Recess 11:39 - 11:45 a.m.

SHERIFF/CORONER APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Hanson states it is nice to have Sheriff Freitas and Former Sheriff Jarrell in the audience and states it is to their credit that we have three such fine Sheriff candidates. Supervisor Chapman states he agrees with these candidates being a testament to the training provided to them and he would feel fine with any one of them.

Supervisor Pyle would be extremely proud to have any one of these candidates as Sheriff.

Discussion is held on the process to follow to make a determination.

Board members list their choices and submit them to the County Clerk for tabulation. The vote is as follows:

	<u>Steve Warren</u>	<u>Silas Bollinger</u>	<u>Chester "Chip" Jackson</u>
Supervisor Pyle	1st	3rd	2nd
Supervisor Chapman	1st	2nd	2nd
Supervisor Keefer	3rd	2nd	1st
Supervisor Dahle	1st	2nd	3rd
Supervisor Hanson	3rd	2nd	1st

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously, on a roll call vote, to appoint Steve Warren as Lassen County Sheriff/Coroner.

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 12:05 p.m. in memory of longtime community member and Veteran Dick Weeks.

SUPERVISORS

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF

ATTEST:

THERESA NAGEL, CLERK OF THE BOARD