

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 8, 2008

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Regular Session at 9:03 a.m. Chairman Hanson asks for public comment and no comments are received. Deputy Clerk of the Board Osgood announces the Closed Session items and the Board recesses to Closed Session at 9:03 a.m. to discuss:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9: Mountain Meadows Conservancy, Sierra Club, and Sierra Watch, Petitioners, v. County of Lassen, Lassen County Board of Supervisors, Respondents, Dyer Mountain Associates LLC, Real Parties in Interest, Superior Court, County of Lassen, Case No. 45938.
- 2) Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9: Dyer Mountain Associates petition for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, Northern District of California, Federal District Court of California, Case No. 08-30499.
- 3) Claims: Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim by Lynda Hart.

Present in the Closed Session are Supervisors Jack Hanson, Bob Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer and Brian Dahle; County Counsel Craig Settlemire, County Administrative Officer John Ketelsen, County Personnel Director/Risk Manager Ron Vossler, Treasurer/Tax Collector Richard Egan and Deputy Clerk of the Board Susan Osgood. Closed Session is recessed at 9:47 a.m.

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors reconvenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 9:51 a.m. Present are Supervisors Jack Hanson, Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer and Brian Dahle; County Counsel Craig Settlemire, County Administrative Officer John Ketelsen, County Personnel Director/Risk Manager Ron Vossler, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Susan Osgood. Following the flag salute, the invocation is offered by Chairman Hanson.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

The Deputy Clerk of the Board announces the Closed Session dealt with discussion on:

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- 3) Claims: Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim by Lynda Hart – The Board acted to deny the application to present a late claim.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

Supervisor Chapman requests the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dean Householder and Elaine Smith.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Poet Laureate Violet Stout reads two poems, "KSUE" for Greg Knight and Lassen County's birthday poem.

Chairman Hanson welcomes Barbara France from the Lassen County Times.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Larry Millar introduces newly appointed Deputy County Surveyor Marc Van Zuuk. The Board welcomes him to Lassen County.

BUILDING APPEALS BOARD - APPOINTMENTS

Community Development Director Conrad Montgomery reports that applications have been received for the Building Appeals Board and asks the Board to make appointments.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried to appoint Michael G. McCourt, General Contractor; Charles A. "Chuck" Miles, Plumbing Contractor; James A. Miller, Civil Engineer; and Boyd S. Treece, Electrical Contractor to the Building Appeals Board.

PUBLIC WORKS / TRAILS

Antelope Camp Inmate Crew Projects:

Trail Coordinator Joel Rathje reports on some of the work accomplished with the Antelope Camp Work Crews over the past year and a half. County-wide they are involved in taking care of all of the cemeteries, the Janesville Park improvements and the Bieber swimming pool project. Since November 2006 they have logged 5,880 man hours of manual labor; a lot was spent on vegetation management, clearing out debris and decadent dead wood from the Paiute Creek riparian corridor. Projects have ranged from vegetation management, trail re-construction and maintenance. Crews have been very innovative in constructing about 50 benches from logs and stumps in and throughout the outer reaches of the park. Mr. Rathje states the Antelope camp crews are a valuable and effective resource for getting projects completed.

Mitigated Negative Declaration for new trails at Susanville Ranch Park:

Trail Coordinator Joel Rathje presents information on the request that a mitigated negative declaration for new trails in the Susanville Ranch Park be adopted as the environmental document for the project. One adjacent land owner had concerns about potential trespassing and the issue will be addressed by signs being posted. Sierra Pacific,

Beatty and Associates and the National Forest Service have been supportive of the project. An additional grant for funding is going through the process and looks promising. He announces June 7 is National Trails Day. Tours will be given and will include a cleanup of debris and litter in the area. Mr. Rathje reports he attended the annual Professional Trailbuilders Association Conference in Reno and was invited to give a presentation.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried to adopt the Resolution No. 08-014, approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration as the environmental document for the new trails project at Susanville Ranch Park.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Chapman attended the City Council meeting April 2 and reports extensively on an issue regarding ownership of the roadway of Skyline Boulevard from Paiute Lane and Paul Bunyan Road, property that was deeded to the County many years ago. The City of Susanville is working on a project in this area and Supervisor Chapman has asked Public Works Director Larry Millar to work on this matter. He states it is important to the County that there is an opportunity to connect the Susanville Ranch Park trails and eventually tie into Alexander Avenue.
2. Supervisor Chapman reports that Isaac Roop Day previously held in March will be held early this year on Friday April 11 as third grade history day.
3. Supervisor Chapman reports the Veterans Memorial Hall Task Force meeting has been posted and he will bring a report back to the Board on May 13.
4. Supervisor Chapman requests that CAO Ketelsen schedule a discussion on staffing and budget issues relating to the Probation Department.
5. Supervisor Chapman distributes a news article from Regional 5 Forester out of Vallejo about managing OHV use in the national forest; it ties in to what he and Supervisor Keefer have been discussing with Sylvia Milligan.
6. Supervisor Chapman asks about information he found on the web regarding an arbitrator ruling in favor of UPEC (dated October 10, 2007) stating that Lassen County is in the process of calculating back pay awards which could mean a six figure amount for the union bargaining unit. States he does not remember discussion about this. CAO Ketelsen states the Board was briefed that the issue was going to arbitration.
7. Supervisor Chapman designates \$500 from his discretionary fund to the Chamber of Commerce to support their Magical Country Christmas Program.
8. Supervisor Keefer attended a Lassen County Fire Safe Council (FSC) meeting; much of the meeting was focused on developing an education program for homeowners, specifically looking at homes at risk issues. Feels it is important information to get out to homeowners; FSC is trying to develop a marketing plan and an education program.
9. Supervisor Keefer reports there is talk of an Assembly Bill that would require county building departments to secure a fee on a building permit and would also establish fees on existing homes in State Responsibility Areas (SRA). The state would use the fees to provide inspections or oversight to some of the new building codes. Feels this bill needs to be watched.

10. Supervisor Keefer received a complaint that the Honey Lake TV (HLTV) service has deteriorated. CAO Ketelsen states there is an item on the next agenda regarding a Verizon tower and feels the HLTV matter may be combined with that matter for discussion.

11. Supervisor Keefer reports on the Sierra Sportsmen Club gun range. The four pistol pits need to have engineering plans and work done on the pits in order to meet NRA standards. CAO Ketelsen is working on renewing the lease with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). BLM is not interested in transferring the property to the County but does have borrow that can be used in the pits. There should be enough material to build up the berms of the pits and members have access to private equipment.

12. Supervisor Dahle states he attended the Parks and Water Committee in Sacramento on AB 2434 which is the study for the Ostrum Point Dam. The bill is out of committee and has moved into appropriations.

13. Supervisor Hanson reports the Employee Recognition Committee has set the date of May 20 for the annual Barbeque and they are asking if the Board is interested in supplying the meat and doing the cooking. The Board members agree to that.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

COUNTY CLERK ITEM - MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of November 20, 2007 and November 27, 2007.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board meeting agenda for March 31, 2008.
- b. Susanville City Council Notice of Call of Special Meeting for March 21, 2008; Susanville City Council, Susanville Community Development Agency, Susanville Municipal Energy Corporation meeting agenda for April 2, 2008; Susanville City Council, Susanville Community Development Agency, Susanville Municipal Energy Corporation regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2007 and January 2, 2008; and Special Meeting of December 27, 2007.
- c. Lassen County Planning Commission meeting agenda for April 2, 2008.
- d. PSA 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Special Meeting revised agenda for April 4, 2008.
- e. Lassen County Air Pollution Control District Governing Board meeting agenda for April 8, 2008.
- f. Big Valley Community Alliance, Inc. March 2008 Report.

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES – REQUEST

Department of Child Support Services Director Beth Hyde presents information to the Board on her request to lay off the position of Special Projects Coordinator and under fill the two Child Support Specialist III positions as Child Support Specialist II.

It is moved by Supervisor Pyle, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carries unanimously to approve the lay off of Special Projects Coordinator and approve under filling two Child Support Specialist III positions as Child Support Specialist II.

INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Ketelsen reports that the Budget/Audit Legislative and Facilities Planning Advisory Committee has not yet been convened but there is an audit issue and he requests a time when the Chairman and Vice Chairman can meet to discuss that issue. The audit reports from last year have come in and, again, there are no respondents to the request for proposal for this year. He would like to have the oversight function performed by the Budget/Audit Legislative and Facilities Planning Advisory Committee if possible.

CORRESPONDENCE - TIME WARNER CABLE

Receive and file notice that negotiations are being held with several programmers serving the communities of Susanville, Lassen County and Burney.

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 10:56 a.m. in memory of Dean Housholder and Elaine Smith.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

SUSAN OSGOOD, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD