

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 20, 2008

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors convenes in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 9:32 a.m. Present: Supervisors Jack Hanson, Robert Pyle, Jim Chapman, Lloyd Keefer, and Brian Dahle; County Counsel Craig Settlemire, County Administrative Officer (CAO) John Ketelsen 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

Chairman Hanson announces that no closed session was held.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Resident Richard Gifford reports on neighbors concerns regarding less than a mile of Merrillville Road which is a County maintained road; material was put on the road but it is a mess. Supervisor Dahle states the material the County put on the road did not bind properly; needs to be fixed. Discussion is held. Supervisor Dahle would like an agenda item set for discussion of this matter as well as roads, Prop 42, and some roads that were previously removed from the County maintained system. Supervisor Keefer requests the Board also look at roads that have had an increase in the number of residents but are not in the County maintained system. Further discussion is held.
2. Eagle Lake resident Dave Leroy states he has been a resident for over 40 years and speaks to the Board on the manufactured home ordinance. He had presented information to the Planning Commission regarding his businesses, Heritage Land Company and American Eagle Homes. He was led to believe the matter was going to go as the Planning Commission recommended. His homes are built with a 120 # snow load which exceeds the County requirements. States a lot of people in the Spalding area would like to develop their property and the restriction for roof pitch in the ordinance could add from \$10,000 to \$18,000 to a home. The ordinance as it stands could present problems to people who would like to replace older homes with something new. Supervisor Pyle states if he had this information at the time the ordinance was brought forward, he would have made a different decision. He requests an amendment be brought back to the Board on the roof pitch portion of the ordinance. The Board agrees. Further discussion is held; the amendment to the ordinance will be brought back at a meeting soon.
3. Poet Laureate Violet Stout read Memorial Day poem entitled "The Graves Without A Name".
4. Irene Doyle invites everyone to the Ronald McDonald breakfast at Eagle Lake Saturday and Sunday May 24 and 25, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS

1. Supervisor Dahle attended Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) where the May budget revise was discussed. There are many things on the table such as lottery money and SB1XXX regarding several taxes. Believes the Prop 42 (transportation) funds will stay. CAO Ketelsen states he will be attending meetings in Sacramento this week and bring back further info.
2. Supervisor Dahle will be leaving after the Board meeting to attend Western Interstate Region (WIR) meeting in Utah.
3. Supervisor Keefer attended the Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting with Supervisors Hanson and Chapman. There are a number of interesting issues; appears there is a lot of catching up to do on some APCD rules and regulations that have not been caught up the last few years. States with growing requirements on the air pollution side, one discussion was regarding the possibility of splitting the air pollution part of the department from the Ag Commissioner because it is starting to consume a lot of time and resources.
4. Supervisor Keefer reports he will be unable to attend the CSAC Conference.
5. Supervisor Keefer reports that in a Letter to the Editor of the Lassen County Times, it was mentioned that the Board of Supervisors had voted a 10% raise for themselves last year. That information is incorrect; the Board voted to not increase their salary.
6. Supervisor Chapman reports on last week's Air Board meeting. He agrees with Supervisor Keefer; there is a need to have a major effort to retool local rules and regulations. Thinks there are a lot of deficiencies there. Only 2 or 3 counties still have a combined Air Pollution / Ag Commission department. May want to make change within the next 12 months so the County can respond to the demands of the State.
7. Supervisor Chapman requests a proclamation honoring Susanville Supermarket / IGA for 8 years of top ratings
8. Supervisor Chapman reports he will be meeting May 22 with the Diamond View Civics/Government Class. He was a member of the first graduating class from Diamond View. Students will be donating money for the Pennies for the Pool drive. He has also been asked to speak at the Lassen Community College graduation.

PROCLAMATION

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried unanimously to adopt a proclamation recognizing Rod DeBoer (Sheriff's Department) and Joe Ritz (Juvenile Hall) on their retirement from Lassen County.

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION

Chairman Hanson makes the following presentations for years of service and retirement:

Fifteen year award: a desk pen set to District Attorney Robert Burns.

Twenty year awards: a book desk clock to Rod DeBoer (Sheriff's Department) and Howard Heard (Public Works Department).

Chairman Hanson reads and presents the retirement proclamations to Rod DeBoer (Sheriff's Department) and Joe Ritz (Juvenile Hall)

Sixth annual Irene Doyle Excellence in County Service Award:

Persons nominated for this award:

- Melody Brawley (Director LassenWORKS, Community Social Services) nominated by Tamara Chandler;
- Cheryl Douglas (Personnel Department) nominated by Ron Vossler;
- Bill Jost (H&SS LassenWORKS) nominated by Mary Ann Gollnick;
- Kelley Kelley (Community Development) nominated by Mike Johnson;
- Kathy Oberst (H&SS Alcohol & Drug Program) nominated by Lyle Dornon;
- Yvonne Smith (H&SS Fiscal) nominated by Tamara Chandler.

The 2008 recipient is Jennifer Cote, Coordinator/Case Manager of Health & Social Services, California Children's Services for Public Health. Kim Hopkins, MaryAnn Kiar and Marlo Britt each read the nomination papers they submitted for Jennifer.

Chairman Hanson and retired Auditor Irene Doyle present the "Irene Doyle Excellence in County Service Award" to Jennifer Cote.

UNAGENDIZED BOARD REPORTS, Continued

9. Supervisor Hanson reports on the Air Board meeting. States he will be watching this through the budgetary process. Has questions on how to work the air board and agriculture commissioner; not sure which direction to go.

10. Supervisor Hanson attended the Lassen Municipal Utility District (LMUD) board meeting; Supervisor Keefer and CAO Ketelsen were also there. One topic was the Horse Lake Project. A representative from CA Energy Commission made a presentation on the transmission issue which was helpful. Supervisor Hanson states that it is a long process to put the transmission together and some projects being discussed may have to step up and assist in facilitating the transmission effort or they will be on hold for awhile. Further discussion is held.

11. Supervisor Hanson states he will address drought issues at another time. Supervisor Dahle reports he received a phone call stating that the Stones tunnel that comes out of the lake leaks, and the caller requested someone measure the "csf". Supervisor Chapman suggests inviting Water Resources, Community Development and "Doc" Bateson to speak to the Board regarding the drought as well.

TITLE III REQUEST

Supervisor Chapman states that he will be abstaining on this item and leaves the Board room. Assistant to the CAO Julie Morgan presents information on the request for continued funding for nature camps.

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried, with Supervisor Chapman abstaining, to approve request of Lassen Land and Trails Trust request for Funding for 2008 Children's Nature Camps, totaling \$8,000.

PUBLIC HEARING -COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING

Chief of Economic Development Monica Cochran presents information on revisions to the Lassen County Rehabilitation Program Policies and Guidelines. After the project started, it became clear there were some changes that needed to be made in the initial dealings with clientele. The public hearing is opened at 10:53 a.m. No one speaks in favor or opposition to the proposed revisions. The public hearing is closed at 10:55 a.m.

Discussion is held on the representation of the appeals board. Supervisor Chapman feels the Community Development Director should not select who is on the appeals board and that some of the members should be from other departments. Discussion is held. CAO Ketelsen suggests that he and County Counsel and possibly the Public Defender could be the appeals board. Supervisor Chapman states that if County Administrative people are part of the board, they may be able to resolve the problems at that level instead of having to come to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors agree the Appeals Board should consist of the County Administrative Officer, County Counsel and the Community Development Director.

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Dahle and carried unanimously to adopt revisions of the Lassen County Rehabilitation Program Policies and Guidelines, with the members of the Appeals Board being the County Administrative Officer, County Counsel and the Community Development Director.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Chapman requests Item G2, Auditor contract be removed for separate consideration and Supervisor Hanson requests Item G8, minutes of January 22, 2008 be removed.

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

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER ITEM - CONTRACT

Approve Annual Work Plan for Predatory Animal Control with U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services for FY 2008/2009 in the amount of \$69,332.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT ITEM - TRAINING

Approve travel authorization request for Probation Officers Phyllis Sherburne and Robert Roadifer to attend the mandatory Standards & Training for Corrections (STC) Core Training in Fresno, May 26, 2008 - June 25, 2008. The total cost of the training is estimated at \$7,216.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ITEMS
AGREEMENT

Approve agreement with Casiano Land and Livestock Company Terminating Grant of Right to Take Borrow for Highway Purposes and authorize the Director of Public Works to sign the agreement.

BID AWARD

Award bid to Forest Office Equipment, Susanville, in the amount of \$12,475, for one (1) new Konica Minolta Bizhub C451 Imaging System.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR ITEMS
INVESTMENT POLICY

Approve the Lassen County Investment Policy for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO INVEST

Adopt Resolution No. 08-024 renewing the Delegation of Authority to Invest and Reinvest Funds of the County and Funds of other Depositors in the County Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

Receive and file the following correspondence:

- a. Lassen County Mental Health Advisory Board meeting agenda for May 13, 2008.
- b. Susanville City Council Special Meeting minutes of February 1, 2008, minutes of February 6, 2008 and Susanville City Council, Susanville Community Development Agency, Susanville Municipal Energy Corporation minutes of meeting February 20, 2008 and March 5, 2008.
- c. Lassen County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board meeting agenda for May 19, 2008 and minutes of April 21, 2008.

AUDITOR - CONTRACT

Supervisor Chapman states that the audit company, Bartig Basler & Ray, that the County has been using for several years has merged, or has become Gallina, LLP and the people who do the audit will be the same. He is concerned and states that he does not blame the auditor and understands that she has tried to get a different audit company but has not been able to; he appreciates Ms. Fouch's diligence. He also states he would like to have something in the contract that will require timely reports as discussed at a recent meeting. Ms. Fouch explains that even though Mr. Brad Constantine does oversee the audits, he has new staff teams that work on the audits.

Further discussion is held.

It is moved by Supervisor Keefer, seconded by Supervisor Pyle and carried, with Supervisor Chapman voting NO, to award a two-year contract for audit services with Gallina, LLP to perform the annual county audits for fiscal years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009.

COUNTY CLERK - MINUTES

It is moved by Supervisor Dahle, seconded by Supervisor Keefer and carried, with Supervisor Hanson abstaining, to approve minutes of January 22, 2008.

LASSEN COUNTY FAIR BOARD - BUDGET

Fair Manager Jim Wolcott presents additional information regarding his budget that shows Revenues of \$734,445 and Expenditures of \$684,694.

Jensen Hall has been doing a tremendous volume and they have tried three new projects to get more usage of the facility and are bringing in more money. Storage is down by about half. Judges for the fair requested more money for fuel and that impacts the exhibits. Mr. Wolcott states the pillars were put on the pavilion today so it is looking like a building. The deed for the message sign is with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) so that is one step closer to being finalized. The Fair can use the sign for advertising for community events and should help bring in money and will bring more attention to the facility. States they are doing what they can; thanks the Board for their support. Supervisor Chapman states the Board appreciates what Mr. Wolcott, his staff and the Advisory Board have been trying to do and the Board of Supervisors is committed to helping "patch the gaps" until the State gets back on track; the Board agrees with Supervisor Chapman. Supervisor Dahle asks about the deficit

It is moved by Supervisor Chapman to approve the budget knowing that there is going to have to be some adjustments and with the expectation that staff will make appropriate recommendations. Supervisor Keefer seconds the motion. Supervisor Hanson states it has been moved and seconded to approve the budget for 2008/2009. Supervisor Dahle asks if the Board can approve a budget when it is known there is going to be a deficit, which is usually not done without setting some funds aside for it. CAO Ketelsen states there is no law that prevents the Board from doing that. Auditor Fouch states the budget that is going to be adopted is not going to be in the red because there are revenues of \$734,455 and expenditures of \$684,694. The budget is okay, but she thinks Mr. Wolcott is referring to a cash flow issue and in all likelihood the fair fund will have a negative cash balance when the County closes the books on June 30. The motion is carried unanimously.

INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

CAO Ketelsen presents information on Prop 98 and Prop 99 that will both be on the June ballot. Discussion is held.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

SUSAN OSGOOD, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD