



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Terrell Swofford, 1st District
Robert A. Meacher, Vice Chair 2nd District
Sharon Thrall, 3rd District
Lori Simpson, Chair 4th District
Jon Kennedy, 5th District

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

AGENDA

10:00 A.M. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Roll Call.

Present: Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Simpson, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Thrall, Supervisor Kennedy.

In attendance are Jack Ingstad, County Administrative Officer, Craig Settlemire, County Counsel, and Nancy DaForno, Clerk of the Board

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Kelly Stevenson offers God Bless America and Supervisor Thrall leads the flag salute.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Larry Douglas addresses the Board thanking them for all their hard work on the budget for FY 2011-2012

ACTION AGENDA

Convene as the Plumas County Board of Equalization

1. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Sitting as the Plumas County Board of Equalization set hearing dates for assessment appeals

Motion: November 07, 2011 is set for assessment appeals public hearing, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Kennedy, **Seconded by** Supervisor Thrall.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Simpson, Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Thrall.

Adjourn as the Plumas County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors

2. AUDITOR/CONTROLLER

Adopt **RESOLUTION** No. 11-7719 adopting the Basic Tax Rate for Plumas County and the rates for the Beckwourth Community Service Area, Plumas Unified School District and Plumas District Hospital Bonds for FY 2011-2012. **Roll call vote**

Motion: adopt Resolution No.11-7719 adopting the Basic Tax Rate for Plumas County and the rates for the Beckwourth Community Service Area, Plumas Unified School District and Plumas District Hospital Bonds for FY 2011-2012, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Swofford, **Seconded by** Supervisor Meacher.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Simpson, Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Thrall.

3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter to Regional Council of Rural Counties regarding coordination with the U.S. Forest Service

Motion: Approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter to Regional Council of Rural Counties regarding coordination with the U.S. Forest Service, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Swofford, **Seconded by** Supervisor Meacher.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Simpson, Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Thrall.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding funding for economic development

Recommendation of the Budget Committee in regard to the \$78,000 earmarked in the FY 2011-2012 budget for economic development is as follows:

\$28,000 – Plumas Arts

\$50,000 – Visitors Bureau with the understanding that “Tourism/Economic Development” becomes a county department under the direction of the County Administrative Officer

Jack Ingstad, County Administrative Officer states the direction of the Budget Committee was not his recommendation. Mr. Ingstad has agreed to assist with tourism as requested.

Suzi Brakken, John Sheehan and Tracy Wingstead address the Board in support of the Budget Committee recommendation.

Todd Anderson and Sherry Halverson address the Board.

Audrey Ellis, representing Eastern Plumas Chamber requests the Board re-consider the recommendation of the Budget Committee and include funding for the Chambers

Jeannie Robelli, representing the Quincy Chamber requests the Board re-consider the recommendation of the Budget Committee and include funding for the Chambers

John Kolb, representing the Quincy Chamber requests the Board consider funding for the Chambers.

Larry Douglas addresses the Board regarding the need for economic development in Plumas County and supports funding for the Chambers.

Discussion is held by the Board.

Supervisor Swofford supports funding the Chambers and recommends a portion of the \$78,000 be allocated to the four Chambers.

Supervisor Thrall concurs with Supervisor Swofford and bases her decision on small rural chambers not being able to support themselves strictly by membership dues. Supervisor Thrall further states she is opposed to making the Visitors Bureau a county department.

There being no further discussion, this matter is before the Board for decision.

Motion: equally share the \$78,000 amongst the Visitors Bureau, Plumas Arts and the four Chambers (\$13,000 each), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Swofford, **Seconded by** Supervisor Thrall.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Thrall.

No: Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Simpson.

Motion: allocate \$30,000 to the Visitors Bureau; and equally share \$48,000 amongst Plumas Arts and the four Chambers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor Thrall, **Seconded by** Supervisor Swofford.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Supervisor Kennedy, Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Simpson, Supervisor Swofford, Supervisor Thrall.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report by Supervisor Thrall regarding issues related to County government and include attending meeting in Loyalton regarding the Northern Sierra Biomass Project

Report by Supervisor Swofford regarding issues related to County government and include attending NorCal Board meeting in Redding; Sierra Valley Fire District meeting

Report by Supervisor Meacher regarding issues related to County government and include Management Council meeting held and comments made by department heads regarding the budget process; Budget Committee meeting

Report by Supervisor Kennedy regarding issues related to County government and include attending teleconference meeting regarding the American Jobs Act; Audit Committee meeting; AB 109-Inmate Transfer meeting

Report by Supervisor Simpson regarding issues related to County government and include attending Trindel Insurance Board of Directors meeting; Budget Committee meeting

4. CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code §54956.9 – one case
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Department Employees Association, Operating Engineers Local #3, and Confidential Employees

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
There was no reportable action taken
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code §54956.9 – one case
Board voted unanimously not to pursue litigation against Iron Mountain with respect to film records damaged while in storage
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Department Employees Association, Operating Engineers Local #3, and Confidential Employees
There was no reportable action taken

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting in memory of September 11, 2001 to meet again on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.