



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Terry Swofford, 1st District
Robert A. Meacher, Vice Chair 2nd District
Sharon Thrall, Chair 3rd District
Lori Simpson, 4th District
Ole Olsen, 5th District

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON APRIL 07, 2009

STANDING ORDERS

ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Supervisors Terry Swofford, Lori Simpson, Robert Meacher, Ole Olsen and Chair Sharon Thrall present.

In attendance are Jack Ingstad, County Administrative Officer; James Reichle, Interim County Counsel and Nancy DaForno, Clerk of the Board.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Pastor Tarleton from the First Baptist Church of Quincy offers the invocation and Supervisor Simpson leads the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Board receives information from Larry Douglas regarding *Humanity at the Crossroads; Standing up for good Government and How prayer can change the culture of Government*.

1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FAIR MANAGER – ANNOUNCE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Chair announces action taken in closed session on March 24, 2009, directing staff to attempt to negotiate a contract with John Steffanic for the position of Plumas-Sierra County Fair Manager and if the contract is successfully negotiated, it will be returned to the Board for approval and signature.

The vote followed with Supervisors Swofford, Olsen and Thrall in favor and Supervisors Simpson and Meacher supporting another applicant.

FAIR MANAGER – APPOINT/EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, JOHN STEFFANIC

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen and carried to appoint John Steffanic as Plumas-Sierra County Fair Manager and authorize the Chair to sign Professional Service Agreement, effective April 07, 2009.

PROMOTIONAL SIGN ORDINANCE (COUNTY CODE §9-2.416, SECTION 7)

Supervisors Thrall and Simpson bring this matter before the Board for discussion and possible action regarding County Code §9-2.416, Section 7 – Promotional Signs (Ordinance 02-969). A complaint has been filed against a merchant in Quincy for displaying a promotional banner at their business. The Board is in receipt of a letter from the local business. The letter identifies a number of businesses in Quincy that display banners.

Discussion is held by the Board regarding enforcement of county code. The Board agrees enforcement should be equal countywide and not solely by receipt of a complaint.

Following further discussion, Supervisor Simpson agrees to work with County Counsel and return to the Board with a recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Simpson presents the Board with a letter to Senator Feinstein and requests their support. Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried authorizing the Chair to sign a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein offering an invitation to Plumas County to meet with the Board regarding challenges facing the county with the impending closure of the Sierra Pacific Industries small log mill.

APPOINTMENTS

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Motion by Supervisor Simpson, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried to appoint Vikki Tuck to the Plumas County Mental Health Commission.

2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

RESOLUTION 09-7544 RE: NEGOTIATED NET AMOUNT - ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS

Motion by Supervisor Olsen and second by Supervisor Meacher to adopt Resolution NO. 09-7544, approving and Authorizing Execution of Amendments to Negotiated Net Amount Contract. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Departmental Matters

PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR

EXTENSION OF 60-DAY POLICY – TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen and carried to extend the sixty-day policy for temporary employees (1.5 FTE) to the end of FY 2008-2009, as requested. Budget allocations are adequate to cover costs.

RESOLUTION 09-7545 RE: SURPLUS UTILITY PROGRAM

Motion by Supervisor Meacher and second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt Resolution 09-7545, authorizing application to California State Supply Warehouse and US Government Surplus Utility Program. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

SHERIFF

FORMATION OF CITIZEN LIASON COMMITTEE

At the request of Under Sheriff Hagwood, this matter is continued to April 14, 2009.

SEPTAGE WORKING GROUP

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 916 (WASTEWATER REGULATIONS)

Upon report and recommendation of Jerry Sipe, representing the Septage Working Group, motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen and carried authorizing the Chair to sign a letter to Assemblyman Dan Logue in support of Assembly Bill 916.

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

Presentation by Mimi Hall, Director of Public Health of Annual Report for 2008.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried to adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming April 06 through April 12, 2009 as National Public Health Week.

FACILITY SERVICES

NEW QUINCY COURTHOUSE PROJECT – ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

This matter is continued from March 24, 2009 and before the Board for further discussion regarding a letter from Judicial Council of California requesting the county identify potential sites for construction of a new Courthouse in Quincy.

The Board is in receipt of numerous calls and letters from constituents concerned with re-locating the courthouse out of the downtown area in Quincy.

Superior Court Judge Ira Kaufman is present and addresses the Board. The Judicial Council of California has adopted a list of 41 trial court capital projects in 34 counties to be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which includes the addition of a new courthouse in Quincy. Senate Bill 1407 increases fees, penalties, and assessments to fund and finance up to \$5 billion in trial court facility construction throughout the state. Judge Kaufman believes this matter is important and deserves public input. It is recommended the Board establish a committee to work together on project site selection.

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried to establish a Courthouse Location Advisory Committee. Members of the committee to be determined and shall be appointed by the Board.

3. CRITICAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP/SCOPE OF AUTHORITY/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

This matter is continued from March 24, 2009 as part of the FY 2008-2009 Mid-Year Budget review. The CAO is recommending the Board direct the Critical Staffing Committee to begin reviewing unfilled, allocated positions.

On March 24, 2009, the Board agreed to continue this matter to allow for discussion and possible action regarding membership and role of the Committee.

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Simpson and carried to appoint Sharon Reinert to the Critical Staffing Committee; and direct the Committee to begin reviewing unfilled positions. The Chair requests that when making a decision to fill a position that the list of questions be included in the backup material for the Board.

4. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL

PROCLAMATION – APRIL 2009 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Motion by Supervisor Olsen and second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming April 2009 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Plumas County. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

PROCLAMATION – APRIL 2009 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Motion by Supervisor Olsen and second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming April 2009 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Plumas County. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

PROCLAMATION – APRIL 07, 2009 AS COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE DAY

Motion by Supervisor Olsen and second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt a Proclamation, proclaiming April 07, 2009 as Court Appointed Special Advocate Day in Plumas County. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Swofford and second by Supervisor Meacher to approve the following consent agenda matters. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1) Approve expenditures from Community Services Funds

Department 20740 – Supervisor Simpson

Donation – Quincy High School – Sober Grad	\$500.00
Donation – Quincy Certified Farmers’ Market	\$500.00

- 2) Authorize the Chair to sign letter to Department of Transportation, Encroachment Permit for Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.

B. CLERK OF THE BOARD

Approve Board minutes for March 2009.

C. SHERIFF

- 1) **RESOLUTION** 09-7546, authorizing Sheriff to sign contract for participation in the Boating Safety & Enforcement Financial Aid Program for FY 2009-2010.
- 2) Supplemental budget for \$31,462 for increase in CALMMET funding allocation for FY 2008-2009

D. COUNTY COUNSEL

Approve Addendum No. 3 to legal services agreement with Minasian Law Firm, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign.

E. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 09-7547, authorizing the District Attorney to sign the Grant Award and Budget Modification for the Vertical Prosecution Program for FY 2008-2009.

F. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve out of state travel for Director of Public Health to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of National Association of County & City Health Officials held in Orlando Florida in July 2009.
- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign various Amendments to Service Agreements related to programs within Budget Unit 70559 Ryan White Part C for FY 2008-2009.

NOON RECESS

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Board reconvenes at 1:30 p.m. with all Board members present as in the morning session.

6. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL (SOBRERO HOUSE, JOHNSVILLE)

Project overview by Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner. Appeal of Planning Director's determination that the proposed demolition of the "Sobrero house" in Johnsville is a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Planning Department has received an estimate of \$35,000 to prepare the EIR. Appellants are Mark and Katie Agnew, property owners.

It is recommended that the Board deny the appeal and uphold the decision that the proposed demolition is subject to an EIR.

PowerPoint presentation by Scott Lawson, Museum Director regarding the historical significance of the Sobrero house. Mr. Lawson provides the Board with recommendations for consideration and includes full restoration; maintain in an arrested state of decay; move the house to a site on State property in the Plumas Eureka State Park.

The Chair takes comments from the appellants.

Katie Agnew, appellant/property owner addresses the Board. The reason for the appeal was based on the determination of the Planning Director and the preparation of an EIR.

The public hearing is opened. Various members of the public address the Board opposed to the recommendation of the Planning Director and request the Board uphold the appeal. Members of the public include Larry Fites, David Dawn, Robert Agnew.

Diane McCombs addresses the Board in favor of the Planning Director's decision and recommends the Board deny the appeal and find that the project is subject to CEQA. Ms. McCombs believes preparation of a report could be done for substantially less than \$35,000.

Michael Sobrero addresses the Board and offers an alternative to relocate the house to his property adjacent to the subject property.

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

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried that by agreement of both parties involved, this matter is continued to May 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. to allow for an initial study and comments of the subject project.

The public hearing remains open and is continued to May 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- **Personnel**
Public employee appointment or employment – County Counsel
- Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Operating Engineers Local #3, Sheriff's Department Employees Association, Confidential Employees, and Un-represented Department Heads.

Following closed session the Chair announces action taken in regard to Personnel-County Counsel. The Board is still evaluating options and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.

I, NANCY L. DAFORNO, CLERK OF THE BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON APRIL 07, 2009 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board