

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON MAY 22, 2007**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 1:10 p.m. with Supervisors Rose Comstock, Sharon Thrall, Robert Meacher and Chairman Ole Olsen present. Supervisor William Powers is absent.

The Board meets in closed session from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel.

URGENCY ITEM-BRIAN MORRIS, DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR MICHAEL JACKSON, QLG

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Meacher to add this matter to the agenda as an urgency item because the need for action was not apparent prior to the posting of the agenda. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Powers. Carried and so ordered.

Following closed session, County Counsel announces action taken.

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Thrall to approve additional funding of \$15,000 to Michael Jackson to join with other interested parties to oppose the injunction on the Freeman Timber sale in Plumas County. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Powers. Carried and so ordered.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

None.

3. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD

Billy Cox, Fair Manager addresses the Board with a report and update on the upcoming Plumas-Sierra County Fair.

URGENCY ITEM-COUNTY COUNSEL

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL #3 vs. COUNTY OF PLUMAS

Motion is made Supervisor Meacher and seconded by Supervisor Thrall to add this matter to the agenda as an urgency item because the need for action was not apparent prior to the posting of the agenda. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Powers. Carried and so ordered.

Motion of Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Thrall to authorize an additional expenditure of \$10,000.00 to Boutin & Dentino, representing Plumas County regarding Petition to Compel Arbitration with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Powers. Carried and so ordered.

4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD POLICY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2007-2008

This matter is before the Board for discussion and possible action. County Administrative Officer, Jack Ingstad presents the following items to be discussed as priorities of the Board for 2007-2008:

Planning Department

Mr. Ingstad informs the Board that the Planning Department will need a \$600,000 contribution next year to support the department and \$350,000 from general fund contingencies to finish their FY 2006-07 budgets.

Motion is made by Supervisor Meacher and seconded by Supervisor Comstock with Supervisor Powers absent to post on the County web site to show a 5% reduction in services and supplies for all General Fund Departments or use other options (furloughs) to balance the budget. Motion is unanimously carried and ordered.

If furloughs are used to balance budgets, they can be reinstated.

ADA

The Board approves budgeting \$185,000 to conduct the accessibility survey and transition plan.

Reserves

The Board agrees to reducing the County reserves by \$600,000 to cover the loan for the Lake Davis Treatment Plant noting that the County will get those funds back in 4 – 6 months.

Quincy Library Group

The Board anticipates and agrees with County Administrative Officer that the same level of contribution to the QLG efforts will be needed in FY 2007-08.

Lobbying

- Ferguson Group
- Advocation

The Board would like to reevaluate the “wish-list” for projects that was submitted for this fiscal year and look at how the Board can use their own lobbying efforts to accomplish what the Ferguson Group and Advocation presently lobby’s for on the County’s behalf. This item will be on the agenda for review in 6 months (January 2008) to see what accomplishments have been made on behalf of the County.

Strategic Plan Recommendations

- Background checks will continue to be a priority for Human Resources.
- Salary compensation surveys will be revisited at another time and not included in the 2007-08 budget.
- The Board approves of joining the California Personnel Administrators Association to gather job descriptions, salary and benefit information from other California Counties at a cost of \$3,200 setup and an annual cost of \$1,600.
- Staff training costs are set at \$20,000. However, the Board would like more specifics regarding this cost.
- Strategic Plan meetings will be revisited since Bill Dennison is no longer facilitating the meetings. Supervisor Powers has called a meeting for the first part of June. Supervisor Thrall would like to see the process continue and feels it can be done in-house or possibly by using a non-profit organization. The same members presently on the committee should continue with new members invited to fill any vacancies there may be. Supervisor Olsen believes there are too many Committees and feels that the Board should devote several hours to meet 2 – 3 times per year. Mr. Ingstad states that the present Committee would like to see the document be a “living document” and would like to speak to Bill Dennison before moving forward with any suggestions. The Board concurs.

Private Investigations with outside firm

\$20,000 per year will be budgeted for this item.

Board Recording Device

The Board is in favor of purchasing such a device.

Content Management System and outside hosting of new website.

Mr. Ingstad informs the Board that our I.T. Department does not have a server big enough to be able to load the software. An outside vendor would run the system and employees in I.T. could be reassigned. This would be a good tool for our employees and the community to have interaction with all activities of the County. Anything done by staff can be loaded onto the website by anyone.

Alcohol and Drug Department

Mr. Ingstad informs the Board Alcohol and Drug may need a general fund contribution of \$100,000 for FY 2007-08 to cover overhead and existing staff.

Capital Projects

Supervisor Thrall would like to see that funds are budgeted for countywide wastewater treatment facility and ADA issues at the Chester Memorial Hall. The Health and Human Services Cabinet is requesting a new sign for the HHS building at a cost of \$50,000. The Board is not in favor of the sign for the HHS building expense at this time.

Operational Efficiencies

Supervisor Comstock would like to see the County pursue solar and biomass use. Public Works would like to look into Countywide lighting with Public Works making a 25% contribution from road funds. Presently Crescent Mills is in the red and the East Quincy district is having trouble.

Law Enforcement

Supervisor Meacher states that the Board can suggest how they would like to see funds spent however, they cannot control how the Sheriff spends his money. Dealing with the methamphetamine problem should be his #1 priority. The Board would like to know how Federal and ATV monies are being spent. New vehicle purchases will come out of grant monies. Supervisor Meacher believes that grant funds should be spent on staff rather than using general fund monies.

Potential priorities for FY 2007-2008 will be continued at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourns at 4:10 p.m. to meet again on June 5, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. as the Community Development Commission and at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Supervisors for all purposes.

I, JOANI DUNCAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MAY 22, 2007 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Joani Duncan, Deputy Clerk of the Board