

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
HELD IN QUINCY ON OCTOBER 03, 2006**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting is called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisors Rose Comstock, William Powers, William Dennison, Ole Olsen and Chairman, Robert Meacher present.

**2. INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

None.

**4. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD**

Presentation by the Visitors Bureau regarding the fall season in Plumas County. The fall season is in full bloom and invites many tourists to Plumas County.

Kathleen William, Clerk/Recorder is in receipt of funding for \$58,750 for reimbursement of costs for the Special Election called by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Kathleen William, Clerk/Recorder gives a report and update on the Strategic Plan. A presentation will be made to the Board on November 07, 2006.

**5. COUNTY COUNSEL  
CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meets in closed session from 10:35 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation.

**6. SHERIFF  
PURCHASE OF VEHICLE (2006 DODGE DURANGO)**

This matter is continued from September 19, 2006. The Sheriff is seeking approval to purchase a used vehicle (Dodge Durango) for \$18,700 from budgeted savings of vehicles approved for FY 2006-2007. Sheriff Bergstrand is present and informs the Board that the vehicle being replaced is used by a First Responder and continues to have mechanical problems. The vehicle has 125,000 miles and is not dependable.

Following further discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Olsen, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried authorizing the purchase of a used vehicle (Dodge Durango) for \$18,700 from budgeted savings of vehicles approved for FY 2006-2007.

**\$15,200 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET (NARCOTICS)**

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Powers to approve a supplemental budget for \$15,200 for Narcotics fund; budget transfer for \$42,474 from Narcotics Contingency fund to various expenditure accounts; and supplemental budget transfer for \$16,925 for Interfund transfer from Narcotics fund to Sheriff's ADA grant budget (overtime). AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT**

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for participation in the equitable sharing program for asset forfeitures and the Federal Annual Certification Report for FY 2005-2006.

**7. ASSESSOR**

**EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BBQ**

The Employee Appreciation BBQ is re-scheduled for October 17, 2006.

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried to approve the request for contribution from Board Community Service Funds for \$500 (\$100 each).

**PLUMAS COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Olsen and unanimously carried to appoint members to the Plumas County Health Insurance Advisory Committee as follows:

Mike Grant	Sheriff's Office
Charles Leonhardt	Elected Department Head
Elliott Smart	Appointed Department Head
Robert Conen	Retired Employees
Cheryl Stoy	Retired Employees
Barbara Short	Confidential Unit
Tom Yagerhoffer	Community Development Commission
Jim Boland	Recreation District

**CAPITAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Following presentation by Charles Leonhardt, 2006 Committee Chair and discussion by the Board, the Board concurs with the Current membership of the Committee. The Board may appoint committee members from their respective districts. The current membership is as follows:

Marty Byrne	Sid Roberts
Kathleen Williams	Dave Preston
Mike Serpillo	Joe Wilson
Mike Nero	Marcia Ackerman

**8. PLUMAS COUNTY FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION  
PROCLAMATION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Powers, adopting a Proclamation, proclaiming October 2006 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Plumas County. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION**

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to local residents who have supported the efforts of the Plumas County Family Violence Prevention Coalition.

**NOON RECESS**

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

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

**9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Report and update by Board members regarding issues related to County Government.

**10. PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES**

**EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FROM FY 2003-2004 – PLANS EXAMINER CERTIFICATION**

This matter is back before the Board at the request of staff. On September 19, 2006, the Board approved the request, with Supervisor Comstock opposing and Supervisor Powers absent, for reimbursement to Richard Blanton of \$1,326 for Plans Examiner Certification from FY 2003-2004.

Barbara Thompson, County Counsel informs the Board that since September 19, 2006, she has received a call from the Union. The Union believes the issue was untimely and should have been addressed by the previous

Director. The Union believes the action taken by the Board on September 19, 2006 set precedence and will give all employees the opportunity for the same benefit. County Counsel cautions the Board and recommends they rescind their action taken on September 19, 2006. Gayla Trumbo, Director of Human Resources is present and concurs with the recommendation of County Counsel.

The Board receives information from Richard Blanton. Mr. Blanton states he was urged by his supervisor to pursue the necessary training to perform the function of Plan Check/Inspector. Mr. Blanton attended the required courses, passed the examination and was certified and believes that he should be reimbursed for expenses.

Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Powers to rescind action taken on September 19, 2006 and deny the request for reimbursement to Richard Blanton of \$1,326 for Plans Examiner Certification from FY 2003-2004. AYES: Supervisors Dennison and Comstock. NOES: Supervisors Olsen, Powers and Meacher. ABSENT: None. Motion dies due to lack of a majority vote.

The action taken on September 19, 2006 stands and Richard Blanton will be reimbursed for expenses of \$1,326 for Plans Examiner Certification from FY 2003-2004.

**11. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING – QUALIFICATIONS FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER/APPOINT**  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed. Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen and seconded by Supervisor Dennison to adopt Qualifications of Robert Perreault for Road Commissioner and confirm appointment of Robert Perreault as Public Works Director/Road Commissioner.

**HIGH SIERRA MUSIC FESTIVAL – INTERVENTION STRATEGIES**

Supervisor Comstock brings this matter before the Board. Following the closing of this years High Sierra Music Festival, dozens of complaints were filed with the Board of Supervisors, the CAO, Fair Manager, County Counsel, District Attorney, local newspaper, Chamber of Commerce and the Plumas County Arts Commission regarding the level and extent of interaction of law enforcement with members of the local and visiting public. Of great concern is the overwhelming negative public opinion regarding interactions between attendees and the Sheriff's department during the Festival.

Additionally, members of the Board, as well as the local business community are very concerned about the potential for negative economic impacts that would occur if attendees chose not to return for future events based on their belief they are unfairly targeted by law enforcement because of their appearance, diverse music and cultural differences.

Various members of the public are present to support the proposed Intervention Strategies.

Supervisor Comstock presents the proposed Intervention Strategies for adoption by the Board. Sheriff Bergstrand is present and informs the Board and public that if he is unable to attend any public meetings, etc. regarding this matter, he will assure attendance by a member of his department. Sheriff Terry Bergstrand is present and responds to the proposed Intervention Strategies.

## **Proposed Intervention Strategies**

### **1. Plumas County Community Volunteer Walk-Along Program**

The California State Fair, Cal-Expo, has used the Walk-Along program since 2001 in response to what had been an ongoing clash between law enforcement and various cultural groups at the State Fair. The program was specifically used as a means of changing a negative public perception regarding law enforcement activities at the fair and involves community members and is viewed as a great success. Walk-Along's serve as community liaisons helping to solidify the relationship between law enforcement and the public.

Sheriff Bergstrand encourages public participation.

### **2. Establish a Plumas County Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.**

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees to establish a Plumas County Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.

### **3. Institute a Public Relations Program**

Approve development of a Public Relations program to work toward changing negative perceptions and public opinion and other identified problems, to promote a positive image of County hospitality and community. A positive public perception of law enforcement and the County is important to our local economy and relationship with local and visiting public. The Committee and community support investing in public relations and marketing approaches as apart of the intervention strategies to encourage positive partnerships with the Sheriff's department, attendees and the County. The Committee and community support the following as examples of components the program might include:

- Promote County hospitality as a priority
- Promote citizen and police teams (community walk along)
- Promote Coordinated Security Team
- Publish brochures
- Utilize the web to provide information to visitors, locals and businesses
- Educate the public on sensitive issues through information regarding procedures, protocols, codes/laws; drunk in public, drug court, complaint forms
- Decrease visibility of law enforcement and increase positive public interaction
- Specific standards for citations to avoid selective standards.

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees to institute a Public Relations Program.

### **4. Establish a Coordinated Security Team**

It is recommended that a Coordinated Security Team be established comprised of the Sheriff, the Fair Manager, Event Security Leader, a member of the community and event promoter to predetermine law enforcement staffing levels based on a planned need.

It is believed that the current staffing level of officers (19, approximately half of the department) is not necessarily warranted based on the number of arrests and level and type of criminal activity reported from the 2006 event. Additionally, the public is concerned there is an inadequate level of officers available to cover numerous other events, campgrounds, lakes and communities throughout the county during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

The number of on-call officers, within the local area of Quincy & Meadow Valley/Bucks Lake, should be at a sufficient level to respond to an emergency at the Festival, but not necessarily be required to be stationed at the Festival. This should reduce the number of officers physically located at the Festival to a minimum level and increase the number of officers covering other areas events.

Event security should be utilized for reporting and responding to emergency needs, patrols of campsites areas, parking lots, back stage and open public areas and buildings using established protocols determined by the Coordinated Security Team.

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees to establish a Coordinated Security Team.

#### **5. An effective law enforcement presence, in the background**

We recommend the Sheriff's department investigate and adopt a strategy used by other major events, such as the Burning Man event held in Nevada, and major tourist destinations, such as Disneyland, who use an invisible presence approach to avoid the appearance of too much police presence, especially where family venues are involved, yet implement effective public safety tactics when faced with criminal activity.

Integrate an "invisible" law enforcement presence that responds violence, criminal drug use and trafficking or other criminal activity in a fashion that does not disrupt or appear to intimidate event attendees. But rather, works in the background quietly responding to situations where the officers are legitimately needed but the public is virtually unaware of anything going on around them.

It is also suggested that retired law enforcement officers be recruited to work with the public.

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees to review and to become more involved in the scheduling of this event.

#### **6. Public-friendly appearance**

Adopt a more "public" friendly casual uniform style – colored polo shirts with insignia  
Walk Along shirts to identify volunteers.

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees to consider.

#### **7. Law enforcement vehicles**

The visiting public should not be greeted by a SWAT wagon staged at the front gates and used as a means of intimidation. The SWAT wagon will only be allowed at the event in response to a call whereby it's deemed vital for law enforcement officers to perform their duties. Otherwise there should be a limited number of marked sheriff cars and vehicles and only parked in an inconspicuous location or designated parking for law enforcement officers.

Sheriff Bergstrand agrees and states that staging will take place at the Sheriff's Office and not at the Fairgrounds.

**Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Powers to adopt the proposed Intervention Strategies as presented and discussed with the Sheriff in concept. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.**

#### **CSAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS – APPOINTMENT**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried to appoint Supervisor Powers as Director and Supervisor Comstock as Alternate to the CSAC Board of Directors for 2007.

#### **RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FOR FY 2005/2006**

Following review and discussion of the draft response to the 2005/2006 Grand Jury Report, this matter is continued to October 10, 2006 for adoption.

#### **PLUMAS COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried to establish a Plumas County Audit Committee as recommended by the Grand Jury.

**12. PLUMAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

**PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM – PROPOSED FY 2006/2007 “B” FUND BUDGET**

Following discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried to partially fund District operations by an advance of approximately \$40,000 from the General Fund Contingency. Staff is directed to determine the amount from the General Fund Contingency, to be reimbursed by future funding from Title III or other revenue sources and return to the Board with a supplemental budget.

**GENERAL MANAGER FOR FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, DESIGNATE**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried designating Brian Morris as General Manager for Flood Control District. Staff is directed to determine funding for an extra-help position for County Counsel and return to the Board.

**13. COUNTY COUNSEL**

**RESOLUTION 06-7316 RE: PROPOSITION 50 – RIVER PARKWAYS (SPANISH CREEK)**

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Dennison to adopt Resolution 06-7316, approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program Under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50-Spanish Creek). AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**RESOLUTION 06-7317 RE: PROPOSITION 50 – RIVER PARKWAYS (TAYLORSVILLE)**

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Dennison to adopt Resolution 06-7317, approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program Under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50-Taylorsville). AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**RESOLUTION 06-7318 RE: PROPOSITION 50 – RIVER PARKWAYS (AMERICAN VALLEY)**

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Dennison to adopt Resolution 06-7318, approving the Application for Grant Funds for the California River Parkways Grant Program Under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50-American Valley). AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**ALCOHOL & DRUG PRE-BID MEETING (RFP'S)**

No report.

**14. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Dennison to approve the following consent agenda items. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Approval of expenditures from Community Services Funds

**Department 20710 – Supervisor Powers**

Feather River Community Partnership	\$1,000.00
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**Department 20730 – Supervisor Dennison**

Chester Youth Wrestling	\$ 150.00
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**B. AUDITOR/CONTROLLER**

- 1) **RESOLUTION** 06-7319, adopting the Tax Rates for Plumas County and for the Beckwourth Community Service Area and the Plumas Unified School District Bonds for FY 2006-2007.
- 2) Supplemental budget for \$10,300 for Prop. 40 Sloat Towne Hall and Taylorsville Rodeo projects and adjust budget accordingly.

**C. COUNTY COUNSEL**

- 1) Approve amendment No. 3 to Joint Powers Agreement with QLG Counties to activate membership of Nevada County, Yuba County, and Butte County.
- 2) Approval of MOU with the Administrative Office of the Courts for provision of facility services at the Portola Courthouse.

**D. MENTAL HEALTH**

Supplemental budget for \$526,400 for the Mental Health Services Act Community Services and Supports Three Year Plan.

**15. APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**17. LEGISLATION UPDATE**

None.

**URGENCY ITEM – ALCOHOL & DRUG**

**OPERATING CONTRACT FOR FY 2005/2006 – PAYMENT OF YEAR OLD INVOICES**

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Powers 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 Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers, Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Motion is made by Supervisor Dennison, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried authorizing the Auditor/Controller to pay invoices for provider contracts from FY 2005/2006 as follows:

Empire Residential Treatment	\$ 2,030.00
Cornerstone Residential Treatment	\$ 2,240.00
Tri-County Residential Treatment	\$ 6,825.00
Skyway Residential Treatment	\$24,317.00
FRC	\$ 1,100.00
EcTowne	\$ 954.04

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourns at 5:00 p.m. to meet again on October 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. as the Board of Supervisors for all purposes.