

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON OCTOBER 17, 2006**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 9:00 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 Comstock leads the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Ken Whittacker, a member of the public, addresses the Board regarding the Plumas County Sheriff. Mr. Whittacker is strongly opposed to the Sheriff burning marijuana on the grounds of the department. Mr. Whittacker questions why the Sheriff is allowed to burn a controlled substance and states this is a health hazard to members of the public. Mr. Whittacker reads a letter to the editor for publication in the local newspaper on October 18, 2006. Mr. Whittacker requests that the Board adopt an ordinance against burning marijuana and direct the Sheriff find other means for disposal.

Supervisor Comstock has requested that the Sheriff develop a plan and find other means for disposal of a controlled substance.

Because the Board is prohibited from taking any action or participating in any discussion under public comment, it is recommended that Mr. Whittacker agenda this matter.

4. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Powers leaves the Boardroom.

5. SOCIAL SERVICES

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET/CONTRACT WITH PLUMAS CRISIS INTERVENTION

Upon report and recommendation of Elliott Smart, Director of Social Services, motion is made by Supervisor Dennison, seconded by Supervisor Olsen and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Powers absent, to approve a supplemental budget for \$129,736 for continuation of the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project for community based differential response, approval of a contract with the Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center to function as the Fiscal Administrator, and authorize the Director of Social Services to sign.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

AWARD OF CONTRACT – ARLINGTON BRIDGE AND TAYLORSVILLE BRIDGE PROJECTS

Upon report and recommendation of Robert Perreault, Director of public Works and following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Olsen, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Powers absent, for award of contract to Blaisdell Construction, Redding, CA for \$1,025,090 for the Arlington Bridge and Taylorsville Bridge barrier rail replacement projects, subject to approval by County Counsel.

7. FACILITY SERVICES

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH STATUS ELECTRICAL CORPORATION – SECURITY CONSOLE UPGRADE

Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen, seconded by Supervisor Dennison and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Powers absent, authorizing the Chair to sign an Agreement with Status Electrical Corporation for Security Console upgrade at the Plumas County Correctional Facility.

8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR MANAGER – APPOINTMENT

This matter is removed from the agenda.

The Board receives comments from Margo Stratton, representing the Plumas-Sierra County Fair. Ms. Stratton encourages the Board to fill the position of Fair Manager as soon as possible.

Supervisor Powers returns to the Boardroom.

FY 2006/2007 BUDGET - “TENTATIVE DUE PASSES”

This matter is before the Board for discussion and possible action regarding Tentative Due Passes recommended but not funded for FY 2006/2007 budget. During Budget hearings for FY 2006-2007, the Board tentatively approved various requests from department heads to be addressed and confirmed upon closure of the books or during the mid-year budget review.

Jack Ingstad, CAO has provided the Board with a list of issues to be addressed. Not including vehicles or positions, the requests total \$209,980. Mr. Ingstad recommends that the Board assure department heads that if there are needs to do the job, such as copiers, computers, etc. their requests will be considered. All other requests should be addressed during the mid-year budget review. Mr. Ingstad further reports that there are various budget issues that will be addressed immediately.

Elliott Smart, Director of Social Services informs the Board they are in desperate need of window coverings at the new Health & Human Services Center. Mr. Smart offers to look at other areas to fund the request.

Following further discussion, the CAO is directed to return to the Board to appropriate funding from the General Fund Contingency to address various budget issues to complete the budget process for FY 2006-2007.

INDIAN VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT – STATUS OF LOAN

At the request of Supervisor Comstock, this matter is before the Board for report and update on status of loan to Indian Valley Healthcare District for \$166,000. Brian Morris, Deputy County Counsel addresses the Board. The district is not in default of payments to Plumas County. Mr. Morris reminds the Board that they can do anything they want with the loan from Plumas County, such as foreclosure, sell of collateral property, etc. In June 2006, the Board agreed to withhold taxes to the district. Indian Valley Healthcare District has filed bankruptcy. The bankruptcy court recognized that the county's loan is secured by collateral property. Susan Neer, Administrator is present and addresses the Board. The district attended a “Health Summit” meeting hoping to establish an alliance countywide.

There is discussion by the Board. Supervisor Dennison is concerned and will not agree to loan any additional funding if requested. Chairman Meacher reminds the Board that Senator Cox has helped to expedite so MediCal payments. Chairman Meacher commends Mr. Neer and the community involved for being creative to save Indian Valley Healthcare District.

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

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

Correspondence from Brian Morris, Deputy County Counsel to the State Department of Fish and Game regarding comments of the County of Plumas and the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District regarding the draft EIR/EIS for the Lake Davis Pike Eradication Project.

NOON RECESS

The Board adjourns to attend the Employee Appreciation BBQ, Courthouse.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

10. PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION 600, GPA-DARDEN

Presentation by Stephen Hall, Assistant Planner. The public hearing is opened. The Board receives comments and handout from the High Sierra Rural Alliance. The High Sierra Rural Alliance is concerned that Plumas County has addressed more than four (4) General Plan amendments within one calendar year.

There being no further comments, the public hearing is closed.

Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Comstock to adopt Negative Declaration No. 600 and approve the General Plan Amendment/Zone Change for Barbara Darden, APN 125-020-003 as recommended with required findings. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

REQUIRED FINDINGS:

1. As required by law, a public hearing was duly noticed and held by the Board. Public notice of hearing was published in the Portola Reporter on October 4, 2006. Mailed notice was provided to the applicant and adjacent landowners.
2. Plumas County Negative Declaration #600 was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and certified as applicable and adequate for the project.
3. Plumas County Negative Declaration #600 was presented to the Board and that the information contained in the document was reviewed and considered by the Board prior to the decision, together with any comments received during the public review process.
4. It is found that this project is consistent with the General and Specific plan and zoning because:
 - a. The Moderate Opportunity area – Suburban density will not be exceeded.
 - b. All General Plan constraints have been addressed.
 - c. The Fire Hazard land use management, including County ordinances that implement the State Responsibility Fire Safe Regulations, will be met.
5. That, in accordance with the General Plan, all applicable constraints, policies and development standards shall be addressed at the time of development of the property.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION 601, GPA-TABORSKI

Presentation by Jeremy Mills, Assistant Planner. The public hearing is opened. The Board receives comments and handout from the High Sierra Rural Alliance. The High Sierra Rural Alliance is concerned that Plumas County has addressed more than four (4) General Plan amendments within one calendar year.

There being no further comments, the public hearing is closed.

Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Comstock to adopt Negative Declaration No. 601 and approve the General Plan Amendment/Zone Change for Michael & Keri Taborski, APN 115-031-052 as recommended with required findings. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

REQUIRED FINDINGS:

1. That, as required by law, a public hearing was duly noticed and held by the Board.
2. That Negative Declaration 601 was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and certified as applicable and adequate for the project.
3. That Negative Declaration 601 was presented to the Board and that the information contained in the document was reviewed and considered by the Board prior to the decision, together with any comments received during the public review process.
4. The property meets the General Plan diagram directive for Multiple Residential.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION 602, GPA-LEHR

Presentation by Jeremy Mills, Assistant Planner. The public hearing is opened. The Board receives comments and handout from the High Sierra Rural Alliance. The High Sierra Rural Alliance is concerned that Plumas County has addressed more than four (4) General Plan amendments within one calendar year.

There being no further comments, the public hearing is closed.

Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Dennison and seconded by Supervisor Comstock to adopt Negative Declaration No. 602 and approve the General Plan Amendment/Zone Change for Delbert & Donna Lehr, APN 002-470-006 as recommended with required findings. AYES: Supervisors Olsen, Dennison, Comstock, Powers and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

REQUIRED FINDINGS:

1. That as required by law, a public hearing was duly noticed and held by the Board.
2. That Negative Declaration 602 was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and certified as applicable and adequate for the project.
3. That Negative Declaration 602 was presented to the Board and that the information contained in the document was reviewed and considered by the Board prior to the decision, together with any comments received during the public review process.
4. The property meets the General Plan diagram directive for Secondary Suburban and the Limited designation is necessary to allow discretionary review of building design to reduce noise level within residences to 45 decibels or less.

11. COUNTY COUNSEL

EXCHANGE OF TAX INCREMENT – REQUEST FROM EAST QUINCY SERVICES DISTRICT

This matter is before the Board at the request of East Quincy Services District for a portion of the tax increment for all TRA's within the district. The district is requesting County assistance in funding lighting expenses. County Counsel does not support the request due to the precedent it would create for other districts in the County. However, if the Board desires to provide additional funding, it is recommended the Board provide an increased annual contribution rather than sharing the tax increment.

Mary Henrici, Manager of East Quincy Services District is present and informs the Board that they do not want to discontinue the operation of street lighting in East Quincy but the shortfall of approximately \$8,000 annually may make that a necessity. The district is looking for any help the County may provide to help resolve the situation. The district currently receives 25% reimbursement from the Public Works department but this is not enough to fund the street lighting bill. In order to charge a fee, it would have to be approved by vote and 2/3 of the people would have to agree. The district is considering divesting its CSD power over street lighting and having the Quincy Lighting District take over the responsibility.

John Kolb, representing Public Works addresses the Board and offers recommendations. Mr. Kolb recommends expanding the boundary of Quincy Services District to include East Quincy. Mr. Kolb further recommends the formation of a countywide lighting district. The Plumas County Road Department has concerns about increasing the contribution from road funds because of the potential of other districts requesting similar funding.

There is discussion by the Board. Supervisor Comstock believes that it is necessary to help the district find resolution to the situation and states she does not want to see residents without street lighting. Supervisor Meacher reminds the Board that Crescent Mills Lighting District notoriously runs in the negative and is covered by the County General Fund and questions why this deficit is not covered by the Road Fund.

Following further discussion, the Board requests that Public Works review how many lighting districts are receiving the 25% reimbursement from the Road Fund. This matter is considered work in progress and will be addressed by the Board at a later date.

12. 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 and Meacher. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approval of expenditures from Community Services Funds

Department 20730 – Supervisor Dennison

Donation-Chester Jr-Sr High School Music Program \$500.00

B. FARM ADVISOR

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a Lease Agreement with Scott Tanner Business Equipment for copy machine.

C. ELECTIONS

Approve the realignment of Poll Worker duties and increase stipends to align with minimum wage, effective November 07, 2006 General Election. The increase is included in the budget for FY 2006/2007, no additional funding requested.

D. PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION 06-7329, authorizing execution of Standard Agreement for reimbursement of snow removal expenses by CA State Parks for FY 2006/2007 and FY 2007/2008.

13. APPOINTMENTS

None.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to Craig J. Wilson, State Water Resources Control Board regarding discussions of the Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 303(d) processes.

15. LEGISLATION UPDATE

Kelly Stane, Risk Manager addresses the Board with a legislative update on AB 1368-Appportionment; and AB 573-Design Professionals. Both pieces of legislation could have an affect on Plumas County.

URGENCY ITEM – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board meets in closed session from 3:35 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. as follows.

- **Pending Litigation** - Conference with Risk Manager
- **Public employee appointment or employment** – Plumas-Sierra County Fair Manager

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourns at 4:15 p.m. to meet again on November 01, 2006 in a Special Meeting at 9:00 a.m.