

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON FEBRUARY 01, 2005**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Supervisors Rose Comstock, William Powers, Robert Meacher, Ole Olsen and Chair, William Dennison present.

2. INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Dennison offers the invocation and Supervisor Powers leads the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

None.

4. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Supervisor Powers announces the passing of Chuck Thayer. Mr. Thayer was a ten-year resident of Plumas County and very active in the community, serving as Fire Chief of the Sierra Valley Fire District and a past and current member of the Grand Jury. Mr. Thayer will be greatly missed.

Supervisor Powers reports on his attendance of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District meeting. Supervisor Powers was very impressed with their level of engagement in their roles. The main issue of focus is groundwater retention the Sierra Valley.

Supervisor Powers gives a report on the Mental Health Advisory Commission meeting. Issues of concern included Mental Health staffing and salaries of the Sierra House staff.

Supervisor Powers gives a report on the committee meeting for review of proposals for the Development Impact Fee. The committee will interview the companies for recommendation to the Board.

Supervisor Comstock gives a report on her attendance of the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority meeting in Sacramento. There are excellent resources available in regards to risk management. There was a presentation regarding alternative health care plans and Supervisor Comstock with work with the County Administrative Officer to review affordable options.

Supervisor Comstock announces that the Forest Service and the Quincy Library Group have responded to the Meadow Valley lawsuit. A court hearing is scheduled for April 05, 2005.

Supervisor Meacher reports on a meeting with Chico State Foundation regarding a program where students could work on various water issues.

6. PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board is sitting as the Plumas County Board of Equalization.

SELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion is made by Supervisor Meacher, seconded by Supervisor Olsen and unanimously carried appointing Supervisor Comstock as Vice Chair of the Plumas County Board of Equalization, replacing BJ Pearson.

ASSESSMENT APPEALS HEARING DATES

The Board sets April 21st and 22nd, 2005 as hearing dates for assessment appeals.

7. UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

Angela Dillingham, representing the US Forest Service makes her presentation to the Board regarding implementation of a day use-parking fee at Frenchman Lake effective July 01, 2005. The fees will be collected per vehicle with a base price of \$5 per vehicle. Seven to nine passenger vans will be \$7, buses will be charged \$15 and motorcycles/bicycles will be charged \$1. An annual pass will be available for \$30. This item is for informational purposes only no action is taken.

8. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

\$8,985 FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Olsen to appropriate \$8,984.70 from the General Fund Contingency to Department 20470-52090 Maintenance of Equipment to cover expenses for the Countywide Fire Radio Network inadvertently left out of the budget for FY 2004/2005. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

9. ALCOHOL & DRUG

REQUEST FOR MERIT INCREASE FOR THERAPIST II

This matter is before the Board for consideration of a request for a merit increased advancement between the "E" Step and Longevity for Tom White, Therapist II. Tom White is present and presents his testimony. Mr. White informs the Board that he was promised this increased advancement by Robert Minert, Director of Alcohol & Drug at the time of his employment. Mr. White informs the Board that the increased advancement was his deciding factor in accepting the position of Therapist II and making the move from Shasta County.

The Board takes the request under submission for consideration.

10. COUNTY COUNSEL

COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT PROCEDURES

Brian Morris, Deputy County Counsel addresses the Board regarding County Cemetery District procedures. Mr. Morris informs the Board that the Board of Supervisors appoints members of the Cemetery Districts to a four-year term. Mr. Morris recommends a compliance review of all Cemetery Districts. The Board concurs with the recommendation. Supervisor Meacher requests coordination with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

RESOLUTION 05-7108 RE: RETENTION OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Upon report and recommendation of Barbara Thompson, County Counsel, motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Meacher adopting Resolution No. 05-7108, to retain Rutan & Tucker, Attorneys At Law to assist in pending litigation (PG&E v. State Board of Equalization, et. al.) AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

11. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Operating Engineers Local #3, Sheriff's Department Employees Association, Confidential Employees, and Un-represented Department Heads.

12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Upon report and recommendation of Julia Coleman, County Administrative Officer, motion is made by Supervisor Olsen, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried appointing Elliott Smart as Interim Public Health Agency Director, effective January 24, 2005, and until a new Public Health Agency Director is appointed. The Board thanks Elliott Smart for accepting the responsibility.

STIPEND FOR SERVICES OF INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and unanimously carried to approve a stipend for Elliott Smart as Interim Public Health Agency Director for \$1,800 for a maximum of 90-days, and effective January 24, 2005.

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

The Board schedules February 18, 2005 to conduct interviews of the five qualifying candidates for the position of Public Health Agency Director. The Board concurs that they will sit as the interview panel.

13. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK- REVISIONS TO WILDLAND FIRE PLAN

At the request of Supervisor Dennison, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Olsen and unanimously carried to approve the recommendations for revisions to the September 2004 Lassen Volcanic National Park Wildland Fire Management Plan.

CSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Following discussion, it is agreed that all Board members will attend the CSAC Legislative Conference to be held March 16-17, 2005 in Sacramento.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – CHANGES TO JOB DESCRIPTION

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Olsen adopting changes to the job description of the County Administrative Officer by removing “Budgetary Officer” and transferring it to the Plumas County Auditor/Controller, effective January 24, 2005. Control of the County budget will remain under the Board of Supervisors. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Julia Coleman, County Administrative Officer concurs with the changes to the job description and action taken by the Board.

STIPEND FOR AUDITOR/CONTROLLER

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Olsen to approve a stipend for the Plumas County Auditor/Controller of \$950 per month, effective January 24, 2005 for accepting the duties of “Budgetary Officer”. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

PLUMAS COUNTY'S 2006 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS AGENDA

Following discussion by the Board, the Board confirms the County's FY 2006 Federal Appropriations Agenda as follows:

1. Regional Mental Health Residential Facilities - \$330,000
2. Quincy Senior Center - \$1 million
3. Plumas County Rural Health Services Program - \$720,000
4. Plumas County Museum Exhibit Management and Preservation Project - \$315,000
5. Plumas County Library Material and Technology Upgrade Project - \$105,000
6. Plumas County Water Resources & Water Quality Implementation Project - \$5 million
7. State Route 89 – Greenville Streetscape Improvements - \$1 million
8. State Route 89 – Graeagle Area Pathway - \$1 million

Project No. 1 and project No. 2 will be presented to Congress, and only one project will be chosen.

NOON RECESS

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE 05-1022 RE: BED AND BREAKFAST INNS

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed. Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Meacher adopting Ordinance No. 05-1022, first read on January 18, 2005, amending Plumas County Code Section 9-2.1302. Uses (2-R, 3-R, 7-R) to Allow Bed and Breakfast Inns as a Permitted Use not subject to Special Use Permit requirements. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE RE: TITLE 8, CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed. Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Comstock to waive the reading of an Ordinance, amending Title 8, specifically Section 8-1.01 (Adopting the entire current California Building Standards Code) and revising and amending Chapters 3, 5, 6, and 11 (updating for clarity). AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered. The title is read and continued to February 08, 2005 for adoption.

15. AIRPORTS

INDIAN VALLEY AIRPORT PROPERTY SURPLUS

Upon report and recommendation of John McMorrow, Airport Coordinator, motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and unanimously carried to declare the property acquired for a future airport in Indian Valley surplus, and dispose of following the appropriate procedures.

There is discussion regarding the funds being used for matching with federal dollars for the long-term improvement of the three existing airports. The revenue from the property would be designated to airport capital improvements.

Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen and seconded by Supervisor Comstock designating the funding for airport capital improvements. AYES: Supervisors Comstock and Olsen. NOES: Supervisors Powers, Meacher and Dennison. ABSENT: None. Motion dies due to lack of a majority vote.

16. PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION 05-7109 RE: INTENTION TO ABANDON WILKINS ST., CHILCOOT

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Meacher adopting Resolution No. 05-7109, Intention to Abandon a Certain Roadway (Wilkins Street) in the Town of Chilcoot, County of Plumas, and schedule a Public Hearing on March 01, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Supervisor Olsen. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLS, MELBURG & ROSSETTO, AMENDMENT NO. 1

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers, seconded by Supervisor Comstock and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Nichols, Melburg & Rossetto for Architectural/Engineering Professional Services for the Plumas County Health & Human Services Center, and authorize the Chair to sign.

17. PLUMAS COUNTY AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel regarding anticipated litigation (Government Code Sec. 54956.9(b)(3)(C)) Lake Davis Water Treatment Plant.

18.

COUNTY COUNSEL
CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation.

- Blankenship v. County of Plumas (Workers Comp. Appeals Board, Case No. RDG 115320)
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company v. State Board of Equalization, et. al. (Fresno Superior Court, Case No. 05 CE CG 00003 MWS)

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 3:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation (Government Code Sec. 54956.9(b)).

The Board met in closed session to discuss a request received from Alcohol & Drug Department employee Tom White regarding his employment status. The result of the closed session discussion was that the Board denied the request for merit increase advancement between the "E" Step and Longevity. The vote was unanimous to deny the request.

19. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 1) Approval of expenditures from Community Services Funds.

Department 20740 – Supervisor Comstock

Plumas Arts – Donation \$3,000.00

B) PUBLIC WORKS

Walker Ranch Community Services District

Budget transfer for \$217,200 from Walker Ranch CSD Contingencies to establish a sewer plant account for future development.

C) PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve submission of a Communities First Grant application to the California Endowment on behalf of the Plumas Sierra Dental Coalition.
- 2) Approve reimbursement of \$82,522 to the Department of Health Services for overpayment of Medi-Cal Administrative Activities to the Plumas County Public Health Agency.

D) HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve revisions to the Job Description for Communication Supervisor, Sheriff Dispatcher I and Sheriff Dispatcher II.

E) CLERK-RECORDER

Budget transfer for \$5,000 from Micrographics Contingencies to Professional Services for additional conversion of microfiche to images.

20. APPOINTMENTS

OPEN SPACE-LAND CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen and seconded by Supervisor Comstock appointing BJ Pearson to the Open-Space Land Conservation Advisory Board, representing the Business Industry. AYES: Supervisors Comstock and Olsen. NOES: Supervisors Powers, Meacher and Dennison. ABSENT: None. Motion dies due to lack of a majority vote.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

22. LEGISLATION UPDATE

None.

URGENCY ITEM – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Meacher to add an urgency closed session regarding personnel because the need was not apparent prior to the posting of the agenda. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Powers, Meacher, Olsen and Dennison. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

The Board meets in closed session from 3:35 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. regarding personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourns at 5:45 p.m. to meet again on February 08, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. as the Board of Supervisors for all purposes.

William N. Dennison, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board