

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON OCTOBER 25, 2005**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 2:00 p.m. with Supervisors Rose Comstock, William Powers, Robert Meacher, Ole Olsen and Chair, William Dennison present.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

This matter is before the Board for discussion with Jonathan Schnal, the new Director of Planning & Building Services regarding issues related to the department. There is discussion as follows:

General Plan Amendment

Mr. Schnal begins discussion by recommending the Planning Commission, through his guidance, develop policies and guidelines before getting into the overall amendment of the General Plan. The policies and guidelines would be followed countywide. Mr. Schnal has reviewed the current General Plan and believes the need for amendment is warranted. Mr. Schnal informs the Board that he will be recommending that costs of the General Plan amendment be recovered through permit fees.

There is discussion by the Board. Supervisor Comstock sees the General Plan amendment as an opportunity to address needs of Plumas County such as affordable housing. Supervisor Comstock refers to the housing element document and the authority that it gives to set standards.

Supervisor Powers is looking forward to a new master plan. Supervisor Powers believes that the issuance of special use permits has not been the right direction for the County.

Supervisor Meacher believes the General Plan amendment process is an opportunity to expand on open space issues and water rights.

There is discussion regarding the additional members of the planning commission who shall serve for a term of one year or the duration of the planning area being reviewed. The Board agrees that Mr. Schnal shall determine if the additional members are needed.

The Board concurs with the direction that Mr. Schnal has set and authorizes him to go forward.

Plumas County Zoning Administrator

Mr. Schnal is recommending appointment of Steve Allen as Zoning Administrator. This request will be before the Board on November 01, 2005.

Engineering Services

Mr. Schnal informs the Board that in reviewing the department budget, he believes there could be a substantial savings if the County hired an engineer rather than contract out for services. Jack Ingstad, CAO cautions Mr. Schnal to make sure that the County would receive the same services.

Supervisor Powers leaves the Boardroom.

AUDITOR/CONTROLLER - LETTER OF RETIREMENT

Motion is made by Supervisor Olsen, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Powers absent, to accept a letter of retirement from Michael Tedrick, Auditor/Controller effective December 30, 2005, with regret.

POSITION OF PLUMAS COUNTY AUDITOR/CONTROLLER

This matter is before the Board for discussion and possible action regarding the position of Plumas County Auditor/Controller upon retirement of Michael Tedrick. On October 18, 2005, action was taken by the Board to waive the reading of an Ordinance increasing the salary of the Auditor/Controller by a three-two vote. The purpose of the Ordinance was to retain the services of Mr. Tedrick through April 2006. Since then, Mr. Tedrick has made a decision to fulfill his desire to retire. Therefore, the Ordinance will not be back before the Board for adoption.

There is discussion by the Board regarding how to fill the unexpired term of the elected position. Supervisor Dennison has provided the Board with a background summary outlining the purpose for offering Mr. Tedrick an increase in salary to stay through April 2006. The offer has been withdrawn and now the Board must determine how to fill the position.

Jack Ingstad, CAO informs the Board that he has met with Shawn Montgomery, Assistant Auditor/Controller, and she is not interested in assuming the position at this time.

Barbara Thompson, County Counsel provides the Board with options to fill the position of Auditor/Controller.

Supervisor Comstock addresses the Board regarding comments made by Supervisor Dennison in his backup material presented. Supervisor Comstock clarifies her position in regards to this matter and her reason for opposing a salary increase. Supervisor Comstock believes that elected officials are voted into office to fill a term. If that elected official chooses to retire, then they should not withdraw their decision because there is opportunity for a salary increase. Supervisor Olsen concurs and further states that his reason for opposing an increase in salary is not personal. Supervisor Olsen commends Mr. Tedrick for his services to Plumas County.

Following further discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Olsen and unanimously carried, with Supervisor Powers absent, directing the Department of Human Resources to begin the recruitment process, by advertisement in Plumas County, for appointment of Auditor/Controller to fill the unexpired term of Michael Tedrick.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourns at 3:15 p.m. to meet again on November 01, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. as the Community Development Commission and at 10:00 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