



Minutes
Plumas County Management Council
A Commitment to Coordinated Public Service
August 7, 2009
Health & Human Services Building

Present: Michelle Blackford, Chair; Margaret Miles, Vice Chair (and recording secretary); Joe Wilson, Bob Perrault, Susie Grant, Kathy Williams, Sharon Reinert, Chuck Leonhardt, Dave Preston, John Steffanic, Keith Mahan, Lori Simpson.

Thank you to Kathy for the wonderful refreshments!

Approval of Agenda of August 7, 2009: Agenda approved Susie/Chuck.

Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2009: Minutes approved Bob/Joe.

Department Head Negotiations: Kathy Williams, Sharon Reinert, Margaret Miles
Kathy reviewed suggestions received and the Negotiation Package that will be presented to the Board. Discussion ensued. It was suggested adding an organization-wide salary survey to the list of requests.

Department Head Health Insurance – Interest in PORAC (cont. from 7/10): Michelle Blackford (for Gayla)

Council voted unanimously in favor of two separate elections, one for elected officials, one for appointed officials, on whether or not to accept PORAC as the health insurance provider. The majority vote will prevail in each instance. Kathy will be e-mailing ballots to each department head, who should print it out and bring it to Clerk/Recorder's office.

Council voted unanimously in favor of an election regarding SDI. Kathy will e-mail a separate ballot for this vote.

Critical Staffing Meeting Schedule: Michelle Blackford
Meetings of the Critical Staffing Committee are changing to Thursdays weekly as needed. Gayla will be asking each Dept. Head who submits a request if he/she would like to be present.

Employee Appreciation (Standing Topic): All
John Steffanic suggested announcing a County Employee of the Year at the Fair, and hosting a county employee barbeque at the Fair. Lori Simpson spoke in favor of an employee of the quarter, and asked if Employees Assn. could fund an ad in the paper and a certificate. Discussion ensued about both these suggestions. John will bring a proposal to the next MC meeting regarding an employee's barbeque.

Roundtable Items:

Michelle publicized that those with driver's license suspension due to non-payment of child support can receive a special deal in August to have their license reinstated.

Joe announced a \$2.2 million project for a new fire station at the Beckworth airport, to be built by the Forest Service, which will include CareFlight. New custodial contracts are starting in most buildings. The county is eligible for energy improvement block grants of roughly \$110,000; Joe will be bringing a proposal to the BOS regarding these funds in the next few weeks.

Bob reported that the Road dept. owns the streetlights on Fairgrounds Rd. PG&E has installed energy efficient bulbs there, so they can track savings.

John says come to the Fair! Plumas County Fair starts Thursday, August 13 through Aug. 16. Admission is \$3 adults, free Thursday and Friday until 2:00, so employees are encouraged to go eat lunch at the Fair. Grandstand events are \$10/\$8/\$6. Ride tickets are available in advance at Plumas Bank and Fair Office for \$15 (a \$25 value). The \$15 ride packet can be traded in for a bracelet providing unlimited rides Thurs, Fri & Sun noon to 6.

Lori recounted that she attended the Emergency Preparedness Summit, at which she learned that all public employees are disaster service workers. Lori will bring this information to the BOS and report back.

Kathy dropped the bomb that SB 670 was signed by the Governor this morning, which effective immediately bans all dredge gold mining. It is anticipated that this will reduce assessment as well as tourism revenue in Plumas County.

Chuck informed the group that assessments have been reduced in several areas, mostly new developments with vacancies. Mining claims have increased in value; this is expected to drop again due to SB 670. Foreclosures are up significantly, and in some areas the majority of home sales are foreclosure sales.

Volunteer for September refreshments: Mimi Hall

Next meeting: September 4, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. H&HS Building

Minutes respectfully submitted by Margaret Miles