



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Terry Swofford, 1<sup>st</sup> District**

**Robert A. Meacher, Vice Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> District**

**Sharon Thrall, Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> District**

**Lori Simpson, 4<sup>th</sup> District**

**Ole Olsen, 5<sup>th</sup> District**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

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## **STANDING ORDERS**

### **ROLL CALL**

The meeting is called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisors Terry Swofford, Lori Simpson, Ole Olsen and Chair Sharon Thrall present. Supervisor Meacher is absent.

### **INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

None.

## **ACTON AGENDA**

### **1. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Departmental Matters

#### **A. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

- 1) Mimi Hall, Director of Public Health, addressed the Board with an updated and detailed report regarding the current cash flow conditions and potential payment delays from the State of California. She provided three cash flow scenarios which projected: 1) only cash and secure revenues from sources other than the state general fund, 2) delayed monthly overhead transfers from Public Health to the county General Fund for February and March and/or identification of a "ceiling of coverage" from the General Fund with the County acknowledging it will bear the cost of providing public health services until the state provides reimbursement, and 3) no delayed payments to local health departments as part of the state's cash flow management plan and a state budget passed on April 1, 2009.

Jack Ingstad, CAO, suggested that discussion should be based on whether Public Health should be covered by the General Fund if assured it will be reimbursed. He stated there should be flexibility and a very conservative approach. He further suggested that the Board meet with all

department heads regarding mid-year budget issues to determine further revenues and expenditures.

Consensus of the Board directing Ms. Hall to return in March with a further update.

#### **SENIOR SERVICES FURLough**

- 2) Motion by Supervisor Swofford, second by Supervisor Simpson, and carried, with Supervisor Meacher absent, to approve a request for Senior Services to close and take a furlough day on February 13, 2009.

#### **B. TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

Susan Bryant-Grant, Assistant Treasurer/Tax Collector, addressed the Board regarding the potential problem with the Washington Mutual investment. This matter had been continued from January 20, 2009. Ms. Bryant-Grant stated she had signed a bankruptcy claim on behalf of Plumas County in the matter of Washington Mutual on February 2, 2009. She noted she would be reestablishing the Investment Oversight Committee (IOC), and she submitted a proposed draft Investment Policy for the Board's review. Discussion followed.

Consensus of the Board directed this policy be brought back for further discussion, review, and possible action on February 10, 2009, and requested the CAO meet with the Plumas County Auditor to review the proposed Investment Policy and bring back a recommendation to the Board.

#### **C. MENTAL HEALTH**

##### **RESOLUTION 09-7534 RE: PLUMAS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Simpson to adopt Resolution No. 09-7534 to approve hiring an open position for Quality Assurance Coordinator/Mental Health Therapist I or II. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Meacher. Carried and so ordered.

#### **D. SOCIAL SERVICES**

Elliott Smart, Director of Social Services, presented to the Board his department's 2008 Annual Service Review. He noted that foster care was the largest cost to the department's realignment dollars. He further noted that with the economic downturn, more services were being requested. Discussion followed. The Board commended Mr. Smart for his comprehensive report and backup materials.

#### **E. MUSEUM**

- 1) Scott Lawson, Museum Director, reported to the Board on Museum activities and reasoning for his request for a change in Museum hours. Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Simpson, and carried, with Supervisor Meacher absent, to allow the temporary change of hours of Museum operations from Monday-Saturday 8-5 to Monday-Friday, 8-5; and have public hours of 9a.m. to 4:30p.m. Monday-Friday, due to shortage of staff and need for training of temporary help.
- 2) Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Simpson, and carried, to allow temporary help at Museum to work past current 60-day limit in this fiscal year until full time replacement can be made.

#### **2. DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- A. Jeff Cunan, Plumas County District Attorney, made a presentation to the Board for approval of the re-organization of his Victim Witness department. Discussion followed. Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Swofford, and carried, with Supervisor Meacher absent, to approve the request to shift the vacant 0.50 FTE of the Victim Witness Secretary to the part-time (0.75 each) Victim Witness Coordinator and Victim Witness Advocate.

- B. RESOLUTION 09-7535: RE: RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PLUMAS COUNTY POSITION ALLOCATION FOR BUDGET YEAR 2008-2009**

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt Resolution No. 09-7535 amending the Plumas County Position Allocation for Budget year 2008-2009. AYES: Supervisors

Swofford, Simpson, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Meacher. Carried and so ordered.

**3. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**A. INTERIM FAIR MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

Motion by Supervisor Simpson, second by Supervisor Swofford to authorize the Chair to sign an Agreement for Professional Services between the County and William Powers as Interim Fair Manager. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Olsen, and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: Supervisor Meacher. Carried and so ordered.

Supervisor Meacher is present.

**B. Weekly report by Board members:**

Supervisor Swofford reported on meetings attended: Air Quality, RCRC, General Plan, Flood Control and meeting with Portola City Manager regarding woodstove replacement.

Supervisor Simpson reported on speaking to Rotary, and meeting with contacts in state government.

Supervisor Thrall reported on meeting with Assemblyman Logue regarding new state septic requirements.

Supervisor Meacher reported on meetings attended: RCRC, Stewardship Council, and various watershed committees

**C. Appointments**

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Simpson and carried to appoint the slate of nominees as presented.

**PORTOLA CEMETERY DISTRICT**

Appoint Edward Patrick Fruchtenicht to the Portola Cemetery District

**PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR BOARD**

Appoint Robert J. Abbott to the Plumas-Sierra County Fair Board

**PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Appoint Larry Williams to the Plumas County Planning Commission representing Dist. 4

**PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Appoint Frank Stewart to the Plumas County Coordinating Council

**FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Appoint Richard Fish to the Plumas County Fish & Game Advisory Commission, representing Dist. 1

**4. THE FERGUSON GROUP**

Kristi More, representative for The Ferguson Group, gave a presentation and review of upcoming federal legislation before Congress including the economic stimulus package. She noted the lobbying efforts on behalf of Plumas County and the economic results of those efforts. She urged the Board to renew its contract with The Ferguson Group due to the current economic stimulus package before Congress and the possibilities it presented to Plumas County. She noted in particular the energy package in this bill which contained \$50 million to rural counties. Discussion followed which included the funding for this contract. CAO, Jack Ingstad, clarified for the Board that Professional Services could fund this contract with the understanding that the Professional Services account, with anticipated overages, might have to draw from the General Fund at a later date. Further discussion was held.

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen for renewal of the contract with The Ferguson Group from February 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, and authorize Chair to sign. AYES: Supervisors Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: Supervisors Swofford and Simpson. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**5. ALMANOR BASIN WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Aaron Seandel, ABWAC member, gave a report and recommendation to the Board regarding Lake Almanor water quality monitoring and the committee's request for proposals. Discussion followed. Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried to authorize the Plumas

County Flood Control District to prepare, release, and manage a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a 2009 water quality monitoring program for Lake Almanor.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen and carried to remove consent agenda item 6D2-Flood Control, Sitting as the Plumas Watershed Forum from the consent agenda to allow for discussion and possible action.

Motion by Supervisor Swofford, second by Supervisor Simpson to approve the following consent agenda matters. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered. **Consent Agenda matter 6D2-Flood Control, sitting as the Plumas Watershed Forum is removed from the Consent Agenda to allow for discussion.**

**A. COUNTY COUNSEL**

- 1) **RESOLUTION 09-7540**, to allow the Plumas County Superior Court to administer and provide services through the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (also referred to as Proposition 36 or SACPA).
- 2) **RESOLUTION 09-7536**, to approve conflict of interest codes adopted or amended by local districts and agencies in Plumas County.
- 3) **RESOLUTION 09-7537**, to readopt the conflict of interest code for Plumas County.

**B. CLERK OF THE BOARD**

Approve Board Minutes for January, 2009

**C. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

- 1) Approve \$34,737.94 transfer from Service & Supply account for communication equipment to fixed asset account for Communication Equipment.
- 2) **RESOLUTION 09-7538**, allowing the Sheriff's Office to apply for and administer grant funding from the California Department of state Parks and Recreation for OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) related patrol activities within the County.
- 3) Approve and authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$20,683.00 from Dept. 70356 (Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund) to Dept. 70330 (Sheriff's Dept.) to cover shortage in overtime and other wages account.

**D. FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Brian Morris**

- 1) **Sitting as the governing Board of the Flood Control & Water Conservation District**  
Authorize expenditures on contract with Rain for Rent in excess of \$10,000.00 for temporary water tank rental for Lake Davis water treatment plant project.
- 2) **Sitting as the Plumas Watershed Forum**  
Discussion and direction to staff regarding reallocation of unspent project funds from the Meadow Valley restoration projects to perform additional related work in Meadow Valley and on Spanish Creek.

**At the request of Brian Morris, Flood Control General Manager, this matter is removed from the consent agenda to allow for discussion and possible action. Ayes: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. Noes: None. Absent: None.**

**Sitting as the Board of Directors of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

**Brian Morris, General Manager of the Flood Control District, reported that the Plumas Watershed Forum Core Technical Advisory Committee (CORE TAC) had reviewed a**

request from Feather River Coordinated Resource Management to reallocate unspent funds from two projects in Meadow Valley to other work in Meadow Valley and on Spanish Creek. The other members of the CORE TAC did not support the request, and the consensus of the CORE TAC was to return the unspent funds to the unallocated account and proceed under normal procedures to solicit proposals for \$150,000.00 of Majority/A fund projects.

No action was taken by the Board of Directors.

#### **E. PUBLIC HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and direct the Chair to sign the Declaration of Intent to authorize the CDPH to administer the County's EMSA allocation through the EMSA Contract Back Program for FY 2008-2009.
- 2) Authorize and designate the Director of Public Health to extend the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Plumas and Plumas County Children and Families Commission to April 10, 2010, as allowed in the biannual agreement.
- 3) Accept and approve the Annual Plumas County Children's medical Services (CMS) Plan and Budget for FY 2008-2009, direct the Chair to sign the Certification Statements, and Authorize the Director of Public Health to sign subsequent Children's Medical Services (CMS) Budget and related documents as the Board designee.

#### **7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The matter of filling the Treasurer/Tax Collector position was continued to February 10, 2009.

#### **8. PUBLIC WORKS**

- A. Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works, provides the Board with a proposal to close certain solid waste transfer stations during certain days. Discussion followed. Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Swofford and carried to adopt the proposal to close certain solid waste transfer stations on Tuesdays from December 1 through March 31 of each year.
- B. **RESOLUTION 09-7539 RE: APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD TIRE CLEAN-UP AND/OR AMNESTY GRANT**  
Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Swofford to adopt Resolution 09-7539 for the approval to Apply for the California Integrated Waste Management Board Tire Clean-up and/or Amnesty Grant Program. AYES: Supervisors Swofford, Simpson, Meacher, Olsen and Thrall. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

##### **COUNTY COUNSEL**

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9.

- *White v. County of Plumas*, Plumas County Superior Court Case No. 27572
- *Peter v. State of California, et al.*, USDC Eastern District Case No. 2:08-CV-02465-FCD-DAD
- *Cunha/Cappleman v. County of Plumas*, Plumas County Superior Court Case No. 25903
- *High Sierra Rural Alliance v. County of Plumas, et al.*, Plumas County Superior Court Case No. CV08-00117
- *McMorrow v. County of Plumas*, Plumas County Superior Court Case No. 28461

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- Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Operating Engineers Local #3, Sheriff's Department Employees Association, Confidential Employees, and Un-represented Department Heads.
- Public employee appointment or employment – County Counsel

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourns at 5:30 p.m. to meet again on February 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. as the Community Development Commission and at 10:00 a.m. as the Board of Supervisors for all purposes.

I, C. CASKIE, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

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C. Caskie, Deputy Clerk of the Board