



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

William Powers, Vice Chair, 1st District
Robert A. Meacher, 2nd District
Sharon Thrall, 3rd District
Rose Comstock, Chair, 4th District
Ole Olsen, 5th District

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON DECEMBER 16, 2008

STANDING ORDERS

ROLL CALL

The meeting is called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Supervisors William Powers, Sharon Thrall, Robert Meacher Ole Olsen and Chair Rose Comstock present.

INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Kelly Stane offers the invocation and Supervisor Comstock leads the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Michael Callahan, representing Gold Mountain CSD, addresses the Board. Gold Mountain CSD has exhausted their reserves and due to bankruptcy situation at Gold Mountain, they are unable to obtain funding. Gold Mountain CSD will request a ten-year loan for \$425,000 from Plumas County to replace the reserves. Mr. Callahan gives an overview of projects completed by the CSD to comply with requirements of the County.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation and Recognition to Supervisor Powers and Supervisor Comstock for their dedicated service to the people of Plumas County.

ACTION AGENDA

1. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Departmental Matters

ASSESSOR

Motion by Supervisor Meacher and second by Supervisor Powers to approve the request to appropriate \$24,000 from the General Fund Contingency to Other Wages for FY 2008-2009. AYES: Supervisors Powers, Thrall, Meacher, Olsen and Comstock. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Powers and carried to approve the request to close the Treasurer/Tax Collector Office on December 26, 2008 to allow staff to furlough.

PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

Motion by Supervisor Olsen and second by Supervisor Powers to approve the request to appropriate \$798 from the General Fund Contingency to General Fund Contributions for FY 2008-2009 Counties Local Emergency Medical Services Agency contract. AYES: Supervisors Powers, Thrall, Meacher, Olsen and Comstock. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

2. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**CHAIR PRO-TEM**

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Meacher and carried to appoint Supervisor Thrall as Chair Pro-Tem on January 06, 2009.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATION TO TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Presentation of *Resolution of Appreciation and Congratulations* to Ginny Dunbar, Treasurer/Tax Collector.

LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE, CONTRACT

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried authorizing the County Administrative Officer to execute a Professional Services Contract with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for an additional \$20,000.

Supervisor Meacher leaves the Boardroom due to a conflict of interest.

PACIFIC FOREST AND WATERSHED LANDS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, PROPOSAL

Stewardship Council - Submission of Concept Proposal for Bucks Lake

Upon report and recommendation of Brian Morris, Manager, motion by Supervisor Powers, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried authorizing staff to continue to work with the other donees to submit a concept proposal to the Stewardship Council.

Discussion is held regarding the CA. PUC decision: 08-11-043 Re Approving, with Modifications, All-Party Settlement Agreement between PG&E, DRA, County of Plumas, Bucks Lake Homeowners Assoc., et al., David Albrecht and Alice Rothlind.

Supervisor Meacher returns to the Boardroom.

RESOLUTION 08-7519 RE: PEARCE RANCH CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Motion by Supervisor Meacher and second by Supervisor Thrall to adopt Resolution 08-7519, expressing support for the Pearce Ranch Conservation Easement. AYES: Supervisors Powers, Thrall, Meacher, Olsen and Comstock. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried authorizing the Chair to submit a letter to the Plumas County Grand Jury responding to the 2007-2008 Grand Jury report in regard to public safety, law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office.

INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Informational announcements by Supervisor Meacher include RCRC; CSAC Annual Conference; CSAC-EIA Executive Committee appointment.

Informational announcements by Supervisor Olsen include CSAC Annual Conference.

Informational announcements by Supervisor Comstock include Sierra Nevada Conservancy; CSAC Annual Conference.

Informational announcements by Supervisor Powers include CSAC Annual Conference.

3. COUNTY COUNSEL

PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES INVOICES – COTA COLE & ASSOCIATES, INTERIM COUNTY COUNSEL

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried to approve and authorize the Auditor/Controller to pay invoices for \$15,465.92 as defined by the County Administrative Officer for legal services provided by Cota Cole & Associates and Jones & Mayer, Interim County Counsel outside the monthly retainer for October, November and December 2008; and authorize Supervisor Meacher, Supervisor Thrall, Risk Manager, CAO and County Counsel to review disputed issues as outlined in the invoices.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE RE: INCREASE SOLID WASTE FEES – FEATHER RIVER DISPOSAL

This matter is before the Board for revision of County Code §6-10.207, to increase solid waste fees for the franchise areas in the jurisdictions of Feather River Disposal, Inc.

Following discussion, the public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing remains open and is continued to January 06, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Thrall and second by Supervisor Powers to approve the following consent agenda matter. AYES: Supervisors Powers, Thrall, Meacher, Olsen and Comstock. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approve expenditures from Community Services Funds

Department 20720 – Supervisor Meacher

Westwood Sanitation - Donation (Fourth of July Parade events) \$611.67

B. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

1) Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract with County Health Officer, Valeska Armisen, M.D., and authorize Chair to sign. Approved as to form by County Counsel.

2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement with Steve Tolen as the Local HRSA Project Coordinator for Plumas County. Approved as to form by County Counsel.

C. ENGINEERING

Approve final release of bonding for Whitehawk Ranch, Phase VIII, Unit I.

D. ASSESSOR

RESOLUTION 08-7520, amending Resolution 89-4346, \$700 Property Exemption from Unsecured Roll (Section 155.2 of the Revenue & Taxation Code).

E. ANIMAL SERVICES

Budget transfer from Facility Services for \$2,000 for security system at the Animal Shelter.

F. SHERIFF

RESOLUTION 08-7521, authorizing the Sheriff to sign a contract with the State Department of Boating & Waterways for purchase of a patrol boat motor and approve supplemental budget for \$18,400.

G. SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Social Services to execute a contract with Mountain Circle Family Services and Environmental Alternatives for Transitional Housing Program-Plus. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Director of Social Services to sign Interim Assistance Reimbursement Agreement with the California Department of Social Services. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Authorization for continued lease of office space located in the Department of Social Services to the Nevada-Sierra Public Authority, and authorize the Chair to sign the Lease Agreement. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 4) Approve and authorize the Director of Social Services to sign contract with Plumas crisis Intervention and Resource Center to provide Independent Living Program Services and Emancipated Youth Stipends. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 5) Approve and authorize the Director of Social Services to sign contracts to carry out designated activities associated with the Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project. Approved as to form by County Counsel.

H. CRITICAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION 08-7522, amendments to the Position Allocation for FY 2008-2009.

I. PUBLIC WORKS

- 1) **RESOLUTION** 08-7523, concurring with the Almanor Regional Transportation Assessment (ARTA).
- 2) Authorize execution of a Materials Purchase Agreement for Carbide Cutting Edges. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Authorize execution of Materials Purchase Agreement for Propane Products. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 4) Authorize execution of Materials Purchase Agreement for Unleaded Gasoline, Clear Diesel and Furnace Oil Products. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 5) Authorize execution of a Purchase Order for Specialty Tire Chains. Approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 6) Authorize execution of a Purchase Order for Truck Tire Chains. Approved as to form by County Counsel.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

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

**6. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
ECONOMIC STUDY DRAFT ANALYSIS**

This matter is removed from the agenda as requested by the Department of Fish & Game.

Supervisor Olsen leaves the Boardroom due to a conflict of interest.

7. PLUMAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Sitting as the Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Board

LAKE DAVIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Powers and carried to uphold the recommendation of staff as follows:

1. Agreement to 50-50 cost-share for three-phase power upgrade
2. Inclusion of tank work if construction contingency is sufficient
3. Reservation of excess construction contingency or pipeline funds to meet any commitment to the three-phase power upgrade

Supervisor Olsen returns to the Boardroom.

8. CRITICAL STAFFING COMMITTEE

VACANT POSITION

This matter is removed from the agenda.

9. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES – CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion by Supervisor Olsen, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried to approve the proposed contract extension to continue public defender services through May 31, 2009.

PLUMAS SUPERIOR COURT MOU FY 2008-2009

Motion by Supervisor Meacher, second by Supervisor Olsen and carried to approve the 2008/2009 Memorandum of Understanding with Plumas County Superior Court, and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign.

FAIR & EVENT CENTER MANAGER

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Powers, second by Supervisor Thrall and carried to approve the Job Description for the position of Fair & Event Center Manager of the Plumas-Sierra County Fair, as recommended by the Fair Committee and as amended; and direct Human Resources to advertise to fill the vacant position.

ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

Supervisor Olsen entertains discussion regarding the environmental movement and how it affects personal lives, local government, the state and the nation.

URGENCY MATTER – COUNTY COUNSEL

HIGH SIERRA RURAL ALLIANCE V. COUNTY OF PLUMAS (MCMORROW) – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Dennis Cota, Interim County Counsel brings this matter before the Board for consideration of an urgency matter seeking authorization for legal services outside the monthly retainer with Cota Cole & Associates.

Following brief discussion, the Board does not deem this matter urgency and no action is taken.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session as follows:

COUNTY COUNSEL

Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation.

- Number of cases (1) for which disclosure of name would jeopardize existing settlement negotiations

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, January 06, 2009, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.

I, NANCY L. DAFORNO, CLERK OF THE BOARD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING MINUTES OF SAID MEETING OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2008 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board