

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
HELD IN QUINCY ON FEBRUARY 13, 2007**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Jack McLaughlin addresses the Board with concerns in regards to the US Forest Services and logging sales.

John Sheehan, representing Plumas Corporation presents the Board with an update on advertised housing process in Plumas County.

**4. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
WOODSTOVE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

This matter is continued to February 20, 2007.

**6. AGRICULTURE  
PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION 07-7358/ORDINANCE RE: MASTER FEE SCHEDULE**

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed.

Motion is made by Supervisor Powers and seconded by Supervisor Thrall to adopt Resolution No. 07-7358, amending portions of the Master Fee Schedule establishing Device registration Fees for the Plumas-Sierra County Department of Agriculture and Sealer of Weights and Measures; and first reading of an Ordinance, amending Ordinance No. 93-805 as provided for by Business and Professions Code Section 12240, et seq. and AB 889. AYES: Supervisors Thrall, Meacher, Powers and Olsen. NOES: Supervisor Comstock. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered. The title of the Ordinance is read and continued to February 20, 2007 for adoption.

Supervisor Comstock is opposed because she believes a message should be sent to the State Legislature requesting they fund the mandate program for inspecting and testing devices before taking action to increase fees.

**7. SOCIAL SERVICES  
TRENDS REPORT**

Presentation by Elliott Smart, Director of Social Services of Trends Report for quarter ending December 30, 2006. The report provides information regarding public assistance caseloads and workload trends for services that are offered by the Department of Social Services.

**8. 2002 RESOURCES BOND ACT – PROP 40 PER CAPITA GRANT  
STATUS REPORT**

Presentation by Robert Hiss regarding Prop 40 Per Capita Grant projects.

**RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDING – SLOAT TOWNE HALL**

Following discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Meacher and seconded by Supervisor Comstock to re-allocate \$15,500 from District 5 monies not encumbered for Rodeo Trail project to Sloat Towne Hall project to meet ADA compliance. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

## **9. SHERIFF**

### **SHERIFF WALK-A-LONG PROGRAM-REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

This matter is before the Board for appropriation of \$13,926 from the General Fund Contingency to cover costs necessary to implement the proposed Walk-A-Long program. The program is recommended by the Board and the purpose is to allow citizen's the opportunity to accompany deputy sheriffs during foot patrols of various events held throughout the county. The costs for the Sheriff's Office include 40 polo shirts, 40 ID card holders, advertising expenses, office supplies, live-scan fees and overtime expenses. There is discussion by the Board.

Jack Ingstad, CAO is opposed to the request and recommends that any new programs be funded within the existing Sheriff's budget. Mr. Ingstad further recommends use of salary savings to fund the program.

Following further discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Thrall directing the Sheriff to work with the CAO to obtain funding within the existing budget to fund the Walk-A-Long program; review High Sierra Music Festival organization contract fees; and return to the Board if needed. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Supervisor Comstock offers to donate \$1,300 from District 4 Community Services Funds to cover costs for the polo shirts and ID cards. The Sheriff is directed to send a letter requesting a donation, as required, to the Clerk of the Board to be placed on the Board agenda.

### **PURCHASE OF FIXED ASSETS (TWO VEHICLES/RADIO-MOBILE)**

The Sheriff brings this matter before the Board requesting to appropriate \$57,602 from Sheriff AB443-Repeater Equip/Install and approval to purchase fixed assets (two additional patrol vehicles and radio-mobile for vehicle). There is discussion by the Board.

Jack Ingstad, CAO is opposed to the request and reminds the Board of importance to deal with such requests during budget hearings. Mr. Ingstad further states that there are a number of departments looking to replace vehicles and recommends that any requests outside the budget cycle are for emergency purposes only.

Michael Beatley, Assistant Sheriff, presents his case to the Board. The Sheriff currently has two vehicles that are in need of repair, have high mileage and are not suitable or safe for use by deputies. Mr. Beatley informs the Board that the Risk Manager has confirmed the vehicle replacement meets safety criteria.

Supervisor Powers recommends that any requests for replacement of vehicles include costs to repair vehicles being replaced.

Following further discussion, motion is made by Supervisor Meacher, seconded by Supervisor Powers and carried, with Supervisors Comstock and Thrall opposing, to appropriate \$57,602 from Sheriff AB443-Repeater Equip/Install and approval to purchase fixed assets (two additional patrol vehicles and radio-mobile for vehicle) because of emergency safety situation as stated by Sheriff.

The Board agrees with the CAO in regards to budget issues and requests a full understanding of all vehicles, to include costs for repair, mileage, replacement requests, etc. during budget hearings.

Supervisors Comstock and Thrall are opposed to replacement of vehicles outside of the budget cycle.

## **10. ADVOCATION**

## **2007 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND PRIORITIES**

Presentation by Wes Lujan, representing Advocation Inc. of 2007 state legislative agenda and priorities.

### **CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried for renewal of contract with Advocation Inc. for legislative advocacy services for the calendar year 2007, and authorize the Chair to sign.

### **11. PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES**

#### **GENERAL PLAN DEFICIENCIES**

At the request of Jonathan Schnal, Director of Planning & Building Services, this matter is continued to February 20, 2007.

#### **REQUEST OF SOPER WHEELER TO WAIVE APPEAL FEE**

Soper Wheeler Company withdraws their request to waive the appeal fee of \$770 for appeal of Zoning Administrator's decision of October 18, 2005 regarding the Spanish Ranch historic area review.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR (DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN SPANISH RANCH)**

Presentation by Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner regarding appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision and proposal to demolish six dwellings (currently unoccupied) located in Spanish Ranch, Meadow Valley and designated Historical Buildings in the Plumas County General Plan. Zoning Administrator's decision of October 18, 2005 was that additional information was required before demolition permits could be issued. The project needs CEQA review, report from "qualified historian".

The public hearing is opened. Various members of the public address the Board opposed to the decision of the Zoning Administrator and request Board approval to demolish the subject buildings. There are members of the public opposed to the decision of the Zoning Administrator although concerned with future development if the subject buildings are demolished. Various members of the public and current residents occupying buildings owned by Soper Wheeler address the Board concerned that their homes will eventually be demolished.

Aimee Chudy, a member of the public addresses the Board in favor of the Zoning Administrator's decision and further states that if the decision is overturned, the County would not be complying with State laws.

John McMorrow, representing Soper Wheeler addresses the Board. It is requested that the Board approve demolition of the six subject buildings, direct staff to determine significance of historic areas of the property; select two properties in addition to the main house within Spanish Ranch for review of historic properties; and any buildings not determined historic may be demolished when vacated.

Scott Lawson, Museum Director addresses the Board concerned that neglect of property is not a reason to demolish historic property. Mr. Lawson is concerned that if approved, precedence may be set throughout the county.

There being no further comment, the public hearing is closed and before the Board for decision.

Following discussion by the Board, motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Meacher and carried, with Supervisors Thrall and Powers opposing, to overturn the decision of the Zoning Administrator and uphold the appeal as follows:

- Approve demolition of properties in Spanish Ranch with addresses of 283 Kellogg Road, 321 Kellogg Road, 397 Kellogg Road, 112 Tram Way, 779 Spanish Ranch Road, and 6075 Bucks Lake Road.

- Direct the County to evaluate the historical significance of the remaining structures and select the two most representative samples of the historic lifestyle of the area in addition to the main house for presentation.
- Upon selection, Soper Wheeler Company shall make those buildings, in the event they become vacant, available for restoration by the appropriate scientific, educational, or cultural agency.
- Buildings not selected as representative of the historical character of the area may be demolished in the event they become vacant and are determined by the owner uneconomical to bring up to present-day code standards.

This action would serve to allow preservation of the most representative samples of the historic character of Spanish Ranch consistent with the General Plan, while balancing the necessity to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock and seconded by Supervisor Meacher that any future demolition permits are based upon evaluation of the historical significance. The historian that does the report will be subject to approval of the Museum Director, Planning Department and Soper Wheeler. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher and Olsen. NOES: Supervisor Powers. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

## **12. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER**

Motion is made by Supervisors Powers, seconded by Supervisor Thrall and unanimously carried to appoint Tom Frady as Interim Chief Probation Officer and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the Employment Contract, effective February 07, 2007.

### **APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS STATUS REPORT/MONTHLY STAFF MEETING**

Report and update by Jack Ingstad, CAO regarding Appointed Department Heads Status Reports and update on Monthly Staff Meeting. The Status Reports will be posted on the internet for review. Mr. Ingstad thanks all Appointed Department Heads for their help and cooperation.

### **AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried to approve the revised Airport Capital Improvement Plan for Rogers Field, Beckwourth-Nervino Airport, and Gansner Field.

## **13. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Informational announcements by members of the Board of Supervisors regarding issues related to County Government.

## **14. COUNTY COUNSEL CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meets in closed session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel.

- Real Property Negotiations. (APN : 100-062-002, 110-110-010)
- Potential Liability

## **15. PLUMAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meets in closed session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel (Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9(a)) *Planning and Conservation League v. Department of Water Resources*.

## **16. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Thrall and unanimously carried to approve the following consent agenda items.

### **A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Approval of expenditures from Community Services Funds.

#### **Department 20730 – Supervisor Thrall**

Sierra Hospice – Donation (Forget Me Not Thrift Store)	\$1,000.00
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#### **Department 20740 – Supervisor Comstock**

Feather River College – Donation (Fundraiser “Tough Enough to Wear Pink”)	\$1,000.00
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#### **Department 20750 – Supervisor Olsen**

Johnsville Jr. Ski Team – Donation	\$ 500.00
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### **B. LIBRARY**

Supplemental budget for \$6,000 (\$1,000-Donations, and \$5,000-California State Library).

### **C. PUBLIC WORKS**

Supplemental budget for \$1,055 for receipt of unanticipated revenue from Recycled Oil Grant (reimbursement for work at County Fair and County Picnic).

## **17. APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **18. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **19. LEGISLATION UPDATE**

None.

## **URGENCY ITEM – ELECTIONS**

### **SB 113 – 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDING**

Motion is made by Supervisor Meacher and seconded by Supervisor Powers to add this matter to the agenda as an urgency item because the need for action was not apparent prior to the posting of the agenda. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers and Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Motion is made by Supervisor Comstock, seconded by Supervisor Powers and unanimously carried to support a request from Kathleen Williams, Clerk/Recorder for State funds to conduct the additional Presidential Primary in February 2008. The request will include language in SB 113 that would require reimbursement to counties for costs incurred.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourns at 5:15 p.m. to meet again on February 20, 2007 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, 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2007 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

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Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board

