

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD IN QUINCY ON OCTOBER 16, 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 Comstock leads the flag salute.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

None.

4. PLUMAS COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS COMMENT PERIOD

None.

**5. GREENHORN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION 07-7424 RE: WATER STANDBY ASSESSMENT**

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed. Motion by Supervisor Powers and second by Supervisor Meacher to adopt Resolution No. 07-7424, of the Greenhorn Creek Community Services District continuing the Water Standby Assessment at the same rate for FY 2007-2008. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTION 07-7425 RE: CDBG PROGRAM**

The public hearing is opened. There being no comment, the public hearing is closed. Motion by Supervisor Comstock and second by Supervisor Powers to adopt Resolution No. 07-7425, approving an Application for Funding and the execution of a Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto from the Planning/Technical Assistance Allocation of the State CDBG Program (Quincy Affordable Housing Study; Affordable Housing Strategy; Greenville Hydro Electric Power Generation Study; Downtown Chester Revitalization Plan). AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

**7. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES**

Following discussion by the Board, motion by Supervisor Comstock, second by Supervisor Powers and carried to approve an application process for public member appointment to advisory Boards and Commissions; direct the Clerk of the Board to separate advisory Boards and Commissions from Commissions and Committees established by state code; further direct the Clerk of the Board to generate a countywide application form and process; and further direct the Clerk of the Board to work with County Counsel to develop Policies and Procedures for Boards or Commissions; and return to the Board with a Resolution readopting and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for Plumas County to include any new Boards or Commissions.

**8. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLOSED SESSION**

The Board meets in closed session from 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Department Employees Association.

NOON RECESS

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

Introduction of Randy Wilson, Director of Planning.

9. PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

RESOLUTION 07-7426 RE: SPACE SUBVENTION ACT, APPLICATION

Motion by Supervisor Meacher and second by Supervisor Powers to adopt Resolution 07-7426, authorizing the County Administrative Officer to sign application and other documents concerning Open Space Subvention Act. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT NO. 52 – BONTA RANCH

At the request of Supervisor Powers, this matter is continued to November 06, 2007.

RESOLUTION 07-7427 RE: WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT – ROBERTI

Motion by Supervisor Powers and second by Supervisor Meacher to adopt Resolution No. 07-7427, rescinding Williamson Act Contract No. 11 and 103, and creating new Williamson Act Contract No. 11 and 103, make the required findings in order to facilitate a Lot Line Adjustment (Roberti 1991 Family trust and other Robertis) APN 010-070-038 & APN 010-070-048. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

RESOLUTION 07-7429 RE: WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT – GOODWIN/BRADLEY

Motion by Supervisor Powers and second by Supervisor Thrall to adopt Resolution No. 07-7429, rescinding Williamson Act Contract No. 06 and 69, and creating new Williamson Act Contract No. 06 and 69, making the required findings in order to facilitate a Lot Line Adjustment (George Goodwin Family Limited Partnership and David H. Bradley) APN 010-030-011 and APN 010-050-006, 016, 019. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION 610, EQUINE COMBINING ZONE, GREENHORN

Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner brings this matter before the Board for establishment of the Equine Combining Zone and to consider applying that zone to the Greenhorn Ranch subdivision, with the provision that animals be allowed subject to the issuance of a special use permit.

The public hearing is opened. Various residents of Greenhorn subdivision address the Board in favor of the Equine Combining Zone and request the Board uphold staff recommendation. Members include Kris Parton, Candy Miller, Jane McCallister, Larry Zeiner, Dana Galloway, Alice Kirk, Amanda Kirk, Dan Jackson, Debbie Hockaday and Brian Morris. There is no opposition to the proposed zoning. There being no further comment, the public hearing is closed.

Following discussion by the Board, motion by Chairman Olsen and second by Supervisor Meacher to adopt Negative Declaration No. 610 and uphold the recommendation of Planning as follows:

Approve the establishment of the Equine Combining Zone (E). Allow the personal use of horse on lots one-this acre or more, subject to the issuance of a special use permit, due to the reasons discussed in Negative Declaration 610; make the determination that one-this acre lots will be determined by using a net acreage figure, not gross (including roads and easements) as this method has been historically used in single family residential zones; direct staff to return with ordinance and maps; and do not waive the fee for special use permits, as the potential loss to the County is substantial, with the possibility of grouping special use permit applications for processing with one fee.

AYES: Supervisors Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: Supervisor Comstock. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered.

Supervisor Comstock is opposed because she believe the zone change should be countywide and not specific to Greenhorn Ranch subdivision.

10. COUNTY COUNSEL

NAMING COUNTY BUILDINGS, POLICY

Following discussion, motion by Supervisor Comstock, second by Supervisor Powers and carried to adopt the following policy in regard to naming county facilities:

1. The naming of County buildings and other County facilities shall be done only by the Board of Supervisors, by resolution adopted by majority vote.
2. Names can be based on location, function, historical events, organizations or individuals; however preference will be given to names based on location or function. If a name is based on a person, the individual must have been deceased for at least one year and should have a significant contribution to public service or the betterment of Plumas County.
3. Nomination to change the name of a County building must be made by a Board member, and each nomination must be accompanied by three endorsement letters.
4. A building may not be named after any individual presently in elected office or serving as a County employee. An individual must be out of elective office or county employment for at least one year before their name can be nominated. Nominations can be made for persons who are alive or deceased. If the individual is deceased, their nomination can only be considered at a point one year following their death.
5. After a nomination is received, the Board would in open session, describe the building, park or facility to be named and announce the date of the future Board meeting when a determination of the name would be made.
6. Prior to the posting of the agenda, additional proposed names may be submitted to the Clerk of the Board by other supervisors, supported by at least three letters of endorsement.
7. In open session, the proposed names would be discussed.
8. Final action of the Board requires a Resolution adopted by majority vote.

The Board agrees to take nominations for naming the commercial building located at the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds on November 06, 2007. Any proposed names shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX/SALES TAX, INCREASE

Discussion is held regarding whether the County should have the electorate decide whether to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and/or an increase in sales tax.

Following discussion and upon recommendation of Jack Ingstad, CAO, this matter is continued to December 04, 2007 for report and update on mid-year budget, calendar for public hearing notice dates, etc. At that time the Board will consider scheduling a workshop regarding this matter.

TAX INCREMENT POLICY

This matter is before the Board for consideration of a proposed new methodology for tax increment exchange. This methodology was discussed during negotiations with Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District and with Gold Mountain CSD. The County tax negotiating committee (Supervisor Powers, Supervisor Thrall and County Counsel) believes this new methodology could perhaps be used in the interim until a final policy is established.

Discussion is held by the Board. Supervisor Comstock questions why the current policy is being changed and questions when a tax negotiating committee was formed by the Board.

Supervisor Powers believes the new methodology for tax increment exchange is a means to begin conversation with Special Districts and to move forward with negotiations. Supervisor Thrall concurs and informs the Board that all annexations within District 3 are currently at a stand still and Special District representatives are refusing to negotiate.

Supervisor Comstock requests a continuance for further discussion and to include a copy of the policy previously adopted by the Board.

Following further discussion, motion by Supervisor Comstock and second by Supervisor Powers to approve in concept the transfer of increment to the Gold Mountain CSD. AYES: Supervisors Comstock, Thrall, Meacher, Powers, Olsen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. Carried and so ordered. A public hearing will be noticed and continued to November 06, 2007 for adoption of a resolution.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation: Number of cases 1

11. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Comstock has been contacted by a constituent questioning why the Treasurer/Tax Collector and the Auditor/Controller are charging taxpayers a \$2.50 administrative fee for handling tax bills.

Supervisors Powers attended the Lake Davis Steering Committee meeting. The recent disbursement of chemicals in Lake Davis for eradication of northern pike is already degrading.

Supervisor Powers attended a meeting with the Administrative Office of the Courts and reports the new Superior Court in Portola is scheduled to be open by the year 2010.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

CLOSED SESSION

The Board meets in closed session from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for conference with Risk Manager regarding anticipated litigation.

Number of cases involving significant exposure to litigation - 5

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Approve expenditures from Community Services Funds.

Department 20710 – Supervisor Powers

Plumas Rural Services – Donation (Mountain Food Security Project) \$500.00

B. COUNTY COUNSEL

Addendum and assignment of lease agreement for County property known as Chester-Rogers Field in Chester (APN 100-410-046).

C. PLUMAS-SIERRA COUNTY FAIR

Approve four-day, ten-hour work week for Fair Maintenance Staff.

D. HUMAN RESOURCES

Approve recommendation from the Critical Staffing Committee to fill positions within the Department of Public Health (1.0 FTE Health Education Specialist; 1.0 FTE Health Education Specialist or Community Outreach Coordinator).

E. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Budget transfer for \$2,486 within Fixed Assets – Department 20470 for purchase of computer.

F. ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION 07-7428, approving application for funds under the Help America Vote Act of 2002; appoint County Election Official as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute, submit, and sign all documents including, but not limited to applications necessary to complete the project; and authorize the Auditor/Controller to honor claim submitted to HAVA up to \$151,163 and apply reimbursements from the State per direction of the County Elections Official.

14. APPOINTMENTS

None.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

16. LEGISLATION UPDATE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourns at 6:45 p.m. to meet again on November 06, 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 OCTOBER 16, 2007 ARE CORRECT AS RECORDED.

Nancy L. DaForno, Clerk of the Board