

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m.: Chair Chimenti called the Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Chimenti
District No. 2 - Supervisor Moty
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
District No. 4 - Supervisor Jones
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Matt Pontes
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Stefany Blankenship
Administrative Board Clerk - Kristin Gulling-Smith
Administrative Board Clerk - John Sitka

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Reverend Carolyn Warnemunde, Unity Church in Redding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Moty.

REGULAR CALENDAR

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 1-101
POLICY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02

County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., presented the staff report, described the proposed Board Room Rules of Order (Rules), and recommended approval. Mr. Cruse discussed additional proposed rules allowing media representatives to stand within certain areas in order to record meetings, as long as the proceedings are not blocked or disrupted.

Supervisor Baugh supported a prohibition on loud, threatening, or abusive behavior and agreed that nothing should be allowed to be hung on the walls. He opposed disallowing all signs within Chambers and requiring that all meeting attendees sit for the duration of the meeting, although he agreed that anyone standing should not block the aisles or exits.

Supervisor Jones opposed the Rules as he felt they would infringe on First Amendment rights. He discussed the possibility of a lawsuit and prior court cases that could apply. Mr. Cruse stated that there is well-established law allowing the Board to impose restrictions on public comment that disrupts or impedes the proceedings and cited precedent.

Supervisor Rickert supported the Rules and discussed the codes of conduct used by other boards on which she had been a member.

Supervisor Moty supported the addition of specified locations in Chambers for media, and suggested that additional videotaping would only be allowed from people sitting in the seats, as people standing beside the podium can be distracting and impede exit routes. He also supported allowing people to stand along the back wall of Chambers as long as they did not block the aisles or exits.

Supervisor Chimenti likewise supported allowing people to stand as long as they did not block aisles, exits, or create tripping hazards.

Public comment was opened.

An Anonymous Man discussed issues with illegal marijuana grows and requested an evening meeting.

An Anonymous Woman discussed issues with illegal marijuana grows.

Edmond Baier and Maggie Osa spoke in opposition to the Fountain Wind project.

Beth Messick Lattin opposed the Fountain Wind project and described problems she had experienced with illegal marijuana growers in the area.

An Unnamed Woman discussed inconsistencies with the COVID-19 medical guidelines.

Brenda discussed the Rules and questioned the Board's ability to interrupt speakers.

An Unnamed Man supported the Rules and Shasta County Elections' current voting process.

Bob from Redding supported the three County Supervisors facing recall and discussed Supervisor Moty's accomplishments.

An Unknown Man discussed issues with misreported facts in Redding Police Department reports, the County Supervisors allowing public display of personal information, and racist messages he received after recent Board meetings.

Derek spoke in support of allowing the outdoor growth of industrial hemp.

Jenny Pollock supported the recall effort.

Supervisor Chimenti clarified the definition of dark money according to campaign law.

Kathleen Hagensen opposed the recall effort and supported the current Elections process.

John Reese discussed recently retired Deputy Tom Moon's career and achievements and stated that the deputy had not received any acknowledgement or thanks for his service.

Supervisor Chimenti asked County Executive Officer (CEO) Matthew Pontes to follow up regarding the recognition of Deputy Moon.

Lori stated that she was not part of the recall groups, discussed perceived harassment, and alleged issues with COVID-19 vaccines.

Gary Cadd discussed the Brown Act and opposed the Rules.

Venus offered a prayer and spoke in opposition to the Rules.

Penny spoke against having to sit for long periods of time without being allowed to stand.

Jim Burnett, Regina Sharrett, an Unknown Woman, a Nameless Woman, a Nameless Man, Elizabeth Walker, an Unidentified Woman, and an Unidentified Man opposed the Rules.

Supervisor Chimenti stated that the Rules had not been voted on and had no predetermined outcome.

Monique Welin spoke on decorum and the need for assistance for those with mental health issues.

An Unspecified Man opposed the Rules, discussed issues with law enforcement, and spoke on the importance of equality for all.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, CEO Pontes confirmed that the “Shasta County Board of Supervisor Chambers” Facebook page is not an official County page and is not managed or owned by the County. CEO Pontes stated Facebook has been contacted by staff regarding the page. Supervisor Baugh stated that he had stopped checking in on Facebook using that page tag because it was not an official County page.

An Unspecified Woman discussed issues of decorum toward public speakers when Supervisors walk out of Chambers, turn off their teleconferencing screen, etc., while people are speaking.

Elissa McEuen opposed the Rules and spoke regarding a possible lawsuit if they were approved.

The following comments were received via telephone:

Tammy Kohl supported following State and Centers for Disease Control health guidelines, the current election process, and spoke about being a poll worker.

Kathy Stainbrook, an Unidentified Woman, Rory, Bruce Russell, and an Undisclosed Woman opposed the Rules.

Jill Phillips supported the Rules but suggested possible changes.

An Unspecified Man supported the Rules and questioned how decorum would interfere with freedom of speech.

Jonathan Stein, the Executive Director of California Common Cause, supported the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Cathy Darling Allen and the County’s elections process.

An Undetermined Man supported the elections process, opposed the recall effort, and suggested a vaccine incentive program.

An Innominate Woman spoke on the importance of working together.

Lori O’Connell stated that Supervisor Baugh had posted defamatory comments on his personal Facebook page and discussed manufactured concerns about election integrity.

An Undisclosed Man discussed the Grand Jury determination regarding Supervisor Moty’s actions during the Carr Fire.

An Unidentified Woman supported the recall effort and questioned the funding for Forward Shasta.

Supervisor Chimenti affirmed that Shasta Forward’s funding is a matter of public record.

Mercedes Mutard opposed the Rules, supported the recall effort, and stated that the Red, White & Blueprint docuseries is not part of the recall effort.

Mercy read from the Bible, decried the wearing of masks, and supported the recall effort.

Terry Rapoza opposed the Rules and supported the recall effort, discussed the Grand Jury determination regarding Supervisor Moty, and spoke about the allegation of “dark money” funding Shasta Forward.

Tim Saunders opposed the Rules and supported the recall effort, discussed local militia, and opposed the use of Dominion Voting Systems (Dominion) machines.

Monique Welin discussed the Grand Jury determination, the need for mental health support systems, and supported the recall effort.

Lori Bridgeford spoke about perceived issues with satirical Facebook posts and opposed the Rules.

Roger Ankeny discussed issues with Centerville Community Services Districts taking actions not voted on by its members.

Steve Woodrum talked about issues with the policies surrounding Board Chambers.

An Unnamed Teacher reported on the feelings of her students regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

Public comment was closed.

11:53 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

12:34 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

Mr. Cruse proposed changes to the Rules regarding signs, standing, and demonstrations, based on the Board discussion and in order to clarify their meaning.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Mr. Cruse stated that it is up to the Chair to determine what behavior is disruptive and gave several example of possible behavior that would impede the efficient operation of Board meetings. Mr. Cruse further stated that the Ninth Circuit decision he cited is still current law and offered to prepare a memo to the Board that would outline all currently applicable cases. Mr. Cruse clarified that members of the public would be free to criticize Board members, be loud, or use profanity, but are limited from doing so to a point that would disrupt the orderly conduct of a meeting.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Mr. Cruse explained that the intent of the proposed rule regarding recordings was to have areas defined by the Chair for representatives of the media to set up their equipment, and those areas could be clearly marked. Mr. Cruse stated that the public has the right under the Brown Act to record the proceedings, and if the Rules were adopted, they could do so while sitting in their chairs or standing along the back walls.

Supervisor Rickert supported the proposed amendments, and stated that Board meetings are not comparable to a sporting event, as they are a meeting held to conduct business.

Supervisor Chimenti expressed his support for the revised rule regarding signs, and stated that any sign directed at another citizen, regardless of any issue, would be inappropriate. He asked Mr. Cruse to include “unreasonable and excessive” in the rule regarding demonstrations, as normal expressions of emotion are fine.

Supervisor Moty made a motion to adopt the proposed Rules as amended during the discussion: No signs allowed on the walls or windows of Board Chambers or the foyer, but they may be brought into Chambers and held, whether standing or sitting, including that signs be restricted in size to 18” x 24” or smaller; standing is allowed along the back wall as long as aisles and exits are not impeded; and demonstrations of emotion that are “unreasonable and excessive”

are not allowed. He also stated that there should be no issue with someone standing briefly to take a photo and sitting back down.

Supervisor Rickert seconded the motion.

Supervisor Moty modified his motion to include that filming by the media would be allowable within an “area designated by the County Executive Officer.”

The motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Moty, Rickert, and Chimenti

NOES: Supervisors Jones and Baugh

By motion made, seconded and carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Policy Resolution No. 2021-02, as amended, which amends Administrative Policy 1-101, *Operation and Conduct of Business by the Board of Supervisors*, to establish Board Room Rules of Order. (Clerk of the Board)

(See Policy Resolution Book)

BOARD MATTERS

PROCLAMATION: ASIAN AMERICAN AND HAWAIIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2021

Supervisor Rickert read the proclamation declaring May 2021 as “Asian-American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month” in Shasta County.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Moty), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Adopted a proclamation recognizing May 2021 as Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) American Heritage Month. (Clerk of the Board)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Elissa McEuen discussed the Constitution.

An Anonymous Woman discussed the importance of good government.

Jeff Lowe discussed perceived issues with the elections process.

An Unnamed Woman discussed the elections process.

John Truitt, Director of Viva Downtown, discussed downtown Redding.

John Holsinger, an election volunteer coordinator, supported the elections process but expressed concerns with Dominion voting machines.

Cole Roberts opposed the Rules.

Supervisor Moty clarified that the Rules did not take away an individual’s right to speak or express themselves.

Sara Mintz and an Anonymous Girl spoke about the recall movement and women’s involvement in it.

Mr. Katt expressed concern about the use of Dominion voting machines and questioned where the money came from for the grant that paid for the machines.

Lori requested regular evening meetings, protested the lack of COVID-19 media briefings, opposed the Rules, and discussed peaceable protests.

An Anonymous Man discussed perceived issues with Dominion voting machines.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Rickert), and unanimously carried (except for the items concerning Casa Serenity, Inc., and Remi Vista, Inc., noted below where Supervisor Jones voted no), the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar:

Approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations by \$58,105 and revenue by \$67,498 in the Tobacco Settlement Fund's budget for the County Administrative Office. (Administrative Office)

Approved the County claims list in the amount of \$19,800, as submitted. (Auditor-Controller)

Approved the minutes of the meetings held on April 20, May 4, and May 11, 2021, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved an agreement with Exam Works Compliance Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to provide Medicare Set Aside and State Children's Health Insurance Program reporting services for the period June 16, 2021 through June 15, 2022, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Support Services-Risk Management)

Took the following actions regarding residential care home services: Approved a retroactive amendment, effective February 21, 2019, to the agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc., which changes its legal name from Casa Serenity, LLC, a California Limited Company, to Casa Serenity, Inc., a California Corporation, and increases compensation by \$45,000 for a new maximum of \$170,000 in order to serve more clients, retaining the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and approved a renewal agreement with Casa Serenity, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. Supervisor Jones voted no. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Approved a retroactive amendment, effective October 22, 2020, to the agreement with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency to provide internet access to SafeMeasures child welfare data reporting services which updates their name in the original agreement to Evident Change, retaining the maximum compensation of \$133,650 and the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, with one optional three-year renewal. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Approved an agreement with Open Line Group Homes, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to provide youth residential mental health services for eligible children for the period date of signing through June 30, 2022, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Approved a retroactive agreement with Redwood Quality Management Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to provide psychiatry services and medication support for youth for the period February 5, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Approved a renewal agreement with the Shasta County Office of Education in an amount not to exceed \$1,293,042 to administer the Child Care Bridge Program for the period July 1, 2021,

through June 30, 2022, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Approved a renewal agreement with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$159,608 to provide work related clothing and hygiene mentoring services for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program participants and Probation Department participants for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. (Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility, Probation)

Took the following actions: Approved two retroactive Certification Statements with the Children's Medical Services Branch of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in support of program plans and budgets in the amount of \$1,333,561 for the Children's Medical Services Plan and Fiscal Guidelines for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021; and approved and authorized the Health and Human Services Agency Director, or his/her designated Branch Director, to approve and sign amendments and other documents required by DHCS, including retroactive, during the term of the agreement that do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement and do not change the maximum compensation by more than \$133,356, so long as they otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health)

Took the following actions: Approved a retroactive subrecipient agreement with the County of Del Norte for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding in an amount not to exceed \$201,580.26 to provide Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing for the period June 19, 2020, through June 30, 2025; and found that the proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines. (Housing and Community Action Programs)

Approved a renewal agreement with Remi Vista, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to provide Moral Reconciliation Therapy for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with two automatic one-year renewals. Supervisor Jones voted no. (Probation)

Approved and authorized the Public Works Director to sign a Notice of Completion for the "Demolition of the Old Burney Library" Project, Contract No. 610541, and record it within 15 days of actual completion. (Public Works)

Approved a net zero budget amendment recognizing additional unanticipated revenue and increasing appropriations in the amount of \$370,000 within the CSA No. 1-County Fire budget. (County Service Area No. 1-County Fire)

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

BOARD MATTERS, CONTINUED

COUNTY CLERK/ELECTIONS

PRESENTATION: REGULATORY PROCESSES & PROCEDURES FOR ELECTIONS DOMINION VOTING MACHINES

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters Cathy Darling Allen and Steven Bennett, a Representative from Dominion Voting Systems, gave a presentation regarding the current regulatory processes and procedures required to conduct an election in California.

Ms. Darling Allen described the California voting system testing standards, explaining that they are more rigorous than federal standards for voting security. She stated that there are no modems on any precinct scanners used in the County on Election Day or for early voting. Ms. Darling Allen detailed the chain of custody requirements and the federal law requirements that each voter be able to vote independently and privately.

Ms. Darling Allen stated that the November 2020 election had a record-breaking number of registered voters and number of people voting, and that from her department's perspective, it was an extremely successful election. She explained that there were no variances during the hand count audit process and discussed the use of paper ballots, which are used for voting and auditing. Ms. Darling Allen spoke regarding the importance of poll workers. She stated that the Elections Office was livestreamed on local public access television all day on Election Day and that student journalists were present, interviewing people at polling places to provide more transparency. Ms. Darling Allen explained that the hand audit process, which took place after the polls were closed, was livestreamed on Facebook, and stated that every single batch that was hand-counted matched exactly to the machine tabulation.

Ms. Darling Allen explained that, while the database used by the County is created by the vendor, once the County receives it, the vendor has no further connection to it.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Ms. Darling Allen explained in detail the process by which ballots are issued to each polling station, inventoried, and audited before being matched to the machine tabulation. After each polling station completes this process, the ballots and memory devices from each voting machine are returned to the County Elections Office, where the devices are read, ballots are counted, tabulated, and matched that night before staff leave. She stated that the ballots and the memory devices from each voting machine are kept in a highly secure location. Ms. Darling Allen also stated that a random number generator is used to randomly select precincts for a hand count after polls close on Election night, to ensure that the tabulation system is working correctly.

In response to further questions by Supervisor Baugh, Ms. Darling Allen stated that poll workers count the actual number of ballots after each precinct closes, and if the numbers do not balance, they count again. She explained that occasionally, instructions are misunderstood or need to be updated or clarified. Ms. Darling Allen stated that everything must balance throughout the entire process and everything must be accounted for, with no exceptions.

Supervisor Jones expressed his confidence in Ms. Darling Allen and her staff, but discussed his concern that a lot of people do not have trust in Dominion, especially in other states. He discussed concerns raised in other states and the possibility that any problems found in other states' elections could cause the County to have an outside audit.

Ms. Darling Allen described the history of voting in the County and stated that, although Dominion has been bought and sold many times, Shasta County has had a longstanding relationship with the company dating back to the 1960s. She stated that the County has worked with the same core staff in the company for many years. Ms. Darling Allen pointed out that very few vendors are certified in California due to the State's rigorous testing requirements. She explained that using only hand counting would not be practical due to the complexity and length of the ballots; also, there would be no results available on Election night and the count would take an unknown length of time. Ms. Darling Allen discussed the federal requirement that the County must provide accessibility devices for people who need assistance in marking their ballots privately, and now must accommodate this both in person and remotely.

Steven Bennett, Regional Sales Manager for Dominion Voting, discussed how the company has supported Shasta County for over 50 years.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Mr. Bennett explained that Dominion uses paper ballots, which are scanned and counted. Additionally, Dominion has worked with the Department of Homeland Security since 2016 to have the best security possible to ensure there are no issues with voting systems being hacked or infiltrated. Mr. Bennett stated that all court cases regarding Dominion had been thrown out because there was no evidence behind any of the concerns. He also stated that over one thousand jurisdictions use Dominion, and none have had issues.

In response to further questions by Supervisor Jones, Mr. Bennett explained that the memory cards used in Shasta County's voting machines are encrypted and can only communicate with the voting system. This is part of the certification requirement and the security within the

system, so there is no issue with transferring data, whether via memory card, unofficial results through modems, or physically taking ballots into offices. Mr. Bennett emphasized that Dominion does not perform elections—they support Counties, which perform elections.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Mr. Bennett confirmed that the election in Georgia used Dominion machines, and stated that the original election results, the audits, and the hand counts came back the same as the original electronic count.

Supervisor Moty expressed his utmost confidence in the system used in the County and Dominion machines throughout the country, and pointed out that agencies which accused Dominion of “election irregularities” were facing defamation lawsuits.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Ms. Darling Allen stated that the total number of staff for Election Day, including poll workers, watchers, volunteers, etc., was around 450 people.

Supervisor Baugh stated that he had not seen a single instance in the County where there was a challenge to election results, and had no reason to question or challenge the system or the elections.

The Board of Supervisors recognized Ms. Darling Allen for the excellent work done by her and her staff, and Dominion for their system and the work they do with the County.

Ms. Darling Allen invited any member of the public with questions or concerns about the elections process or the voting systems used to contact the Elections Office, and encouraged community members to engage in process.

Public comment was opened.

An Anonymous Woman asked about the federal requirements that each voter be able to vote independently and privately, where the grant funding for the purchase of the voting machines came from, and whether it was a local decision to close certain polling places.

Ms. Darling Allen explained that the system has a recording feature, with headphones, and an accessibility device, which enables individuals to listen to the ballot selections. If the voter is sight-impaired, the system has large buttons, which also allow people with mobility issues to make selections. For individuals with more severe mobility issues, the system also has a sit-and-puff option. Ms. Darling Allen also explained that, in 2020, the State passed remote vote-by-mail so that people with accessibility issues who have adaptive equipment at their homes can use that equipment at home, then print out their completed ballot and mail it in, allowing them to have a paper record.

Ms. Darling Allen stated that the current contract with Dominion was signed in 2017 for an eight-year lease, and the first two years were paid with federal grant monies from the Help America Vote Act. She explained that, in 2020, the Elections Office received a grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life, from money originally donated by Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan.

Ms. Darling Allen explained that the reasons for closing polling stations can be different depending on the location, and if anyone has questions, they are welcome to call the Elections Office to find out more information.

Margaret Dominici from the Shasta County Republican Central Committee spoke in support of Ms. Darling Allen and the elections process.

Pam Crow, President of League of Women Voters, stated that the League supports Ms. Darling Allen and the County’s use of Dominion machines, and recognized Ms. Darling Allen and her staff for their work.

Elissa McEuen questioned how random samples were selected, the number of certified voting systems, audits, and the use of Dominion machines.

Ms. Darling Allen explained that a random number generator is used to select precincts for a 1% hand-counted tally after elections, but any method could be used as long as it occurred after 8:00 p.m. on Election night. She further explained that there are only three vendors certified in California, although there were more in other states, and that detailed information on the vendors and their systems are on the California Secretary of State's website.

Alice Bell, on behalf of Shasta County Citizens Advocating Respect, stated that they have full confidence in the Elections Office and described the transparency of their processes.

Joanne Roskowski, President-Elect of League of Women Voters, spoke in support of the Elections Office and described the training that poll workers must attend before each election, showing a commitment to a fair, open, and transparent process.

Steve Woodrum spoke about his experience as a poll worker, described the ballot counting procedure, encouraged people to participate in the elections process, and appreciated the professionalism and hard work of the Elections staff and volunteers.

Pam Hughes discussed the participation of community members in the elections process and the transparency, integrity, and professionalism of the elections progress.

Melissa Magaña talked about the importance of transparency, asked if the County would consider changing vendors if national results showed problems with Dominion systems, and asked about recounts.

Ms. Darling Allen explained that a recount must be requested within five days of the completion of the certification of the last election. She stated that the ballots from the last election are now sealed and cannot be opened without a court order by a judge for a recount. Ms. Darling Allen reiterated that members of the public are welcome to contact the Elections Office with any questions or concerns and invited community members to volunteer as observers or poll workers at future elections.

The following comments were received via telephone:

Dora Rose, Deputy Director of the League of Women Voters of California, supported Ms. Darling Allen and the Elections Office. She stated that Shasta County has some of the best voter outreach and information in the country and is considered a model to follow for readability and clarity on issues. She further stated that the Elections Office's commitment to serving voters, transparency, and running safe and secure elections is beyond question, and discussed the need to push back against false allegations of vote manipulation, as they cause a lack of confidence in elections.

Laurie Furley spoke in support of the Ms. Darling Allen and the Elections Office and questioned the reason for the agenda item. She also opposed the recall effort and supported following health guidelines.

Kathy Stainbrook supported looking into the integrity of Dominion machines and discussed claims of inconsistency and perceived problems in other states. She also supported voter ID requirements.

Jamie Hannigan, retired Assistant Registrar of Voters, stated that Elections staff are dedicated to conducting nonpartisan, accessible, fair, transparent, and accurate elections, and stated that Ms. Darling Allen and her staff should receive raises.

Randy Compton discussed calling the Elections Office with concerns about vote by mail ballots leading up to the 2020 election and how the staff addressed his concerns. He also stated that lawsuits against Dominion have been thrown out of court due to lack of evidence.

Paul Spencer, an attorney for Disability Rights California, stated that Dominion allows people with disabilities to vote independently and privately as mandated and certified by State and federal law, and stated that the Shasta County Registrar and Elections staff are some of the best in the state.

Regina Sharrett asked if ballots are taken home by anyone and if the memory devices transported from precincts to the main office are encrypted or could be changed by anyone.

Ms. Darling Allen stated that blank ballots are given to precinct inspectors a few days before an election and they take them home. On the morning of the election, two separate people verify the count and that all ballots issued are present. Ms. Darling Allen stated that the trusted build of the system is usually delivered on DVD. Mr. Bennett explained that all media is encrypted, and that Secretary of State staff hand the trusted build directly to County staff, which is separate from the voting system process. He stated that all equipment used in the voting process is encrypted so that it can't be opened, falsified, or manipulated, and emphasized that the system uses paper ballots for security.

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1-COUNTY FIRE

PRESENTATION: 2020 SHASTA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE FIRE & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM RESOLUTION NO. 2021-043

Bret Gouvea, Shasta County Fire Chief, gave a presentation on the activities of the Shasta County Fire Department during 2020. He reported that there has been a sharp decline in the number of volunteer fire fighters in the County. Chief Gouvea reported on the number of incidents responded to, number of phone calls received, and other statistics concerning the Shasta County Fire Department throughout the year. Chief Gouvea also reported on statistics concerning the independent fire protection districts within the County. He discussed the involvement of law enforcement, and described the activities of the Fire Marshal and Protection Planning.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Chief Gouvea stated that the defensible space inspectors were brought on in April and began doing inspections. He stated that the County ordinance regarding defensible space is folded into that process, which allows the department to apply the State requirements to vacant lots. Chief Gouvea explained that they have been working closely with Resource Management and Code Enforcement staff, as well as the District Attorney.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Chief Gouvea explained that day coverage at the Lakehead Station began on May 24th. He stated that the reserve firefighter program will be run at Lakehead and Hat Creek, and the department is currently working on living quarters at those stations for 24-hour staffing. Chief Gouvea stated that Hat Creek would have 12-hour daytime shifts within a few weeks, and he anticipated volunteer firefighter numbers rebounding as people move through the pandemic.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Chief Gouvea stated that staffing is up, with at least one engine at every fire station, and by June 7th, the department would be at peak staffing with air bases open. He discussed the drought situation and stated that he did not want communities living in fear. He also stated that the current fire season is about four to six weeks ahead of large fire growth compared to a more normal year, and that the department will continue to work on fire safe projects with communities.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Baugh), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Received a presentation from Chief Gouvea on the 2020 Shasta County Fire Department Annual Report; received a report on Shasta County Fire Department's compliance with fire safety inspections pursuant to Health & Safety Code sections 13146.2 and 13146.3, and Shasta County Code section 8.08.040; and adopted Resolution No. 2021-043 to acknowledge receipt of the report from the Fire Warden of Shasta County Fire

Department's compliance with fire safety inspection requirements pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 13146.4 and Shasta County Code section 8.08.040.

(See Resolution Book No. 66)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE FROM MILLVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEROY F. GREENE SCHOOL FACILITIES ACT OF 1998 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-044

Stefany Blankenship, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, noted as a correction from the agenda that a 4/5 vote was required for #3 of this item.

Lori Scott, Treasurer-Tax Collector/Public Administrator, presented the staff report and discussed the timeline, department involvement, and reasons for the item, and recommended approval.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Jones), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2021-044 which: Acknowledges receipt of Resolution 21-02 of the Millville Elementary School District ("District"); authorizes the issuance of a Grant Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,257,000.00 at the interest rate of .33% to be paid out of grant receipts by the District from the State of California School Facility Program through the Office of Public School Construction (the "Note") in the name of and on behalf of the District; authorizes the sale of the Note to the County Treasurer for deposit into the County Treasury Pool for the purposes of raising funds to pay for the costs of a school modernization project to be financed by a grant authorized by the California State Allocation Board under the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998; and authorizes the Shasta County Treasurer-Tax Collector-Public Administrator to take such actions and to execute and deliver the Note and all other documents, necessary to issue the Note and carry out the purposes of the Resolution.

(See Resolution Book No. 66)

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PLANNING DIVISION

ZONE AMENDMENT 20-0009 ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 059-080-045 ORDINANCE NO. 378-2060 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-045

This was the time set to conduct public hearings to consider amending the zoning of a 1.18-acre property (Assessor's Property Number 059-080-045) and approving Use Permit 20-0009. The Notice of Public Hearing and the Notice of Publication are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Elizabeth Towers, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report, described the proposed zone amendment and use permit, and recommended approval.

Supervisor Rickert noted that the report stated the parcel is in District 4, but it is actually in District 3.

The public hearing was opened; no one spoke for or against the matter, and the public hearing was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Jones), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Conducted and closed a public hearing; adopted the recommended findings listed in Planning Commission Resolution 2021-004, including the finding that Zone Amendment 20-0009 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3); and introduced, waived the reading of, and enacted Ordinance No. 378-2060 amending the Zoning Plan of the County of Shasta identified as Zone Amendment 20-0009 to amend the zoning of a 1.18-acre property (Assessor's Parcel Number 059-080-045) from the Community Commercial (C-2) zone district to the Commercial-Light Industrial (C-M) zone district; and adopted the recommended findings listed in Planning Commission Resolution 2021-005, including the finding that Use Permit 20-0009 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15303 and the required finding for an exception to the zone wall standards pursuant to Shasta County Code section 17.84.070.E; and adopted Resolution No. 2021-045 approving Use Permit 20-0009, subject to the conditions of approval as set forth in Exhibit A to Planning Commission Resolution 2021-005.

(See Resolution Book No. 66)

(See Zoning Ordinance Book)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

County Executive Officer Matt Pontes had no legislative update.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Rickert recognized Nancy Bolen for her service on the occasion of her retirement as Health and Human Services Agency Children's Branch Director.

Supervisor Moty recently attended meetings of the Enterprise-Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency and the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical System Board.

Supervisor Baugh recently attended a Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2 AAA) Executive Board meeting.

Supervisor Jones recently attended meetings of the PSA 2 AAA Executive Board and the Shasta County Employment Development District.

Supervisor Jones made a motion to pass an emergency ordinance to make it illegal to supply water for any illegal purpose.

County Counsel Cruse stated that the Board would not be able to adopt an ordinance at this meeting, but could place one on a future agenda to be considered at that time.

Supervisor Jones amended his motion to place the proposed ordinance on a future agenda. Supervisor Baugh seconded the motion.

Supervisor Rickert discussed the issues Siskiyou County has experienced with the similar ordinance that they recently passed. She stated they had to ask for privately-owned equipment to assist with illegal marijuana eradication and that they have had legal challenges over it.

In response to questions by Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Cruse explained that the timing of such an ordinance would depend on the Board's direction. He stated that if the Board wished to craft an ordinance similar to Siskiyou County's, it could possibly be ready for consideration at the Board

meeting on June 8th. Mr. Cruse also stated that he would have to review whether such an ordinance meets the requirements for an emergency ordinance.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Mr. Cruse stated that the Siskiyou County ordinance was specific to groundwater, not surface water.

CEO Pontes stated that staff are already working to set up an internal meeting with the District Attorney, Sheriff, Resource Management, and other departments to examine options for the County. After the internal meeting, there will be a secondary meeting with outside agencies to create a plan. CEO Pontes stated that the proposed ordinance could be a component of that, and he would be happy to make it a part of that discussion.

In response to questions by Supervisor Chimenti, CEO Pontes stated that he did not believe the internal and external meetings, and the plan, could be done by June 8th due to the budget timeline. He stated that the plan was for an evening Board meeting at the end of July to address illegal marijuana eradication and that the plan should be complete before then.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to craft an ordinance making it illegal to supply water for any illegal purpose and bring it back to the Board for consideration as soon as possible.

Supervisor Moty discussed the history of the Board publicly expressing support for the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States. He made a motion to cancel bringing forward the Second Amendment resolution proposed to the Board by the local chapter of the California Pistol and Rifle Association (CPRA). Supervisor Rickert seconded the motion.

Supervisor Jones stated that the Redding Chapter of the CPRA introduced their resolution to the Board in 2020 and they would like that resolution to be considered by the Board, whether or not the Board considers a possible resolution from the main CPRA office.

Mr. Cruse explained that the Board can table an item or direct future action for items considered, and that they can renew or reconsider items at any time in the future. He stated that, as the item under discussion had not been agendized, he would not recommend a motion stating that the Board will not consider an item that has not been discussed, but it would be possible to make a motion to not put the resolution from the local CPRA chapter on an agenda.

Supervisor Moty amended his motion so that the Board would not place on a future agenda the resolution proposed in support of the Second Amendment by the local chapter of the CPRA, clarifying that doing so would not prevent the Board from looking at a similar resolution from the main office of the CPRA or other sources in the future.

Supervisor Chimenti discussed issues with the resolution proposed by the local CPRA chapter due to unclearly defined language. He stated that he would like to present a document to the Board with some force behind it, so that the Board will show their support of groups that operate within the system to lobby the legislature to ensure the protection of individuals' rights.

Supervisor Jones made a counter motion to return the resolution in support of the Second Amendment proposed by the local CPRA chapter to a future agenda.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Cruse clarified Supervisor Moty's amended motion and stated that the only thing limited by it is that the Board will not consider the proposed resolution brought by the local chapter of the CPRA in the future.

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Moty, Rickert, and Chimenti

NOES: Supervisors Jones and Baugh

Supervisor Chimenti stated that he would continue to communicate with the main CPRA office in Fullerton regarding a resolution from the state-level organization.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest.

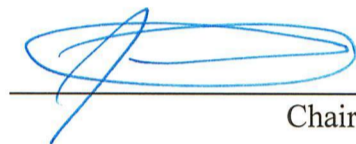
OTHER AGENCIES

SHASTA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

4:11 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed and reconvened as the Shasta County Water Agency.

4:11 p.m.: The Shasta County Water Agency adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

4:12 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.


Chair

ATTEST:

MATTHEW P. PONTES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By 
Deputy