

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

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

District No. 1 - Supervisor Crye
District No. 2 - Supervisor Garman
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
District No. 4 - Supervisor Jones - Absent
District No. 5 - Supervisor Kelstrom

Acting County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board - Mary Williams
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Stefany Blankenship

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Perry Peterson, Crossroads Bible Fellowship.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REGULAR CALENDAR**BOARD MATTERS**

FEBRUARY 2023 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
WHITNEY STARKSEN, SOCIAL WORKER
HOUSING & COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-010

Supervisor Rickert and Acting Director of Housing/Community Action Agency Mary Williams recognized Whitney Starksen, Social Worker, for her outstanding work.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-010 which recognizes Shasta County Housing and Community Action Agency Social Worker Whitney Starksen as Shasta County's Employee of the Month for February 2023.

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Joe Dokes, Cathy Grindstaff, Margaret Hansen, Jamie Butcher, Robert, Lori Bridgeford, Alex Bielecki, Benjamin Nowain, Keith Leavitt, Elizabeth, Monique Welin, Helen, George Marsh, and an anonymous speaker spoke during public comment - open time.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., stated that County Administrative Policy covers the application for and acceptance of grants.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice-Chair Garman noted that the items regarding appointments to the Shasta Children and Families Commission and the triennial resolution regarding signing authority for the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services had been pulled for discussion.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions, which were listed on the Consent Calendar:

Found the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Agency Technical Assistance Program (Program) to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 and authorized the County Executive Officer, or their designee, to: Accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the CPUC; sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Golden State Connect Authority for initiating and administering agreements to provide fiber networking engineering and design services; and execute any other documents required to administer the Program. (Administrative Office)

Approved a letter designating Dignity Health Connected Living as Shasta County's Official Food Bank for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25. (Clerk of the Board)

As introduced on January 24, 2023, enacted Ordinance No. 462-124, "*An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta Amending Ordinance No. 462 of Shasta County*

Entitled "An Ordinance Establishing 'No Parking' Zones on Certain Streets and Portions Thereof," by amending Section I Thereof," to expand existing no parking zones on Riverland Drive, County Road No. 2H16. (Clerk of the Board)

(See Parking Ordinance Book)

Adopted Salary Resolution No. 1646, effective February 12, 2023, which amends the Shasta County Position Allocation List to add a Clinical Program Coordinator position in the Mental Health budget. (Support Services-Personnel)

(See Salary Resolution Book)

Took the following actions: Adopted Resolution No. 2023-011 which modifies the current bargaining unit identified as the United Public Employees of California - General Unit by removing Alcohol and Drug Counselor I/II, Assistant Social Worker, Social Worker and Senior Social Worker classifications and places them in the United Public Employees of California - Professional Unit; and adopted Salary Resolution No. 1647, effective February 12, 2023, which: removes the Alcohol and Drug Counselor I/II, Assistant Social Worker, Social Worker, and Senior Social Worker classifications from the current bargaining unit identified as the United Public Employees of California - General Unit and places them under the representation of the existing bargaining unit identified as the United Public Employees of California - Professional Unit; and aligns the salary ranges for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor I/II, Assistant Social Worker, Social Worker, and Senior Social Worker classifications with the Professional Unit Salary Schedule, resulting in potential pay increases. (Support Services-Personnel)

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

(See Salary Resolution Book)

Approved an object level budget amendment transferring \$195,000 from Rents and Leases of Equipment (035100) to Copier (065018) in the Social Services Budget for the purchase of Copiers/Multi-Functional Devices. (Health and Human Services-Administration)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-012, effective January 1, 2023, which: Approves a Community Action Agency Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) revenue agreement with the Department of Community Services and Development in an amount not to exceed \$295,200 to provide services to persons living in poverty for the period January 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024; accepts the terms and conditions of the agreement and confirms the County's intent to use CSBG funds in compliance with applicable rules and regulations; and authorizes the Director of Housing and Community Action Programs, or designee, to sign and submit all required CSBG forms, certifications, and reports, agreement amendments, subcontracts, and all CSBG-required documents, including retroactive, as long as they do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement, do not increase maximum compensation more than 10%, and otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Housing and Community Action Agency)

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-013 which recognizes that the circumstances and factors that led to the June 15, 2021, proclamation of a local emergency due to drought have not been resolved and that there is a need for continuation of the local drought emergency proclamation. (Public Works)

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-014 which recognizes that the circumstances and factors that led to the May 31, 2022, proclamation establishing the Shasta County Grant-Funded Emergency Drought Relief Program (Program) for the purpose of implementing grant funded work on private water supply systems that supports immediate drought response and mitigates drought impacts have not been resolved and that there is a need for continuation of the emergency proclamation. (Public Works, Resource Management)

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

ACTION ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS TO SHASTA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Supervisor Crye discussed his desire to have more information about the Shasta Children and Families Commission and their appointment process.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the Shasta Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Shasta: Appointed Dr. Michael Vovakes to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire January 2024; and continued the appointment of Joe Chimenti to the February 28, 2023, Board meeting. (Clerk of the Board)

RESOLUTION AMENDING SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mike Lindsey, Administrative Deputy Director of the Sheriff's Office, presented the staff report and recommended approval. Mr. Lindsey stated that the resolution specified who was able to apply on behalf of the County for State disaster funding through the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), as well as through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He discussed differing circumstances and lengths of possible local disasters and their financial impact, as well as how CalOES and FEMA distribute funds and reimburse local costs.

County Counsel Cruse stated that, through the Shasta County Code of Ordinances, the Board of Supervisors had designated the Sheriff as the Director of Emergency Services for the County. Mr. Cruse discussed the County's emergency declaration and response processes.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Cruse stated that, due to the existing ordinance, the Board could add the County Executive Officer to the resolution but the Sheriff would need to be included. He explained that the Board could change the underlying ordinance, but discussion and possible action of that item were not on the agenda.

Mr. Lindsey explained the roles of the Director and Deputy Director of Emergency Services for the County. Acting County Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Williams stated that all spending of any funds received due to a local emergency over a certain amount or outside of the Sheriff's Office would be required to have Board approval.

Public comment was opened.

Susanne Baremore suggested the new Supervisors would benefit from training.

An anonymous man stated that the new Supervisors should listen to more experienced Board members and staff recommendations.

An unnamed man, Lori Bridgeford, Thomas Hildebrand, Robert, and Deidre Holiday supported the authority to go through the CEO and Board of Supervisors for approval.

Jeff spoke against the number of items on the Consent Calendar.

An anonymous woman expressed her discontent with the publication process for meeting agendas and the perceived lack of transparency in County business.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Garman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors continued to the February 21, 2023, meeting a resolution which: Repeals Resolution No. 2019-109; and designates signing authority to the Shasta County Sheriff, Fire Chief, County Executive Officer, and Director of Public Works to execute applications and documents for obtaining financial assistance from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) under the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance for Disasters and/or the California Disaster Assistance Act for a period of three years. (Sheriff)

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Acting CEO Mary Williams presented an update on County issues and specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including staff work on the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget and the upcoming FY 2022-23 midyear budget update. Ms. Williams discussed efforts being made to find solutions to the downtown parking issue and gave a brief update on the CEO recruitment. She announced that the February 21, 2023, meeting was an evening meeting and would start at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Williams also discussed the agenda process and stated that she and staff would examine those processes to see if there were areas for improvement.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Rickert recently attended meetings of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), and Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), and reported on issues of countywide interest.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Crye), and carried unanimously, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to agendize for a future meeting a discussion about developing a code of conduct for the Board, using the RCRC Board Code of Conduct as a template.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye recently attended a LAFCO meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Cruse stated that he was not aware whether the County had a policy regarding retroactive agreements or other actions. He explained that retroactive agreements are generally discouraged, and discussed the reasons for such agreements which might be outside the County's control, especially when dealing with State or Federal agencies. He stated that he would look into the topic and provide more information to the Board.

Supervisor Garman recently attended a Sierra-Sacramento Emergency Medical Services Board meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

There was no public comment.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Miguel Rodriguez, Director of Mental Health Services and Branch Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Behavioral Health and Social Services, introduced Laura Stapp, Deputy Director of HHS for Mental Health Services. Mr. Rodriguez presented the staff report and recommended approval. He discussed the history of grant funding for mental health services, the changes in the grant funding period between funding rounds, and the change in the State's distribution of the grant funds. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the grant in question was funded by the Mental Health Services Act. He discussed the types of services provided to youth through the grants and described HHS's collaboration with the Shasta County Office of Education to determine which school districts could benefit from those services.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Stapp explained that the services offered covered a broad range of needs, but focused especially on homelessness, behavioral issues, medical, and life skills, including ensuring attendance at school by providing transportation. Mr. Rodriguez explained that the grant covered prevention and early intervention services, which assists in keeping youth out of the correctional system. Ms. Stapp stated that she could not say specifically why every school district was not making referrals to the services, but

discussed some general issues and stated that staff are working to improve the referral process, outreach to the school districts, and communication with Shasta County Office of Education.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Rodriguez discussed the importance of peer support in services provided to youth, and stated that a presentation on the subject would come before the Board at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Stapp discussed the referral process for peer support services and stated that individual teachers had direct access to such referrals for individual students. Mr. Rodriguez spoke about the Community Connection program and how it aided in the referral process for multiple services.

Public comment was opened.

Lori Bridgeford criticized the County's transparency and agenda process.

Public comment was closed.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Rodriguez stated that gender identity was not brought up by staff to youth and that gender identity education was not provided as part of the services in question.

A motion was made and seconded (Rickert/Garman) to approve an amendment to a revenue agreement, effective January 1, 2022, with the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to add additional funds in in the amount of \$465,755, increasing the maximum compensation to \$2,965,755 and extend the term from January 31, 2026, to December 31, 2026, which provides school-based mental health services.

The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Rickert, Garman

NOES: Supervisors Crye, Kelstrom

County Counsel Cruse stated that, as the amendment had failed due to the tied vote, the existing contract and funding would remain in place and that staff could proceed with the existing contract or could return to the Board at a later time with more information to renew the amendment. He also stated that the Board could rescind the action taken and allow staff to return later in the meeting with additional information, at which point action could be taken on the item.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors rescinded the previous action and directed staff to return later in the meeting with additional information regarding the services offered through the grant funds.

LAW AND JUSTICE

SHERIFF

TRUTH ACT PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Lindsey, Deputy Director of Administration for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Probation Department and District Attorney's Office, conducted a community forum pursuant to Government Code section 7283.1(d), to provide information to the public, and received and considered public comment regarding federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) access to individuals for civil immigration enforcement that was given by County law enforcement departments in 2021 and 2022.

Mr. Lindsey stated that in 2021, the Sheriff's Office had no requests for ICE holds, and that in 2022, the Sheriff's Office had one request for an ICE hold. The individual was provided with a Truth Act form and was notified of their hold request. The Probation Department and District Attorney's Office reported no contacts with ICE during 2021 or 2022.

The community forum was opened.

No one spoke regarding the matter and the community forum was closed.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice-Chair Garman announced that the Board of Supervisors would recess to a Closed Session to take the following actions:

Confer with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled *County of Shasta, et al. v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.*, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1); and

Confer with legal counsel to discuss one case of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (4); and

Confer with its Labor Negotiators, Acting County Executive Officer Mary Williams, Personnel Director Shelley Forbes, and Chief Labor Negotiator Gage Dungey, Boutin Jones Inc., to discuss the following employee organizations: Deputy Sheriffs Association – Correctional Officer – Deputy Sheriffs and General Teamsters #137 – Trades and Crafts Unit, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6; and

Consider a public employee appointment (County Executive Officer), pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

There was no public comment.

12:01 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

1:54 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors returned from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Crye, Garman, Rickert, and Kelstrom, Acting County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board Mary Williams, and County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing litigation, anticipated litigation, labor negotiations, and a public employee appointment; however, no reportable action was taken.

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

Mr. Rodriguez detailed the reasons for referrals to the HHS services funded by the grant agreement and explained that clinicians are not allowed to guide clients when they work with them.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to a revenue agreement, effective January 1, 2022, with the State Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to add additional funds in the amount of \$465,755, increasing the maximum compensation to \$2,965,755 and extend the term from January 31, 2026, to December 31, 2026, which provides school-based mental health services.

2:00 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

MARY WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

Deputy

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