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SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 p.m.: Chairman Baugh called the Special Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Kehoe
District No. 2 - Supervisor Moty
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert
District No. 4 - Supervisor Morgan
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Larry Lees
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board – Mary Williams

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Paul Schmidt, Liberty Hill Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Preston Sharp. Supervisor Baugh presented Mr. Sharp with a Certificate of Excellence for his efforts to honor veterans.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD MATTERS

WORKSHOP: PUBLIC SAFETY IN SHASTA COUNTY

County Executive Officer (CEO) Larry Lees introduced various representatives from local government agencies across Shasta County who were present at the workshop.

Director of Public Works Patrick Minturn described the state of County jail facilities and available space. He explained limits placed on capacity by California state agencies.

Mr. Minturn addressed options for expanding capacity. He stated that this could include building a new facility, which he estimated at a cost of approximately \$3,000 per bed.

The existing jail could also be adjusted to accommodate additional beds. Mr. Minturn advised that nothing could be added to the jail in its current state; something would have to be removed from the facilities in order to increase bed space. This would come with administrative hurdles such as increased building regulations from the State.

Sheriff Tom Bosenko addressed jail population numbers and releases which took place from 2008-2018. He stated that the current average daily population is at 95% capacity.

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Sheriff Bosenko confirmed that the jail is fully functional on all floors. He explained that “tent cities” are not possible due to State regulations. He also said that further use of the Crystal Creek Work Camp is not plausible due to its state of disrepair. Sheriff Bosenko described limitations with the current jail space.

Sheriff Bosenko highlighted contracts with other counties in California with whom Shasta County contracts for use of fire camps. He described current use of GPS ankle bracelets which are monitored 24 hours per day.

According to Sheriff Bosenko, there is an increased need for deputies, especially in rural areas of the County. He described challenges associated with recruiting new deputies locally.

Sheriff Bosenko introduced portions of the plan for the Shasta County Jail, and highlighted data associated with local crime. He also addressed a needs assessment related to jail beds and stated that by the year 2037 there will be a need for 179 beds.

Sheriff Bosenko reviewed crime data for the current jail population. At this time, inmates are contracted out to other counties for a total of 28 beds.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, Sheriff Bosenko stated that the quickest way to address jail capacity issues will be to work with the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to increase beds in the current jail. This would not meet all needs but would provide some relief.

Sheriff Bosenko explained that with the development of the new courthouse, he recommends developing architectural plans to convert old court rooms to additional jail space. Sheriff Bosenko estimated that this process would take approximately one year. He advised that increasing current jail space, plus making use of the old courtrooms would add new beds.

In terms of a long-term plan, Sheriff Bosenko described additional options to expand space for jail beds. There is potential to place 100 offenders in an Adult Rehabilitation Center (ARC), work camps. Further analysis would be necessary to move forward with these possibilities. Sheriff Bosenko referred to current number of jail beds in other counties of similar populations.

Supervisor Baugh presented an opportunity for involvement from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development of California.

District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett described the impact of Assembly Bill 109 on local agencies and the community. DA Bridgett stated that her office received 11,633 cases for prosecution in 2017 and staff filed over 8,000 of those cases. She explained that over 300 of those cases in 2017 were severe or violent crimes, and those are the ones prioritized for incarceration.

DA Bridgett covered programs and options her office pursues to reach out to offenders and resolve issues in other ways. She highlighted the Community Prosecutor Program.

DA Bridgett explained the challenges associated with a lack of jail space, including repeat offenders and decreased accountability for offenses.

Chief Probation Officer Tracie Neal described the Adult Probation Division. Ms. Neal reported the program supervises approximately 2100 adult offenders. Since realignment, the offender population grows 5%-7% on an annual basis and the department currently has 21 probation officers that provide supervision to that population. She stated goals are supervision, accountability, and rehabilitation for the offender population. In addition to public safety, one of the main priorities is facilitating behavioral change, treatment, and accountability.

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Ms. Neal highlighted the Community Corrections Center, where approximately 650-700 people are served monthly. She described the services and resources offered at the center, including a Mental Health Clinician who has taken almost 500 appointments to date. Ms. Neal also spoke to a partnership with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service and the Step Up program.

Ms. Neal presented various other efforts in place at Shasta County Probation, including high-risk supervision programs, the Supervised Own Recognizance Program, and the Day Reporting Center. She stated the importance of probation supervision systems and support for released offenders.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Donnell Ewert spoke about the multiple players involved in providing mental health services, including but not limited to the County. He stated that 4,700 people were treated by the County Health and Human Services Agency for mental health purposes in 2017.

He described various mental health programs provided through the County, including a crisis residential facility, permanent supportive housing, case management, and treatment groups. Mr. Ewert also addressed numerous accomplishments achieved in recent years to improve mental health services offered by the Health and Human Services Agency.

In regard to substance use disorders, Mr. Ewert presented data associated with County-provided substance use treatment services and programs. He highlighted the Addicted Offender Program and the Youth Drug Court. He stated that the County has closed gaps in services through efforts such as No RX abuse, naloxone distribution, and a media campaign related to marijuana.

Mr. Ewert described the vulnerability of mentally ill people and stated the importance of increased options for mental health and substance use disorder.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Kristen Schreder, Mayor of City of Redding, described efforts on the part of the City of Redding to engage public safety solutions. She stated that City identified illegal encampments, jail space, and mental health to be top priorities.

Baron Browning, City of Anderson Council Member, encouraged the Board of Supervisors to take action to address public safety.

Richard Kern, City of Shasta Lake Council Member, raised questions regarding estimated jail space costs.

Monte Keady, Burney Fire Chief, presented information regarding homelessness and crime in the Burney community, and emphasized the importance of youth mentorship.

Tom Twist, Shingletown Council Secretary, spoke in support of an Adult Rehabilitation Center and use of former courtrooms for additional jail space.

Dusty Steele, Cottonwood Honorary Mayor, addressed crime issues in Cottonwood and requested additional support for the Sheriff's Office.

Stan Neutze, Vice-Mayor of Anderson, proposed that a measure be added to an upcoming ballot to secure additional funds for the Sheriff's Office.

Richard Konopacki spoke regarding concerns with law enforcement response time in Shingletown.

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Susan Power, President of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMHI) Shasta County, applauded mental health services in Shasta County and requested a shift in mental health services responsibility from law enforcement to mental health treatment providers.

James Crockett requested additional communication from the County regarding public safety efforts and progress.

Dale Ball requested increased funding for public safety and the Sheriff's Office.

Monique Welin stated a need to separate criminal issues from mental health issues and requested that fellow residents focus on proposing solutions.

Charlotte Michel requested that local officials direct funding to increased jail bed space.

Brenda Woods presented concerns with jail bed space, mental health laws, and monitoring of offenders.

Kasey Dollar spoke regarding his efforts to rehabilitate vacant properties in the community in order to mitigate transient occupancy of empty houses.

Jon Ruiz stated concerns with law enforcement staffing and reductions in law enforcement presence.

Anjie Walfoort voiced concerns with jail space and public safety.

Bradley Charles DeHore, Jr. spoke about the County public safety and mental health budget.

Gary Marshall spoke about crime and local law enforcement challenges.

Warren R. made comments about public safety funding.

Tom petitioned the Board to focus on supporting youth and on funding the Sheriff's Office.

Cindy requested additional support for community members.

James Hamilton voiced concerns about lack of funding for the Sheriff's Office.

Tom Hildebrand spoke about transparency from the Board of Supervisors.

Courtney Mathews requested that community members view each other with compassion and dignity and address the brokenness of people within our community.

Dana Herron stated safety and economic issues pertinent to her profession as a realtor.

In response to questions presented during the public comment period open time, the Board and presenters provided additional information.

Public Work Director Patrick Minturn explained the reasoning behind estimated costs for additional jail beds.

Sheriff Bosenko explained that recidivism rate is not tracked and stated that the current daily average cost for a jail bed in the County is about \$109.

District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett advised that additional offenders may not be incarcerated but could be engaged through work release programs or fines.

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County Executive Officer Larry Lees described funding provided to the County and explained that, as an arm of the State, the County does not always have discretion about how to use that funding. Out of the entire County budget, approximately 80%-90% of funding is designated to specific use and is not at the discretion of the County.

CEO Lees explained funding currently spent on jail beds.

Chief Probation Officer Tracie Neal explained the Assembly Bill (AB) 109 Community Corrections dollars which are dedicated to the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Bosenko explained that un-sentenced felons cannot be shipped out of County because they must have access to their attorney. He said that his office is working on plans to expand jail space and is waiting to hear back from the State about requirements.

CEO Lees stated that a response from the State could be a barrier in moving forward with expanding the jail, but staff has been working on a plan for some time.

The Board agreed in consensus that they would like to see expansion of the jail to add 60 jail beds included as part of the path forward, for public safety plans.

In response to questions from Supervisor Rickert, Sheriff Bosenko addressed concerns about repeat offenders. Mr. Ewert described County mental health responsibilities to return offenders to competency to stand trial.

CEO Lees described the process related to utilizing courtrooms, once vacated, for additional jail space and staffing expenses.

In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, CEO Lees stated the CEO and Sheriff, as directed by Board consensus, will develop plans to acquire additional jail beds.

Sheriff Bosenko provided additional details for consideration to develop a plan for increased jail space.

In response to questions by Supervisor Moty, Ms. Neal provided information regarding the possibility of Probation assisting in the booking process.

Redding City Manager Barry Tippin described efforts in the City of Redding to address community needs and public safety challenges while balancing resource limitations.

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By motion made, seconded (Moty/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board requested staff to return with a timeline, potential costs, and process as it relates to achieving approximately 60 jail beds in the current jail; to return with information regarding design timeline for turning courtrooms into additional jail bed space; to return with information regarding a presentation on review of current operations for possible efficiencies; and to return with information about remodeling the jail basement.

10:05 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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