

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

**SPECIAL MEETING**

5:00 p.m.: Chairman Baugh called the Special Meeting 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  
Senior Deputy County Counsel - David Yorton  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Mary Williams

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Moty), and unanimously carried, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors moved the item regarding the proclamation of a local emergency to the beginning of the agenda.

Sheriff Tom Bosenko, Director of Emergency Services, presented an update on the Creek Fire. He discussed damage to infrastructure and stated that approximately 1300 feet of guardrail was lost along Clear Creek Road. He stated that a Fire Management Assistance Grant was recently approved.

County Fire Warden Mike Hebrard described the status of seven fires in the Shasta County area.

In response to questions by Supervisor Kehoe, Chief Hebrard described the significant involvement of volunteers in local fire fighting efforts.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Kehoe) and unanimously carried, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2018-052, which: Ratifies a proclamation declaring a local emergency due to the wild land fire identified as the "Creek Fire" occurring in unincorporated areas of Shasta County; and requests the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Monique Welin spoke regarding mental health concerns.

Anje Walfoort requested action from the Board of Supervisors regarding public safety.

Ginger Jones addressed concerns with drug use in Shasta County.

Dot Van Cleave spoke regarding the impact of drugs in the community.

Quanah Buliavac described fears caused by local crime.

Tom Hayes presented solutions for local public safety issues.

Marcia Greene stated a dissatisfaction with the County's use of AB 109 funds.

Sean Pearce proposed solutions for issues pertaining to homelessness.

Sharon Smedley discussed her experiences as owner of a local home for women.

Michael Sullivan requested support from the Board of Supervisors for a private security augmentation plan on behalf of Secure Redding, a local community organization.

Dale Ball called for a stronger emphasis on public safety and increased staffing in law enforcement.

Stan Neutze discussed issues with crime and jail space.

Marci Fernandes spoke on her experiences as a parent of an individual with a mental health disorder and requested increased community education regarding mental health.

Russell K. Hunt requested that the Board consider a sales tax for funds for the jail.

Amanda Smith requested that the County consider employing a statistician to gather community data and facts.

Jeff Zeller discussed opportunities associated with the potential development of a 311 mobile application.

Jessaca Lugo described the impact of current decisions on future generations.

### **REGULAR CALENDAR**

This was the time set aside to conduct a workshop to discuss topics related to public safety in Shasta County to follow up on items originally discussed at a previous public safety workshop on February 7, 2018.

County Executive Officer (CEO) Larry Lees presented a map of buildings with potential for conversion to jail bed space.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, CEO Lees explained that the Courts own the land on which Justice Centers 1 and 2 are built. The Court has determined that they cannot vacate those Justice Centers until the new Courthouse is built.

CEO Lees addressed the potential for a sales tax and explained that County Counsel can bring options forward at the regular meeting of July 17, 2018, if the Board so chooses.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Donnell Ewert presented on a Jail Diversion Program. He described the current state of homelessness in Shasta County as well as local services available for homeless individuals.

Mr. Ewert described components of the jail diversion plan, including a low barrier shelter, “No Sleeping” ordinances, protecting private property, and voluntary return.

Mr. Ewert discussed potential sources for funding, including grants, local foundations, City and County funds, and others. He explained that a steering committee planned to convene the following day.

In response to questions from Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Ewert stated that a state grant would be received by January 2019 and then additional funds would have to be obtained.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Ewert described the proposed path for an individual entering services. He explained the intent to engage individuals and plug them into services.

Sheriff Tom Bosenko described the potential to capitalize on the jail diversion plan to achieve accountability, treatment, and relieve some pressure from the jail.

Captain Dave Kent discussed the option for an additional 38 jail beds.

CEO Lees stated that the cost for the proposed additional 38 jail beds is an estimated \$325,000 capital investment. Additional operating costs would largely be due to a need to add three correctional officers.

CEO Lees explained that there are currently three correctional officer positions which are allocated but not funded. CEO Lees recommended that the Board fund and fill these positions.

In response to questions from Supervisor Moty, CEO Lees stated that the cost to fill those positions is estimated at \$350,000 and ongoing operating expenses are estimated at approximately \$300,000.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, CEO Lees stated that he would like to receive additional information from the Board of State and Community Corrections before moving forward.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Kehoe), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to add to the existing Request for Proposal the option of 38 additional beds.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to move forward with design of 64 additional jail beds in Justice Centers 1 and 2.

By consensus, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to return at the regular meeting of July 17, 2018 to present information and options regarding placing a sales tax on the ballot in November 2018.

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to move forward with the jail diversion program as presented.

By motion made, seconded (Kehoe/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to arrange a third Public Safety Workshop to follow up on topics related to public safety in Shasta County, and to schedule this evening meeting when additional information has been gathered to be presented.

In response to questions from Supervisor Moty, Auditor-Controller Brian Muir spoke to allegations by the Grand Jury regarding a supplanting of general fund dollars with AB 109 dollars. He stated that, as an auditor independently elected by the public, he found allegations of misappropriation of funds to be incorrect. Mr. Muir conducted a review of the general fund for the past six years and stated that general fund contributions to the jail had actually increased.

In response to questions from Supervisor Kehoe, CEO Lees explained that the Board would approve a response to the Grand Jury at a future public meeting.

7:17 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

LAWRENCE G. LEES  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy