

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 a.m.: Chair Rickert 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 Morgan
District No. 5 - Supervisor Baugh

County Executive Officer - Matt Pontes
County Counsel - Rubin E. Cruse, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Mary Williams

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Reverend Lynn E. Fritz, Centers for Spiritual Living, Native American Tradition.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

The following comments were submitted in writing and read into the record by Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Mary Williams:

Pamela Robinson McCurdy, CJ Dubey, and Patricia Lord voiced disapproval with Supervisor Baugh's personal conduct.

Elena Paul, Mariket Sabet, Tammy Belikov, and Erick Mattson advocated for allowing in-person graduation ceremonies in the County.

Rebecca Walker spoke in favor of reopening churches while applying health guidelines.

Elissa McEuen supported Sheriff Magrini and requested lifting restrictions in the County.

Patrick Gorman spoke against decisions made by Governor Newsom and supported lifting restrictions in the County.

An anonymous constituent voiced disapproval with Supervisor Baugh and Sheriff Magrini's decisions regarding the Cottonwood Rodeo.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Rickert stated that the item regarding an amendment to the agreement with the Children's Legacy Center was pulled by the department and would be brought back by the department at a later time.

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

Approved an evergreen no compensation Shasta County Weed Management Area (WMA) Memorandum of Understanding, effective date of signing by a minimum of two parties, with parties to be confirmed, to define terms and conditions under which the WMA will operate, coordinate activities necessary to prevent the introduction, establishment, and spread of noxious weeds in Shasta County, and establish a steering committee to make decisions on matters affecting the WMA. (Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures)

Approved an agreement with Runbeck Election Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 to provide an Agilis Ballot Sorter System, including associated software and support services, for the period date of signing through June 30, 2025. (County Clerk/Elections)

Adopted Resolution No. 2020-044 which: approves the Agreement as amended with the Joint Powers Authority, CSAC Excess Insurance Authority, which authorizes the Chair to execute the amended Agreement; and authorizes relevant changes to the Shasta County Administrative Policies, and other policies, procedures and documents as determined by Risk Management to make those policies, procedures, and documents consistent with the amended agreement. (Support Services-Risk Management)

(See Resolution Book No. 64)

Approved a renewal agreement with The Gold Home in an amount not to exceed \$870,400 to provide residential care facility services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. (Health and Human Services Agency-Adult Services)

Approved a retroactive amendment, effective February 1, 2020, to the agreement with Star View Behavioral Health, Inc., to provide specialty youth mental health services which adds presumptive transfer services, adds Fiscal Year 2020-21 rates, and increases compensation by \$95,000 for a new maximum of \$345,000, retaining the term March 5, 2019 through June 30, 2021. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Approved an amendment, effective date of signing, to the agreement with Victor Community Support Services, Inc., to provide specialty mental health services for eligible children which increases compensation by \$119,363 in Fiscal Year 2019-20 for a new maximum compensation of \$6,719,363 in order to serve additional intensive foster youth, retaining the term July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Children's Services)

Took the following actions: Approved a subrecipient agreement with Pathways to Housing, a California not-for-profit corporation, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000 to make Capital Improvements to, and operate a facility at 1871 Kenyon Drive, Redding, where medical respite services will be provided to adults experiencing homelessness for the period date of signing through June 30, 2021 for expenditure of capital improvement funds and for the period date of signing through June 30, 2030 for the provision of medical respite services; and found that the proposed authorizations and approvals are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) as they are government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (Health and Human Services Agency-Office of the Director)

Approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenue by \$292,613 in the Victim Witness budget for a California Governor's Office of Emergency Services grant award. (District Attorney)

Approved an agreement with Christine S. Wright DBA Wright Education Services in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to provide Moral Reconation Therapy for the period date of signing through June 30, 2021. (Probation)

Took the following actions: Approved a renewal revenue agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways in an amount not to exceed \$584,990 for the purpose of performing boating and enforcement activities on Shasta County waterways (excluding Whiskeytown Lake) for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and adopted Resolution No. 2020-045 which authorizes the: Shasta County Sheriff, or his designee, to submit an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, and accept, if awarded, funding in the anticipated amount of \$584,990, and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of the resolution; and Shasta County Sheriff's Office Boating and Safety Unit to participate in the FY 2020-21 Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program, that shall expend on boating safety programs not less than an amount equal to 100% of the amount received by the County from personal property taxes on vessels, and that the County Auditor-Controller is authorized to certify the amount of the prior year vessel taxes received by the County. (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No. 64)

Approved a renewal Cooperative Fire Programs Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in an amount not to exceed \$4,997,087 to provide administration of the Shasta County Fire Department for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (County Service Area No. 1-County Fire)

REGULAR CALENDAR

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE/SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

County Executive Officer (CEO) Matt Pontes discussed the recent Cottonwood Rodeo that occurred over the weekend and described the negative effect that this had on Shasta County.

Director of Health and Human Services Agency Donnell Ewert discussed the dangers associated with mass gatherings and reminded both the Board and the public that these gatherings are currently banned in the State of California.

Mr. Ewert explained that the Board of Supervisors recently approved a letter to the Governor's office requesting a variance to include additional businesses in Stage 2 of the Roadmap to Recovery, but the Cottonwood Rodeo event is largely responsible for the Governor's denial of the County's variance request. He recommended that individuals who attended the rodeo seek COVID-19 testing.

Mr. Ewert read the obituary of an individual in Shasta County who passed away due to COVID-19.

Jake Mangas, President and CEO of the Redding Chamber of Commerce, voiced the importance of avoiding additional setbacks to the reopening of local businesses.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Ewert stated that a “mass gathering” means any gathering aside from one’s own household or essential workers in the workplace. He stated that there are no mass gatherings allowed, which would include graduations.

Mr. Ewert described the path forward and stated that the County is waiting for the Governor to post the County’s attestation to enable progress into Stage 2.

County Health Officer Dr. Karen Ramstrom explained that the County’s recent action to request a variance from the Governor included an attestation that the County had sufficient containment capacity. She stated that if mass gatherings continue to be held, then the County does not have that capacity.

In response to further questions from Supervisor Baugh, Dr. Ramstrom explained the factors that will enable the County to open up to mass gatherings, including the development of a vaccine.

Supervisors reported on issues of countywide interest, including COVID-19 concerns.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY – OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCE REDDING ALTERNATIVE CARE SITE AT THE REDDING CIVIC AUDITORIUM

Mr. Ewert presented the staff report and described the Alternative Care Site, which was placed at the Redding Civic Auditorium at the recommendation of the Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Ewert explained the rates and the additional expenses included in the amendment to the agreement.

In response to questions from Supervisor Chimenti, Mr. Ewert stated that he expects 75% reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and hopes that the State will pick up 75% of the remaining amount.

In response to questions from Supervisor Baugh, Mr. Ewert stated that the County has received funds that would be used to pay the final outstanding balance so it would not be paid out of the General Fund.

Auditor-Controller Brian Muir stated that the amendment is unnecessary in his opinion, since the original lease already covers all expenses except an additional \$175,00 in rental income.

In response to questions from Supervisors Chimenti and Moty, Mr. Muir stated that he recommends denying the amendment and relying on the original memorandum of understanding with Advance Redding.

Supervisor Baugh made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Morgan, to not approve the amendment to the agreement with Advance Redding.

In response to questions from Supervisor Chimenti, Mr. Ewert stated that staff have negotiated with Advance Redding to reach the proposed rate.

Supervisor Chimenti made a substitute motion, to table the proposed amendment to allow for further discussions with Advance Redding in accordance with the concerns expressed by the County’s Auditor-Controller.

By motion made, seconded (Chimenti/Moty), and carried, the Board of Supervisors tabled the proposed amendment to the agreement with Advance Redding for the Alternate Care Site at

the Redding Civic Auditorium and the proposed resolution to allow for further discussions with Advance Redding. Supervisor Baugh voted no.

LAW AND JUSTICE

SHERIFF

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

SECTION 2.72.030 OF THE SHASTA COUNTY CODE

MODIFYING MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Sheriff Eric Magrini presented the staff report and described the current makeup of the Emergency Management Council ("Council"). He explained the need to include the County's Chief Information Officer on the Council due to information technology needs and security concerns.

Supervisory Moty asked that County Counsel be present at Emergency Management Council meetings to provide legal advice. County Counsel Rubin E. Cruse, Jr. stated that this was possible but that County Counsel should not be included as a formal member of the Council.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Chimenti), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors introduced and waived the reading of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta amending Section 2.72.030 of the Shasta County Code to modify the membership of the Emergency Management Council by adding the County's Chief Information Officer.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1-COUNTY FIRE

SHASTA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-046

Shasta County Fire Warden Bret Gouvea presented the 2019 Shasta County Fire Department Annual Report. He described the activities of the department as well as impacts of the Carr Fire. Chief Gouvea reported data regarding school, hotel, and motel inspections.

In response to Supervisor Rickert, Chief Gouvea discussed defensible space enforcement. He stated that it would be difficult to predict the upcoming fire season but there is always the potential for high fire danger in a Mediterranean climate.

By motion made, seconded (Moty/Baugh), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Received a presentation on the 2019 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, 13146.3, and Shasta County Code section 8.08.040; and adopted Resolution No. 2020-046 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. 64)

SHASTA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MASTER PLAN

Shasta County Fire Warden Bret Gouvea presented the 2020 Shasta County Fire Department Master Plan, which included the following goals: Expand emergency response operations; organize for operational efficiency; enhance the training bureau to provide efficient

service to department staff; use of technology for program advancement and management; and financially support changing levels of services and strengthen cooperative relationships for communities served.

By motion made, seconded (Baugh/Morgan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Received a presentation on the 2020 Shasta County Fire Department (SCFD) Master Plan; and accepted the proposed Master Plan as the long-range planning document for SCFD.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Rickert 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 Ryan Kacalek v. County of Shasta pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1); and

Confer with Chief Probation Officer Tracie Neal, Sheriff Eric Magrini, County Health Officer Karen Ramstrom, County Executive Officer Matt Pontes, County Counsel Rubin Cruse, Health and Human Services Agency Director Donnell Ewert, and District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett regarding a threat to public services or facilities, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.

11:30 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

12:30 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors returned from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with all Supervisors, County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board Matthew Pontes, 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 and threat to public services or facilities; however, no reportable action was taken.

12:31 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

MATTHEW P. PONTES
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy