

January 18, 2005

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COUNTY OF SISKIYOU)

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 18th day of January, 2005; there being present Supervisors Bill Hoy, LaVada Erickson, Bill Overman, Jim Cook and Marcia H. Armstrong, County Administrator Howard Moody, County Counsel Frank DeMarco, Assistant County Clerk Laura Bynum and Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson. Supervisor Armstrong led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b), six cases, commenced at 9:01 a.m., concluded at 10:08 a.m., with no decisions made.

INVOCATION - Provided by John Diehm.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Lane Street Effort representative Jim Maynard provided an update on meetings he has had with county staff regarding Lane Street Effort's proposed housing facility. Mr. Maynard advised that he will place an item on a future Board agenda regarding this issue.

Mr. Moody advised that he is working with Mr. Maynard regarding this issue.

CONSENT AGENDA - SUPERVISOR BILL HOY - Approve Certificate of Appreciation recognizing past and present members of the Siskiyou County Employee Recognition Committee for volunteering their time and their dedicated participation on the committee.

Supervisor Overman advised that the certificate did not state the purpose of the certificate.

MOTION:
Hoy/Overman
AYES: Erickson, Hoy,
Overman, Armstrong
and Cook

Approve Certificate of Appreciation recognizing past and present members of the Siskiyou County Employee Recognition Committee for volunteering their time and their dedicated participation on the committee, with a new certificate to be prepared to include "In Recognition of the Service of the Employee Recognition Committee".

MOTION:
Armstrong/Overman
AYES: Erickson, Hoy,
Overman, Armstrong
and Cook

CONSENT AGENDA - HUMAN SERVICES - Adopt Resolution 05-05 honoring Sheryl A. Rooks upon her retirement.

Presentation only.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - Presentation of Resolution to Sheryl A. Rooks upon her retirement.

Chair Erickson read the Resolution honoring Sheryl A. Rooks upon her retirement into the record.

Members of the Board and Human Services Director Nadine Della Bitta thanked Ms. Rooks for her service to the county.

Presentation only.

SUPERVISOR BILL HOY - Present Certificate of Appreciation to past and present members of the Siskiyou County Employee Recognition Committee for volunteering their time and their dedicated participation on the committee.

Members of the Board expressed appreciation to members of the Employee Recognition Committee that were present for service to the Committee.

Discussion only.

SUPERVISOR BILL HOY - Status report regarding public meetings regarding the Hammond Ranch Fire and Emergency Response Zone.

Supervisor Hoy advised that the documentation submitted with the agenda worksheet provides an overview of the public meetings.

Siskiyou County resident Michael Cosner shared concerns regarding the bylaws of Hammond Ranch, the current lawsuit, reports regarding the public meetings, the current contractor and concerns regarding county expenditures related to the lawsuit.

County Counsel Frank DeMarco advised of continuing audits, provided information regarding the lawsuit and advised that the current contract in place is currently being reviewed and will be presented with options available, which include forming a district or contracting with another contractor.

Auditor Leanna Dancer provided information regarding the expenditure of county funds related to the lawsuit. Ms. Dancer additionally advised that the final audit on the Fire Zone is anticipated to be available in late February.

Mr. Cosner additionally shared concerns regarding the bylaws currently on file with the State and reiterated his concerns regarding county expenditures related to the lawsuit.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY - Approve FY 04/05 Amador, Schedule A, Cooperative Fire Service contract, for fire protection services to the county pursuant to Public Resources Code 4142 and 4144, in the amount of \$513,667, with the County Administrator authorized to sign.

California Department of Forestry Assistant Chief Bernie Paul provided an overview of the contract and answered questions from the board regarding employees and overtime at the Amador stations.

County Administrator Howard Moody and Auditor Leanna Dancer advised that the funding for the contract is included in the budget.

Supervisor Erickson requested that information regarding increases to the contract and the causes for the increases be provided to the Board.

MOTION:
Hoy/Armstrong
AYES: Erickson, Hoy,
Overman, Armstrong
and Cook

Approve FY 04/05 Amador, Schedule A, Cooperative Fire Service contract 2455, for fire protection services to the county pursuant to Public Resources Code 4142 and 4144, in the amount of \$513,667, with the County Administrator authorized to sign.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Dancer advised that the contract increased by \$60,218 from the last fiscal year.

SUPERIOR COURT - Approve letter of support for Superior Court's grant proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety, requesting funding for the Siskiyou Automated Citation Device (ACD) Project.

Superior Court representatives Lisa Hicks and Larry Gobleman provided an overview of the proposed letter, advising that the grant funding would be used to automate citations issued by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

CHP Captain Kent Cain provided information to the board regarding the procedure that would be used once the program was implemented.

Discussion followed regarding the information that is contained on the magnetic strip on the back of drivers licenses, with members of the Board requesting clarification regarding the information available.

Supervisor Armstrong shared concerns regarding privacy, but supported the idea to eliminate redundancy.

Mr. Moody advised that the program would not impact the county financially.

Ms. Hicks advised that once the program was implemented, the Sheriff's Department and City Police Departments could use the system as well.

MOTION:

Overman/Armstrong
AYES: Erickson, Hoy, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

Approve letter of support for Superior Court's grant proposal to the Office of Traffic Safety, requesting funding for the Siskiyou Automated Citation Device (ACD) Project.

Presentation only.

COUNTY CLERK - Presentation of the 2005 and 2006 election schedule and update on Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) mandates and State mandates to be in place by January 1, 2006..

County Clerk Colleen Baker provided information regarding the 2005 and 2006 election schedules, including three Special District elections in May, the Special District Election in November, the potential of a Statewide Special Election in October and the Primary and General elections in 2006. Ms. Baker advised that twelve additional precincts will be created, due to increased voter population, and the additional resources that will be needed.

Ms. Baker shared concerns regarding the overlapping of the election cycles and staff levels, as staff will be working on two elections consecutively throughout the next two years. Ms. Baker provided an overview of state and federal mandates which much be in place by January 2006, including a statewide voter registration system and accessible voting equipment, both of which will have financial, storage and staffing impacts. Ms. Baker advised of Prop 41 and HAVA funding available.

In response to County Administrator Howard Moody and Supervisor Erickson, Ms. Baker advised that Prop 41 and HAVA funding have specific limited uses.

Presentation only.

ASSESSOR - Presentation of annual report regarding Assessment Appeal activity.

Assessor Mike Mallory provided an overview of the annual report regarding Assessment Appeal activities and answered questions from the board.

MOTION: Hoy/Cook
AYES: Erickson, Hoy, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

PUBLIC WORKS - Adopt Resolution 05-06 recognizing the service given by Fredric (Fritz) Dircksen to Siskiyou County, upon his retirement.

MOTION: Hoy/Cook
AYES: Erickson, Hoy, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

PUBLIC WORKS - Adopt Resolution 05-07 recognizing the service given by William R. Stevenson to Siskiyou County, upon his retirement.

MOTION:
Armstrong/Overman
AYES: Erickson, Hoy, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

PUBLIC WORKS - Approve first addendum to the contract 2761 with Morrison Structures, Inc., for engineering services for the Cottonwood Creek Bridge replacement project, increasing the amount by \$9,600, for a total of \$108,400.

Public Works Director Brian McDermott provided an overview of the contract, including funding sources for the project.

MOTION: Hoy/Cook
AYES: Erickson, Hoy, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

JAIL - Adopt Resolution 05-08, Transfer of Funds - \$5,000.

Jail Commander Julie Hutchens provided an overview of the transfer.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - Delete Staff Psychologist II, position number 2SPS04, 0.75 FTE, and Create Behavioral Health Clinician II, 1.0 FTE in Behavioral Health Services Children’s System of Care (CSOC) program, effective January 16, 2005.

Interim Director of Behavioral Health Lauri Hunner advised that the former clinician that served the Happy Camp area resigned, as the position was extra help, and resigned to seek full time employment. Ms. Hunner advised that there are currently five extra help positions, in which three would be eliminated if the Clinician was approved. Ms. Hunner additionally advised that there is currently a client base in Happy Camp and the river corridor, which would generate revenue to fund the position.

Supervisor Hoy suggested that the Karuk Tribe be consulted to assist in funding of the position.

Ms. Hunner advised that she is not opposed to contacting the tribe, however, the current case load would fund the position.

Supervisor Armstrong advised of issues in the Happy Camp community between tribal and non-tribal members. Supervisor Armstrong additionally advised of the need for a clinician in Happy Camp, and advised that the services provided would be billable hours, which would fund for the position, along with the elimination of three extra help positions.

Supervisor Erickson requested information regarding the number of clients, billable hours, or other information that would support the request of a full time position in Happy Camp.

County Administrator Howard Moody advised that he has met with Ms. Hunner on this issue and that the position would generate revenue. Mr. Moody advised that the position would be a four - ten schedule, therefor reducing costs associated with travel.

MOTION:
 Armstrong/Overman
AYES: Hoy, Erickson, Overman, Armstrong and Cook

Delete Staff Psychologist II, position number 2SPS04, 0.75 FTE, and Create Behavioral Health Clinician II, 1.0 FTE in Behavioral Health Services Children’s System of Care (CSOC) program, effective January 16, 2005.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - Unfreeze Behavioral Health System Administrator, position number BHSA02, 1.0 FTE, effective January 16, 2005, in Behavioral Health Services.

Interim Behavioral Health Services Director Lauri Hunner provided an overview of the request, advising of past action by the Board to freeze the position. Ms. Hunner advised of a salary savings by having the position frozen, however, herself and former Director Arden Carr assumed the duties of the position when it was froze, and Mr. Carr is no longer the Director of the Department. Ms. Hunner advised of the need to have the position filled to assist the department with upcoming audits and supervisor the Children System of Care Department.

Mr. Moody concurred with Ms. Hunner’s statements and advised that the recruitment for the position would be an open recruitment. .

Ms. Hunner advised that the position will generate revenue and the position will have a case load and be able to bill for services. Ms. Hunner additionally advised that referrals to the Children System of Care have increased, resulting in increased revenue. Ms. Hunner additionally advised that since July, the Children System of Care staff has increased their billable minutes to 62%.

Supervisor Armstrong requested that the information provided by Ms. Hunner regarding the position be provided in written documentation format.

Auditor Leanna Dancer provided information regarding billing, and advised that a salary savings from the former Director will assist with funding the position.

MOTION:
 Overman/Hoy

Unfreeze Behavioral Health System Administrator, position number BHSA02, 1.0 FTE, effective January 16, 2005, in Behavioral Health Services. Continued...

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - Unfreeze Behavioral Health System Administrator, position number BHSA02, 1.0 FTE, effective January 16, 2005, in Behavioral Health Services- *continued*

Discussion followed regarding the current billable percentage rate and that the percentage would increase if the position was filled.

Following a roll call vote with Supervisors Overman, Armstrong and Cook voting YES, and Supervisors Erickson and Hoy voting NO, the motion carried.

Supervisor Overman requested a status report within three to six months.

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS - There were no Board and Staff reports.

No action taken.

CLOSED SESSION - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b), six cases, commenced at 12:18 p.m., concluded at 12:43 p.m., no decisions made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:
COLLEEN BAKER, COUNTY CLERK

LaVada Erickson, Chair

By: _____
Deputy

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