

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

5:30 p.m.: Chair Jones 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
- 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 Reverend Lynn Fritz, Centers for Spiritual Living, Native American Tradition.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Amanda Johnson, Nick Gardner, Nathan Blaze, Dale, Margaret Aceves, Twyla Carpenter, Kris Lloyd, Jamie Butcher, Dennis Sweeney, Emmett, Nelda Johnson, Brenda Woods, Ryan Woods, John Gregorio, Sue Burke, David Hallagan, Cynthia McDonald, Steve Kohn, Jeff Gorder, Kathy Flournoy, Laura Hobbs, Russ, Benjamin Nowain, Johanna, Jenny, Monique Welin, Lori Bridgeford, Danielle, Mike Lewis, and Sandy spoke during public comment – open time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There was no public comment.

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

Reappointed Staci Wadley to the Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council to serve a four-year term to April 18, 2027. (Clerk of the Board)

Appointed Elisabeth Cooper to the Shasta Children and Families Commission, also known as First 5 Shasta, to serve the remainder of a three-year term to January 2026. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved a budget amendment in the Environmental Health Budget (BU 402) for Fiscal Year 2022-23 increasing revenue in the amount of \$69,570 and appropriations in the amount of \$63,516. (Resource Management)

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD MATTERS

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AT HOME PLAN RESOLUTION NO. 2023-036 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Acting County Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Williams presented the staff report and recommended approval. She explained that Supervisor Garman had requested the item and discussed the history and operation of the AT HOME Plan, a comprehensive plan to address homelessness in California. Supervisor Garman further discussed how the Plan would bring California counties and cities together to work on a plan that included accountability and equitability.

Public comment was opened.

Monique Welin and Amber Middleton, Director of Hope Program for Shasta Community Health Center, spoke about outreach efforts toward local unhoused individuals.

Steve Kohn discussed the societal impact of people facing homelessness.

Brenda Woods expressed concerns about the relations between the County and the City of Redding and questioned whether the AT HOME Plan included emergency shelters.

Public comment was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-036 and approved a letter in support of the AT HOME Plan, which is a comprehensive approach to effectively and equitability addressing homelessness in California.

(See Resolution Book No. 70)

PRESENTATION REGARDING SHASTA COUNTY CARR, ZOGG, SALT, AND FAWN FIRES DISASTER RECOVERY ORDINANCE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Adam Fieseler, Assistant Director of Resource Management, gave a presentation regarding the Shasta County Carr, Zogg, Salt, and Fawn Fires Disaster Recovery Ordinance (Title 19) and its effective period ending May 1, 2023, with respect to persons displaced by the Carr Fire. Mr. Fieseler explained that Title 19 was intended to expedite the transition of persons displaced by the various fires to interim shelters and to reestablish homes destroyed by those fires. He clarified that Title 19 had differing effective periods for each of the named fires and discussed the various County Code exceptions offered by Title 19, as well as the numbers of homes lost and rebuilt due to the Carr Fire.

Mr. Fieseler spoke about concerns raised by community members regarding trash, onsite camping without septic systems, and other issues due to individuals who continued in temporary living conditions without rebuilding their lost homes. He explained how the community could submit complaints to the Resource Management department for investigation and action.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones and Garman, Mr. Fieseler stated that junkyard and nuisance conditions could be addressed through the County's code enforcement process, separately from any concerns from Title 19. He further stated that code enforcement was complaint-driven, so the County needed to receive complaints before action would be taken to

work with individuals toward voluntary compliance in addressing nuisance conditions. He detailed the code enforcement process and timeline.

Public comment was opened.

Christie Robinson discussed the legal steps she and her family had been forced to undertake in order to start the permitting and rebuilding process.

Arlin Velazquez, owner of Forever Tiny Homes, discussed the potential for using movable tiny homes as accessory dwelling units.

Steve Kohn supported extending the effective time of Title 19.

Kathy Flournoy discussed the difficulties she and her spouse had encountered in trying to work through the rebuilding process.

Public comment was closed.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Fieseler clarified that, if the extension to Title 19 was not approved by the Board before May 1, 2023, the County would not immediately start enforcing restrictions on individuals living in temporary housing in the affected areas.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Jones), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors received a presentation regarding the Shasta County Carr, Zogg, Salt, and Fawn Fires Disaster Recovery Ordinance (Title 19) and its effective period ending May 1, 2023, with respect to persons displaced by the Carr Fire and directed staff to place on a future agenda a resolution to extend the effective period of Title 19 for Carr Fire victims for an additional year or other length of time as determined by the Board.

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION: ONGOING OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., PARK/MERCY CANYON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY-ECONOMIC MOBILITY

Laura Burch, Director of the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), gave an update on the ongoing outreach activities at Martin Luther King, Jr, Park/Mercy Canyon to serve individuals and families who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Ms. Burch discussed the efforts of staff to remove the transportation barriers for individuals to go to HHS to start the process of being connected to coordinated entry to housing and homeless services. She spoke about the people who were assisted, as well as various barriers faced by others who were continuing to work with HHS staff and services.

Public comment was opened.

Jerry Harral and Monique Welin discussed the efforts of Shasta Mutual Aid and others who assisted unhoused individuals on a weekly basis, as well as the importance of additional services to reduce or eliminate homelessness.

Public comment was closed.

PRESENTATION: SHASTA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Nigel Skeet gave a presentation on behalf of the Shasta County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber). Mr. Skeet discussed the California Adventure District and the founding of the Chamber to encourage area branding and tourism in order to bring economic growth to the area. Brandon Ballard and Jason Stoval, owners of Redding Buzz, spoke about the opportunity for the Chamber to assist in promoting the County.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Skeet discussed previous attempts at involving the County in the promotional efforts represented by the Chamber and other location organizations.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Skeet stated that the Chamber was formed of a legal partnership between California Adventure District and Enjoy, and discussed several other organizations in Northern California that were involved with the Chamber.

Supervisor Crye discussed his past interactions with Mr. Skeet and other members of the Chamber, and stated that he would need to abstain from any possible future County vote involving the Chamber.

There was no public comment.

PRESENTATION: OUR HEREOS DREAMS ORGANIZATION

Justin Bond, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Our Heroes Dreams, gave a presentation on the organization. Mr. Bond discussed the organization's efforts to assist military veterans and police officers, and also discussed future plans to purchase property to run local camps and other programs.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Bond discussed problems his organization had faced when trying to build a program campus in Shasta County.

There was no public comment.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Acting County Executive Officer (CEO) Mary Williams presented an update on County issues and specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including the possibility of bringing another bill to the Board for a response at an upcoming meeting. Ms. Williams discussed the County's participation in the Suburban Caucus at the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

On the occasion of his upcoming retirement, the Board recognized Rubin E. Cruse, Jr., for 24 years of service to the County, with 13 years as the County Counsel.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Rickert recently attended a meeting of the Planning and Service Area 2 Area Agency on Aging Executive Board and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Garman recent attended a CSAC meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye reported on issues of countywide interest.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Jones), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring a proposal for a formal program with scheduled days and times for HHS staff to perform outreach to unhoused people living in encampments throughout the County to a future Board meeting for discussion and possible action.

Supervisor Jones recently attended meetings of CSAC and the Redding Area Bus Authority and reported on issues of countywide interest.

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Jones 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 *Scripps NP Operating LLC v. County of Shasta, et al.*, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1).

There was no public comment.

9:25 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

9:55 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors returned from Closed Session and reconvened in Open Session with Supervisors Crye, Garman, Rickert, and Jones, 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; however, no reportable action was taken.

9:56 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy