

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

**SPECIAL MEETING**

3:00 p.m.: Vice-Chair Kelstrom called the Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors to order on the above date with the following present:

District No. 1 - Supervisor Crye - Absent  
District No. 2 - Supervisor Garman  
District No. 3 - Supervisor Rickert  
District No. 4 - Supervisor Jones  
District No. 5 - Supervisor Kelstrom

County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board - David J. Rickert  
County Counsel - Joseph Larmour  
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Kristin Gulling-Smith  
Deputy Clerk of the Board - Valerie Ibarra

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MATTERS**

**RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO PARK FIRE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-080**

Sheriff Michael L. Johnson described the circumstances surrounding the Park Fire, which started on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, and his declaration of a local emergency on July 30, 2024, due to the impact on County resources and personnel, although the fire had not yet crossed into Shasta County. Sheriff Johnson recognized all of the partner agencies involved in the fire response.

Chief Sean O'Hara described the origins and current status of the Park Fire. As of Wednesday, July 31, 2024, the fire was approximately 389,791 acres and 18% contained. Chief O'Hara stated that 6,000 personnel were assigned to the Park Fire and discussed its aggressive growth, as well as evacuation orders and warnings that were in effect. He described protective efforts underway from Shingletown to the Viola area, roughly a 28-mile distance.

Supervisor Garman announced that Becca's Café in Anderson had donated supplies and was offering free meals to evacuees.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Chief O'Hara stated that the soonest the fire would be fully contained might be as soon as 30 days and the forward momentum might be stopped within seven days, but emphasized that all estimates were heavily dependent on the weather.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Chief O'Hara discussed the Park Fire's long range spotting, as well as air attack efforts and their limitations due to inversion layers. He stated that the Park Fire was competing for resources with other large fires in Southern California and spoke about the possibilities of receiving out-of-state resources or activating the National Guard. Sheriff Johnson stated that it was not typical for a county to declare a local emergency

when a fire had not crossed county lines, but that doing so was justified due to the impact the Park Fire had already had on Shasta County’s personnel and resources.

In response to questions by Supervisors Kelstrom and Rickert, Sheriff Johnson discussed the possibility of allowing people under evacuation orders behind fire lines in order to care for their livestock. The Ag Pass, a program to help facilitate such activities, was discussed and interested individuals were directed to contact the Agricultural Commissioner. The Sheriff stated that his personnel would assist evacuees with access to care for their livestock even if they did not have an Ag Pass.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Laura Burch, Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, stated that Northern Valley Catholic Social Services was providing cash relief cards to anyone under evacuation orders or warnings, with proof of address. The phone number to contact them is (530) 782-1712.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Rickert), and carried 4-0 with Supervisor Crye absent, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Received an update on the Park Fire; received public comment on this item; and adopted Resolution No. 2024-080 which ratifies the Shasta County Director of Emergency Services' July 30, 2024, proclamation of a local emergency due to the wild land fire identified as the "Park Fire," subject to the requirements of and in accordance with Government Code Section 8630.

(See Resolution Book No. 74)

3:30 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy