

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, November 7, 2024

**REGULAR MEETING**

5:32 p.m.: Chair Crye 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

- County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board - David J. Rickert
- County Counsel - Joseph Larmour
- Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Stefany Blankenship

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship announced that the items concerning the Audit Log from the March 5, 2024, Primary Election and other Hart InterCivic election equipment related issues, and the agreement with AP Triton for the development of a County Fire Master Plan had been pulled from the agenda and would each be brought back to the Board at a later date.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Father George Elliott, St. Andrew Fool-for-Christ Orthodox Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MATTERS**

NOVEMBER 2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
MARIANNE SARGENT, ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-109

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2024-109 which recognizes Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency Eligibility Specialist II Marianne Sargent as Shasta County’s Employee of the Month for November 2024.

(See Resolution Book No. 74)

PROCLAMATION: VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK  
NOVEMBER 10-16, 2024

Supervisor Crye read the proclamation declaring November 10-16, 2024, as “*Veterans Awareness Week*” in Shasta County.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates November 10-16, 2024, as “*Veterans Awareness Week*” in Shasta County. Troy Payne, Veterans Services Officer, and Joshua Simmons, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1934, were present to accept the proclamation.

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION: BRIAN ALDRIDGE, CHASE PEETS,  
DANTE CRANDALL, AND RILEY GILLION

Supervisor Garman described the circumstances surrounding the actions of Brian Aldridge, Chase Peets, Dante Crandall, and Riley Gillion on August 17, 2024, when their quick response saved the life of Ashlee Robinson while she was cycling in the Anderson River Park.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Rickert), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors presented Certificates of Recognition to Brian Aldridge, Chase Peets, Dante Crandall, and Riley Gillion, which recognizes their heroic actions on August 17, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

County Executive Officer (CEO) David J. Rickert presented an update on County issues and specific legislation of importance to Shasta County. He recognized the dedication and importance of the work done by Elections staff and volunteers.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Rickert recently attended meetings of the Economic Development Corporation and Northern California Water Association Governing Board and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom recently attended a Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Jones recently attended a SRTA meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring back for discussion and possible action at a future Board meeting a discussion of the issues surrounding the misprinted Runbeck ballots and have a representative from Runbeck present to explain how the ballot errors occurred.

Supervisor Garman reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye reported on issues of countywide interest.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DISCUSSION: CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE GRANT AGREEMENT AND  
SPENDING PLAN

Supervisor Jones discussed the grant agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life and spending plan as approved on April 9, 2024, and the history surrounding the agreement and

its revisions prior to approval by the Board, including emails between staff members concerning the agreement.

County Counsel Joseph Larmour clarified that the emails referred to were still subject to attorney-client privilege and that, in order to make them public, the Board would need to place an item on a future agenda to do so.

A motion was made by Supervisor Jones to direct staff to bring back for discussion and possible action at a future Board meeting consideration of waiving the attorney-client privilege surrounding the staff emails concerning the grant agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life and to make the emails available to the public.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. Larmour stated that the Registrar of Voters could have their own counsel, but if County Counsel advises them, the attorney-client privilege flows directly to the Board. He clarified that elected officials have flexibility on items that do not require approval by the Board, but if a funding item comes to the Board and the Board sets parameters regarding how the funding will be spent, the elected official has no flexibility outside those parameters.

Robert, Steve Amaral, Steve Umfleet, Laura Hobbs, KC, Ron Pember, Thomas Hildebrand, Bev Gray, Jim Burnett, Dolores Lucero, Jenny, Bob Holsinger, and Leslie spoke during public comment.

The Board discussed the reasons for bringing back an item when the majority of staff involved are no longer employed with the County, including the need for accountability. Mr. Larmour stated that the Board controls the County budget, which limits the autonomy of elected officials with regard to budgetary items that are under the purview of the Board. Supervisor Jones detailed the timeline concerning the grant agreement and his concerns with it.

6:51 p.m.: Per Government Code section 54957.9, due to willful disruption that prevented the meeting from being conducted in an orderly fashion, Chair Crye ordered the room cleared, and the Board of Supervisors recessed.

7:42 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened. Members of the public returned to the room.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Kelstrom), and carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Supervisors Garman and Rickert voting no, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring back for discussion and possible action at a future Board meeting the grant agreement with the Center for Tech and Civic Life for consideration of waiving the attorney-client privilege surrounding staff emails and any other documents concerning the agreement in order to make them available to the public.

### **ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Crye noted that the items regarding the agreement with AP Triton for the development of a County Fire Master Plan had been pulled from the agenda and would come back to the Board at a later date.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Steve Kohn, Steve Amaral, Bev Gray, Margaret Hansen, Thomas Hildebrand, Ron Pember, KC, Laura Hobbs, Steve Umfleet, Lori Bridgeford, Jim Burnett, Dolores Lucero, Leslie, Deidre Holliday, Tim Saunders, Nathan Blaze, Ashley Rudolph, Johanna, and Max Walter spoke during public comment - open time.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approved amendments to the lease agreements with: John P. Murphy Trust and Shastique Holdings, LLC, for property located at 1405, 1415, 1421, and 1423 Court Street, City of Redding, and 1810 Market Street, City of Redding, respectively, which modify access permissions. (County Administrative Office)

Reappointed Melvin Breshears, Charles A. Fleming, and Andrew McCurdy to the Board of Building Appeals to serve two-year terms to December 31, 2026. (Clerk of the Board)

Approved a retroactive renewal agreement with Northern California Youth & Family Programs in an amount not to exceed \$1,266,690 for visitation services for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Took the following actions regarding the “Shasta County Anderson Veterans Memorial Hall HVAC Replacement Project,” Contract No. 610984 (Contract): Awarded the Contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Ray-Mac Mechanical, Inc., on a lump sum basis, in the amount of \$249,950; approved and authorized the Public Works Director, or their designee, to sign a Notice of Completion and record it within 15 days of actual completion of the work; and approved budget amendments which increase appropriations and revenue: by \$60,000 in the Land Buildings and Improvements (LB&I) Budget (BU 166); and by \$560,000 in the Miscellaneous General Budget (BU 173) offset with the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds. (Public Works)

Approved an amendment to the agreement with Day Management Corporation, dba Day Wireless Systems, for installation, reprogramming, removal, relocation, testing, and repair of communications equipment which extends the term to December 31, 2025. (Support Services)

### CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Crye 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 *Miller et al. v. County of Shasta et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2:24-at-00588; *Kropholler v. County of Shasta, et al.*; *Jones v. Shasta County et al.*, Shasta County Superior Court, 22Civ 0199596; and *Adelman v. County of Shasta et al.*, United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, 2:23 CV 00675-DAD-DMC pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1).

There was no public comment.

8:35 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

9:34 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 David J. Rickert, and County Counsel Joseph Larmour present.

### REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

County Counsel Joseph Larmour reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss existing litigation; however, no reportable action was taken.

9:34 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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