

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**REGULAR MEETING**

5:30 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 Long  
District No. 3 - Supervisor Harmon  
District No. 4 - Supervisor Plummer  
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

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Deacon Ray Hemenway, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MATTERS**

APRIL 2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
ANNA RODRIGUEZ, SUPERVISING STAFF SERVICES ANALYST  
COUNTY CLERK/ELECTIONS OFFICE  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-025

Jenny spoke during public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Plummer/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2025-025 which recognizes Anna Rodriguez, Supervising Staff Services Analyst of the Shasta County Clerk/Elections Office as Shasta County's Employee of the Month for April 2025.

(See Resolution Book No. 75)

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

County Executive Officer (CEO) David J. Rickert presented an update on County issues and specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including the declaration of local emergencies by nearby counties due to increased gray wolf populations. CEO Rickert stated that a letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife about the situation in Shasta County, as well as a resolution declaring a state of local emergency due to gray wolf activities, would be brought to the Board at an upcoming meeting. He also discussed Senate Bill (SB) 222, which would allow individuals who had suffered harm to bring action against any party responsible for

climate disaster, and SB 707, which would require two-way telecommunications options for public meetings, and stated that letters of opposition for each bill would be brought before the Board at a future meeting.

### SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Long reported on issues of countywide interest.

By motion made, seconded (Long/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to place on a future agenda a letter regarding the impacts of federal funding cuts on National Parks and Recreation Areas within Shasta County.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Harmon recently attended a meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Plummer reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye recently attended a meeting of the Sacramento Valley Basinwide Air Pollution Control Council and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye directed staff to place on a future agenda a discussion of Administrative Policy 1-101, *Operation and Conduct of Business Before the Board of Supervisors*, to ensure that longer, more detailed Supervisors' reports fit within policy.

### LETTER OF SUPPORT: ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 25

### LETTER OF OPPOSITION: AB 690

### LETTER OF SUPPORT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 1383

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship discussed the proposed letters of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 25, House of Representatives Bill 1383, and letter of opposition to AB 690.

Jillian spoke during public comment.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, County Counsel Joseph Larmour discussed the current flat pay rate for contracted attorneys for indigent response and the potential effects of AB 690.

A motion was made and seconded (Crye/Kelstrom) to approve the letter of opposition to AB 690.

After discussion, the motion and second were amended to include all three letters.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 25: Voter ID and Election Integrity Act of 2025; a letter of opposition to AB 690: Criminal procedure: indigent defense compensation; and a letter of support for House of Representatives Bill 1383: Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2025.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Dawn Duckett, Shana Tiss, Rebecca Howe, Steve Woodrum, Madalynn Clark, Natasha Harlow, Harry Madson, Frances Dye, Matthew Van Scoter, Belinda Hutchings, Susan McMains, Samantha Brinton Candle, Lori Bridgeford, Laura Hobbs, Steve Kohn, Jenny, Rachel Smith, Jim Burnett, Nolan Weber, Terry Powell, Jeff Gorder, Dawn Becker, Linda Glass, Antonia Rose, Nick Gardner, Julie Harmon, Dolores Lucero, Theodore Workman, Ken Michaud, Annabel Dolan, Deidre Holliday, Ann Mobley, Patte Jelavich, Dan, Amanda Ard,

Benjamin Nowain, Thomas H., Max Walter, and Leslie S. spoke during public comment - open time.

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

Chair Crye noted that the item regarding an agreement with Samsara, Inc., had been pulled for discussion.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-026, which authorizes a change in election day of the Board of Directors for the Shasta Fire Protection District to consolidate with the even numbered years. (County Clerk/Elections)

(See Resolution Book No. 75)

Took the following actions regarding the California Department of Public Health's California Tobacco Prevention Program to continue to provide Tobacco Education Program activities in Shasta County: Approved and authorized the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director, or the HHS Public Health Branch Director, to sign: the Acceptance of Allocation Agreement in the amount of: \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and \$300,000 for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027; Prospective Payment Invoices, including retroactive, in the amount of \$1,650,000 for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027; and any amendments or required documents, including retroactive, that do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement, do not change revenue by more than 20% in any one Fiscal Year, as long as they otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health)

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-027, effective July 1, 2024, for CDPH Grant Agreement #24-10314 which: Designates the County Executive Officer (CEO) to act as the Authorized Agent; and authorizes the CEO to: enter and execute a retroactive grant agreement (Agreement) with the California Department of Public Health for the California HIV Surveillance Program in the amount of \$65,725 for the period of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029; and sign future agreements, documents and amendments, including retroactive, that do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the Agreement and do not cause an increase of more than \$6,572 to the maximum amount receivable, so long as they otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health)

(See Resolution Book No. 75)

Approved a retroactive renewal agreement with EMSsystems LLC, dba Juvare, for a software license allowing emergency services to use a web-based platform to share and access real-time information regarding emergency resource management in an amount not to exceed \$26,453.09 over the entire term of the agreement, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027,. (Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health)

Approved an agreement with ServFirst, Inc., dba Redding Spray Service, on a unit cost basis, for vegetation management services through December 31, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000. (Public Works)

Approved budget amendments for the "JRF West Recreation Yard Expansion Project," which increase appropriations and revenue by \$500,780 in the Land Buildings and Improvements Budget (BU 166) and increase appropriations by \$500,780 in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility Budget (BU 262) offset by use of restricted SB823 Juvenile Justice Realignment fund balance. (Public Works)

Approved the purchase of three 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Package Vehicles for a total price of \$189,812.37 from Winner Chevrolet under California State Contract #1-22-23-23D. (Public Works)

Authorized the Auditor-Controller to pay a retroactive step increase to an employee whose performance evaluation was completed more than six months after the due date. (Public Works)

Approved a budget amendment which increases appropriations by \$208,561 in the Sheriff Budget (BU 235) for the acquisition of Taser 10s and related training approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 23, 2024, offset with a decrease in appropriations in Reserves for Contingency (BU 900). (Sheriff)

Took the following actions: Adopted Salary Resolution No. 1688, effective April 20, 2025, which amends the Shasta County Classification Specifications and Salary Schedule to add a Law Clerk position; and adopted Resolution No. 2025-028, effective April 20, 2025, which adopts an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Shasta County UPEC Professional Unit covering the period of May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2025, which amends the hiring sign-on bonus pilot program for the Deputy District Attorney I/II/III and Deputy Public Defender I/II/III classifications. (Support Services)

(See Salary Resolution Book)  
(See Resolution Book No. 75)

### **ACTION ON ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **AGREEMENT: SAMSARA, INC.**

#### **GLOBAL POSITIONING & TELEMATIC SERVICES FOR COUNTY VEHICLES**

Troy Bartolomei, Director of Public Works, presented the staff report, described the Request for Proposals process, and recommended approval of the agreement. Mr. Bartolomei discussed the history of claims and lawsuits against the County for vehicular accidents and the usefulness of GPS and telematics data in obtaining accurate data in the case of any future incidents. He also explained how the data would assist Fleet staff in ensuring timely and more efficient service on County vehicles, as well as helping to locate vehicles in the case of theft. He clarified that the cost came out to approximately \$15 per month per County vehicle.

In response to questions by Supervisor Long, Mr. Bartolomei clarified that the telematics devices would be able to store more telematics data than cameras would, and that the cameras were prohibitively expensive. Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services, stated that the insurance deductible for vehicles was \$25,000, and the County usually repaired or replaced vehicles that were below the deductible threshold without sending the claims through insurance. Mr. Bartolomei confirmed that the telematics would provide real-time information upon which to base vehicle service and discussed the benefits to loss prevention, as well as potential avoidance of litigation. Mr. Larmour clarified that the sensors built into vehicles were expensive to retrieve data from in the case of accidents, but the telematics would provide data in an easily accessible way. Mr. Bartolomei spoke about the past use by the County of Apple Air Tags and their limitations.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, CEO Rickert stated that the County had paid out approximately \$3.8 million over the last seven years in claims, and that the total did not include staff time or litigation time. He observed that a single lawsuit averaged well over the annual cost of the proposed agreement.

In response to questions by Supervisor Plummer, Mr. Bartolomei stated that there had been two County vehicles stolen in the last 15 years and that one had been recovered. CEO Rickert stated that, whether the cost of claims was paid directly by the County or through insurance, the County ultimately paid that money because claims raised premiums. He emphasized that even one claim was very expensive.

In response to questions by Supervisor Harmon, Mr. Bartolomei stated that the telematics could report incidents of speeding, but that, per a meet and confer with the unions, the data would not be used for disciplinary purposes. Ms. Fugitt stated that no one other than Public Works and Fleet Management would have access to the data in real time, but if there was a concern, that data could be shared after obtaining approval from Personnel and the County Administrative Office.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Crye), and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Supervisor Long voting no, the Board of Supervisors Approved an agreement with Samsara Inc. for Global Positioning Services (GPS) and telematic services for County vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$381,500, for a three-year term, and designated authority to the Public Works Director, or their designee, to sign Order Forms. (Public Works)

## **REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED**

### **CLERK OF THE BOARD**

#### **2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING CALENDAR AMENDMENT**

Stefany Blankenship, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, described the proposed calendar change due to a scheduling conflict with the National Association of Counties' annual conference and exposition, which one Board member and several staff members would be attending. She stated that the recommendation was to cancel the conflicting July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting and reschedule it to July 8<sup>th</sup> to maintain the scheduled number of meetings.

A motion was made and seconded (Crye/Kelstrom) to approve the calendar amendment.

In response to questions by Supervisors Plummer and Crye, Ms. Blankenship stated that the meeting could be rescheduled to July 1<sup>st</sup> or the Board could discuss other alternatives.

There was no public comment.

By substitute motion made, seconded (Crye/Plummer), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to place on a future agenda an amendment to the 2025 Board of Supervisors' meeting calendar.

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chair Crye announced that the Board of Supervisors would recess to a Closed Session to take the following actions:

Confer with its Labor Negotiators, County Executive Officer David J. Rickert, Personnel Director Monica Fugitt, and Chief Labor Negotiator Gage Dungy, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, to discuss the following employee organizations: United Public Employees of California, Local 792 – General Unit, United Public Employees of California, Local 792 – Professional Unit, and Deputy Sheriffs Association – Correctional Officer – Deputy Sheriffs, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6; and

Confer with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled *County of Shasta v. Hobbs, et al.* (Shasta County Superior Court, Case #25CVG00515), pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1);

Lori Bridgeford, Laura Hobbs, Jim Burnett, Dolores Lucero, Dan, and Thomas H. spoke during public comment.

8:32 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

9:40 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 labor negotiations and existing litigation; however, no reportable action was taken.

9:41 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

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Chair

ATTEST:  
  
DAVID J. RICKERT  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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