

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

9:06 a.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

County Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board - David J. Rickert
Interim County Counsel - Gretchen Stuhr
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Stefany Blankenship

Chair Jones announced that Items R9 and R10, concerning the Citizens Election Advisory Committee, had been pulled from the agenda and would be heard at a later meeting. He also announced that Item R7, the discussion concerning the Hart Intercivic contract, would commence at 11:30 a.m., and that Item R8, concerning a county charter, had been pulled from the agenda due to an error in the original language. He stated that the county charter would instead be discussed at a special meeting that would take place immediately following the Board's regular meeting.

At the request of Supervisor Crye, Chair Jones stated that Items R4, R5, and R6, concerning Board of Supervisors' employment benefits and compensation, would be heard following Item R2, the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District annual report.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Associate Reverend Ken Ficklin, Unity Church in Redding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

REGULAR CALENDAR**BOARD MATTERS****PRESENTATION: TRENDS & INSIGHTS: PROPOSITION 103 AND CALIFORNIA'S RISK CRISIS**
INSURANCE INFORMATION INSTITUTE

Janet Ruiz, Director for Strategic Communication of the Insurance Information Institute, gave a presentation on the current insurance situation in California.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Ms. Ruiz discussed the California FAIR Plan, as well as the program recently put out by the California Department of Insurance and the proposed timeline to have approvals in place. She also discussed the Fire Wise/Fire Safe councils and their possible roles in assisting with preparing properties to be insurable. Ms. Ruiz spoke about the management of the California FAIR Plan and how its insurance plans operate.

In response to questions by Supervisor Garman, Ms. Ruiz discussed rising rates for auto insurance and the availability of auto insurance in the state. She suggested working with brokerages if anyone faced difficulty finding auto insurance.

Joshua Brown, Margaret Hansen, Mike James, Jenny, Randy Compton, and two anonymous women spoke during public comment.

PRESENTATION: ANNUAL REPORT
SHASTA MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Peter Bonkrude, Manager of the Shasta Mosquito and Vector Control District (District), presented the District's annual report. Mr. Bonkrude spoke about the District's responsibilities, including responses to service requests, inspections and control efforts, and ongoing issues with diseases brought to the area by invasive species.

Spenser Deardorff and two anonymous speakers spoke during public comment.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT**SUPPORT SERVICES****AMEND SHASTA COUNTY PERSONNEL RULES CHAPTERS 15, 16, AND 39**
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-122

Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services, presented the staff report and recommended approval. Ms. Fugitt explained that the proposed changes to employment benefits would establish revised health care contributions for Confidential, Unrepresented Management, Elected Department Heads, and Board of Supervisors employee groups. She discussed the process of reviewing such changes after the completion of bargaining with other employee groups and explained the proposed changes.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Ms. Fugitt clarified that the proposed changes were a regular occurrence after negotiations were completed with the County's bargaining units.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Ms. Fugitt and Nolda Short, Auditor Controller, discussed the County's cost sharing and future impact on the County's unfunded liabilities.

Margaret Hansen, Heather McFall, Judy Salter, Jenny, Dolores Lucero, and four anonymous speakers spoke during public comment.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Ms. Fugitt explained that the proposed change would initially be cost-neutral to the County and that it was not possible to provide specific long-term costs, as those would rely on projected numbers based on several factors. She also explained that, as had been done in the past, the proposed changes to employment benefits for the Board were the same as those for Elected Department Heads.

In response to questions by Supervisor Kelstrom, Ms. Fugitt stated that the proposed changes were a routine item that followed the same historical pattern as similar changes in the past. She explained that the proposed changes were brought forward on behalf of the listed employee groups because those groups are not otherwise represented and could not advocate for themselves.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Crye), and carried 4-1 with Supervisor Rickert voting no, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Adopted Resolution No. 2023-122, amending the Shasta County Personnel Rules, Chapter 15, *Management Benefits*, Chapter 16, *Confidential Employees*, and Chapter 39, *Elected Department Head and Board of Supervisor Benefits*, making changes to the County's contributions to health care premiums; and introduced and waived the reading of "*An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta Establishing Employment Benefits for Members of the Board of Supervisors*," which establishes the employment benefits for the Board of Supervisors as those identified in the revised Chapter 39 of the Shasta County Personnel Rules.

(See Resolution Book No. 72)

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chair Jones discussed the proposed ordinance and the process by which it had been placed on the agenda.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services, discussed the proposed increase in Supervisors' wages. Ms. Fugitt explained that the proposed wages were the median wage of comparable, contiguous counties, and that the Shasta County Supervisors were found to be underpaid. She stated that the Board had last received a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in 2002 and that the proposed ordinance would align future COLAs for the Board with those of the Unrepresented Management employee group. Ms. Fugitt clarified that the ordinance also included a \$5,000 annual vehicle allowance for the Supervisors.

In response to questions by Supervisor Garman, Ms. Fugitt stated that the comparable counties included Kings, El Dorado, Yolo, Siskiyou, Humboldt, Napa, Madera, Butte, and Tehama, and reviewed the annual salaries for those counties' boards of supervisors.

The Board discussed the proposed ordinance, Board salaries, the possibility of paid staff for the Board, and concerns about the County budget and future unfunded liabilities.

Steve Kohn, Chelly Mack, Becky Stetson, Margaret Hansen, Susanne Baremore, Eric Silberstein, Sally, Judy Salter, Spenser Deardorff, Dawn Duckett, Heather McFall, Christian Gardinier, Jenny, Dolores Lucero, Robert Belgeri, Leslie Sawyer, Monique, Bruce Anderson, Mike James, Jon Knight, and David Hallagan spoke during public comment.

Chair Jones announced that further discussion and public comment regarding the proposed ordinance would resume after both the discussion concerning the master agreement with Hart Intercivic, Inc., and the Report of Closed Session Actions.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DISCUSSION OF HART INTERCIVIC, INC. MASTER AGREEMENT

Cathy Darling Allen, County Clerk/Registrar of Voters, and the Board of Supervisors discussed the master agreement between the County of Shasta and Hart Intercivic, Inc. The Board and Ms. Darling Allen discussed concerns with the electronic tabulation and ballot serialization capabilities of the Hart machines.

Joshua Brown, Susanne Baremore, Margaret Hansen, Richard Lee, Dolores Lucero, Jenny, Christian Gardinier, Jeff Gorder, Rick, Kim Moore, K.C., Jon Knight, Bob H., Steve Kohn, Randy Compton, Diane Kinyon, Nick Gardner, Lori Bridgeford, and Richard Gallardo spoke during 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 two cases of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (2):

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, the facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the County and that are known to a potential plaintiff are set forth in a letter to the County, dated September 20, 2023, from the First Amendment Coalition and the ACLU of Northern California regarding Shasta County Ordinance No. 755 (the County's Public Records Act Fee Ordinance). A copy of the letter is available upon request to the Clerk of the Board's Office; and

The significant exposure to litigation arises from complaints against a County official.

Joshua Brown and an anonymous woman spoke during public comment.

12:45 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

2:17 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 Interim County Counsel Gretchen Stuhr present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Interim County Counsel Gretchen Stuhr reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss anticipated litigation; however, no reportable action was taken.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED**SUPPORT SERVICES, CONTINUED****ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CONTINUED**

Public comment was continued.

Jillian, Joshua Brown, Diane Kinyon, Kim Moore, Bev Gray, Lori Bridgeford, Dave Hallagan, Nick Gardner, and one anonymous speaker spoke during public comment.

In response to questions by Supervisor Garman, Ms. Fugitt stated that the proposed salary increase would be a 64.9% increase. She stated that most Elected Department Heads received raises in 2021 after several years without salary increases. Ms. Fugitt agreed that it had been 21 years since the Board received a raise.

Supervisor Garman made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance, with the salary increase changed from 64.9% to 32.5%.

The Board discussed the proposed salary increase, their duties, the length of time since the last raise for their position, and the travel costs of their position.

The motion died for lack of a second; therefore, the Board of Supervisors took no action regarding *“An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta Establishing Compensation for Members of the Board of Supervisors.”*

Chair Jones announced that the item concerning a budget amendment increasing appropriations by \$122,464 in the Board of Supervisors Budget (BU 101), being subject to the adoption of the proposed ordinance, would not be heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Steve Woodrum, Nick Gardner, Margaret Hansen, Steve Kohn, Jon Knight, Dawn Duckett, Joshua Brown, Monique Welin, Diane, Dolores Lucero, Bev, Jenny, Nathan Blaze, Eric Silberstein, Jon Ruiz, Kim Moore, Lori Bridgeford, and Jeff Lowe spoke during public comment - open time.

3:15 p.m.: Interim County Counsel Gretchen Stuhr left the room. Assistant County Counsel Matthew McOmber took a seat at the dais.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Joshua Brown and Margaret Hansen spoke during public comment.

3:45 p.m.: Ms. Stuhr returned to the room and took her seat. Mr. McOmber left the room.

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

Adopted Policy Resolution No. 2023-04 which amends Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Administrative Office)

(See Policy Resolution Book)

Approved an amendment to the agreement with the Superior Court of California, County of Shasta, for various fees for services rendered by the County to the Court and vice versa, which extends the end date from October 31, 2023, to February 29, 2024, with one option to extend through March 31, 2024. (Administrative Office)

Approved a retroactive amendment, effective October 10, 2023, to the operation and maintenance agreement for 2889 E. Center Street, Anderson, with the City of Anderson, which changes the responsible parties for janitorial services and adds an electronic signature provision. (Administrative Office)

Took the following actions: Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Shasta, Lassen, Modoc, and Siskiyou counties relating to collaborative services for establishing pesticide disposal events and approved an agreement with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for assistance in conducting pesticide disposal events to be completed before June 30, 2024. (Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures)

Approved the minutes of the meeting held on October 17, 2023, as submitted. (Clerk of the Board)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-123 which approves California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection grant agreement 7GF23109, in an amount not to exceed \$19,915.20, including County match funding for a total of \$39,830.40, to purchase wildland fire and structural fire personal protective equipment for the period date of signing through June 30, 2024.

(See Resolution Book No. 72)

Approved a retroactive amendment, effective July 1, 2023, to the agreement with Cascades Management LLC, dba Ridgeview Residential Care Home, for adult residential care home services which increases the daily bed rate from \$148 to \$153.92 and compensation by \$68,883.20 for a new maximum compensation of \$2,198,323.20, retaining the term July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Took the following actions: Approved a retroactive renewal agreement with Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, dba Pathways to Hope for Children in an amount not to exceed \$23,160 for the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; and designated authority to the County Executive Officer, or their designee, to terminate this agreement. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Took the following actions: Approved a retroactive renewal agreement with Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, dba Pathways to Hope for Children, in an amount not to exceed \$245,935.75 for parent learning, supportive services, and Prevention and Early Intervention for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024; and designated authority to the County Executive Officer, or their designee, to terminate this agreement. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Took the following actions: Approved a renewal agreement with Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, in an amount not to exceed \$1,875,000, for youth specialty mental health services for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026; and designated authority to the County Executive Officer, or their designee, to terminate this agreement. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Approved an agreement with JBI, L.P., in an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities revenue received per quarter by the County for federal Medi-Cal Administrative claiming assistance, training, and support for the period October 31, 2023, through September 30, 2024, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Probation)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-124 which authorizes the Probation Department to operate a farm stand and accept monetary donations for produce and chicken eggs. (Probation)
(See Resolution Book No. 72)

Approved and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to purchase ten Motorola handheld portable radios and equipment from Day Management Corporation, dba Day Wireless Communications, under Sourcewell Contract #36273 in an amount not to exceed \$99,000. (Probation)

Took the following actions: Approved the purchase of a 2024 Transit T350HD (Van) from TriVan Truck and Body under Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF; approved and authorized County Purchasing to sign: the initial Purchase Order (including terms and conditions) for the Van in an approximate amount of \$211,796 to include tax; and change orders and overages not to exceed \$21,179, including retroactive; and approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenue by \$280,566 in the Probation Budget (BU 263) for the purchase of the Van. (Probation)

Took the following actions: Approved the agreement with GHD Inc. (GHD) for construction management, inspection, and material testing services in an amount not to exceed \$626,916.47, for a term from date of signing to December 31, 2026; authorized the Public Works Director to approve minor amendments, including retroactive, that do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement and changes in the scope of work and modifications of the total compensation that do not exceed 10% in the aggregate (\$62,691), provided such approvals are approved as to form by County Counsel and Risk Management in accordance with the Shasta County Contracts Manual, Administrative Policy 6-101; found the agreement with GHD for the "Cove Road Storm Damage Slide Repair Project," Contract No. 706765, to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3), and not subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15060(c)(2). (Public Works)

Approved an agreement with Dokken Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$243,495.98, to perform right of way appraisal and acquisition services for five County bridge replacement projects for the period effective date of signing and end upon the State's acceptance of all Right of Way Certifications for the projects, or December 31, 2027, whichever occurs first. (Public Works)

Regarding Request for Quote (RFQ) 23-24 for flooring materials and installation services for County facilities: Awarded RFQ 23-24 to Design Time & Tile, Inc., and approved a contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with no single project to exceed \$60,000, for a one-year term effective date of signing, with one automatic renewals, with Design Time & Tile, Inc. (Public Works)

Approved budget amendments which increase appropriations and revenue by \$255,000 in the Land Buildings and Improvements Budget (BU 166), increases appropriations and revenue by \$255,000 in the Miscellaneous General Budget (BU 173), and increases appropriations by \$255,000 in the Accumulated Capital Outlay Budget (BU 161) to be offset by the use of restricted fund balance. (Public Works)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-125 which approves and authorizes the: Shasta County Sheriff, or his designee, to submit an application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways for the Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024- 25, and accept, if awarded, funding in the anticipated amount of \$584,990, and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of the resolution; and Shasta County Sheriff's Office Boating Safety Unit to participate in the FY 2024-25, Boating Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid Program, that it shall expend on boating safety programs not less than an amount equal to 100% of the amount received by the County from personal property taxes on vessels, and that the County Auditor will certify the amount of the prior year vessel taxes received by the County and the Sheriff, or his designee, sign the certification forms for each reimbursement claim. (Sheriff)

(See Resolution Book No. 72)

Took the following actions: Approved an amendment to the Integrated Public Safety Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Shasta, City of Redding, City of Anderson, and the Shasta Area Communications Agency for shared computerized law enforcement information and data which clarifies Parties, responsibilities, apportionment of costs; and approved and authorized signing authority to the Subscribing Agency Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 to the: Chief Probation Officer or their designee; Shasta County Fire Warden or their designee; and District Attorney or their designee. (Sheriff)

In accordance with Ordinance No. 764, "*An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta Approving A Military Equipment Use Policy for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office,*" determined that each type of military equipment identified in annual military equipment report has complied with the standards. (Sheriff)

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONTINUED

SUPPORT SERVICES, CONTINUED

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT JONATHAN INGRAM AS AGRICULTURAL
COMMISSIONER/SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-126

Monica Fugitt, Director of Support Services, presented the staff report and recommended approval. Ms. Fugitt discussed Robert Jonathan Ingram's experience, qualifications, and work with the County.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-126, which appoints Robert Jonathan Ingram as the Shasta County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures to a four-year term, effective December 16, 2023, and expiring December 15, 2027, and establishes Mr. Ingram's compensation at the A-step salary range (\$58.626 per hour/\$10,162.00 per month) with said compensation being subject to adjustment in accordance with the Shasta County Personnel Rules and other applicable County policies and actions by the Board of Supervisors and other applicable laws.

(See Resolution Book No. 72)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

County Executive Officer (CEO) David J. Rickert presented an update on County issues and specific legislation of importance to Shasta County, including an update on jail staffing.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC UNDERGROUNDING AND
OVERHEAD SYSTEM HARDENING

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter in support of Pacific Gas & Electric undergrounding and overhead system hardening.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Crye recently attended meetings of Youth Options Shasta and the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Garman recently attended a Shasta County Children and Families Commission meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Rickert recently attended meetings of the Shasta County Fire Safe Council, SRTA, and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Rickert recognized Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship for her work in arranging the Insurance Information Institute presentation. She also recognized C. Troy Bartolomei, Interim Director of Public Works, and his staff for their assistance in dealing with graffiti on public structures.

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

There was no public comment.

4:13 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy