

**SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

**REGULAR MEETING**

9:00 a.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

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship announced that Board Chambers would be closed in April and May due to a system replacement and that Board meetings during those months would be held at Shasta Lake City Council Chambers, located at 4488 Red Bluff Street in Shasta Lake City. Ms. Blankenship also announced that speaker request cards would no longer be accepted via email or any other method prior to the day of the meeting, as well as that, beginning March 24, 2025, speaker request cards would only be accepted in person on the day of the meeting from the person requesting to speak.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Tom Lucatorta, Heritage Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**BOARD MATTERS**

**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 recent withdrawal of Assembly Bill 1333, which would have affected self-defense laws, and the introduction of Senate Bills 405, 406, 407, and 408, which call for various changes to State Elections Code and local election rules.

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

Supervisor Long reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Harmon recently attended an Enterprise-Anderson Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Plummer reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Crye reported on issues of countywide interest. He announced that there would be a Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of continuing the public safety discussion from the Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on February 27, 2025.

**DONATION FROM REDDING RANCHERIA  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE AND VETERANS HALL**

Leon Benner, Redding Rancheria Tribal Council Member and Tribal Elder, presented the donation and expressed the Tribe's support for veterans and the Veterans Service Office.

Steve Kohn spoke during public comment.

CEO Rickert thanked the Redding Rancheria for their generosity and community involvement.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors accepted a donation from Redding Rancheria in the amount of \$408,000 to replace the roof of the Redding Memorial Veterans Hall and an additional \$100,000 for renovations at the new Veterans Services Office, located at 1880 Shasta Street in Redding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME**

Nolan Webber, Ian Frazer, Brittney Warner, Noah Kincade, Steve Kohn, KC, Ron Pember, Rick, KC, Linda Glass, Antonia, Gary Peyrot, Laura Hobbs, David Hallagan, Kim Moore, Jaclyn, Dawn Duckett, Dolores Lucero, Kathy Bradshaw, Jim Burnett, Dick Wilkinson, Margaret Hansen, Thomas H., Christian Gardinier, Rich Gallardo, Larry S., Lori Bridgeford, Sally, Deidre Holliday, Ruth Rhodes, Nick Gardner, Benjamin Nowain, Jenny, Tim Saunders, Dan, Darcy, Marjorie Bongaarts, Gary Oxley, Nathan Blaze, Lisa Jensen, Terry, and Brad spoke during public comment - open time.

**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:

Took the following actions: Waived competitive procurement requirements in Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*, and Shasta County Code Section 3.04.020 on the basis of limited manufacturer of specialized equipment; approved the purchase of a fire rescue boat from Munson; designated authority to the Shasta County Fire Warden to purchase the fire rescue boat in an amount not to exceed \$384,379.71; and approved a budget amendment which increases appropriations by \$184,380 in the CSA 1, County Fire Budget (BU 00391) offset by the use of Measure B fund balance. (County Fire)

Took the following actions: Waived competitive procurement requirements in Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*, and Shasta County Code section 3.04.020 on the basis of limited availability and long delivery time; approved the purchase of a 2025 Ford F-550 chassis from Crown Motors of Redding; and designated authority to the Shasta County Fire Warden to purchase the chassis for a total price of \$75,446.40. (County Fire)

Approved the purchase of personal protective equipment turnout coats and pants from LN Curtis & Sons, Inc., through NPPGov contract PS20060 in the amount of \$329,579.25. (County Fire)

Approved the purchase of a Verticus Plus high-pressure breathing air compressor system through California Department of General Services Contract 1-24-42-07 in the amount of \$74,586.48. (County Fire)

Approved a retroactive agreement with Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc., for youth residential specialty mental health services to eligible children placed in one of their facilities in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the period of one year as of March 1, 2025, with two automatic one-year renewals. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Appointed Stacy Watson to the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board (MHADAB) to serve a three-year term to December 31, 2027. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Took the following actions: Approved acceptance of a retroactive funding allocation with the California Department of Health Care Services in support of the California Children's Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,246 for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; certified that the allocation will be spent and the program will be administered in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and authorized the County Executive Officer, or their designee, to sign amendments and other required documents to accept the funding, 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 to the maximum amount payable, so long as they otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health)

Approved an amendment to the agreement with Victor Community Support Services, Inc., for Training and counseling services which adds on-site mental health care services by a licensed Mental Health Clinician to youth (including Transitional Age Youth) detained in the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility and increases compensation not exceed \$355,554 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 with a new maximum compensation not to exceed \$787,036. (Probation)

## **REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED**

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### **PRESENTATION: PROPOSAL FOR YOUTH PREVENTION PROGRAMS CORE: COMMUNITY OPIOID RESPONSE & EDUCATION**

Amanda Faith; Clay Ross, Superintendent of the Columbia Elementary School District; Jenna Berry, Executive Director of Raising Shasta; and Jennifer Coulter, Executive Director of Youth Options Shasta, working together as CORE: Community Opioid Response and Prevention (CORE), gave a presentation regarding a proposal for youth prevention programs using Opioid Litigation Settlement funds.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Ms. Berry spoke about CORE's plans for cooperation between local agencies and the planned use of subcontracts for experts in needed services. She stated that CORE was working with other agencies to prevent duplication of services and to develop a standard survey to be used across agencies in order to standardize collected data and allow them to analyze that data on a larger scale.

In response to questions by Supervisor Long, Ms. Berry explained that Raising Shasta would take the lead but would work collaboratively to fill gaps in services, especially in rural areas and in middle schools, as most current focus is on high schools.

David Hallagan, Dolores Lucero, and Jenny spoke during public comment.

In response to questions by Supervisors Crye and Plummer, Ms. Berry explained the need to hire a centralized data person with experience in data analysis. Mr. Ross described the work

done by the agencies represented in CORE and the care taken to ensure that their proposal fill gaps without duplicating existing services while considering the costs of the proposed services.

A motion was made and seconded (Harmon/Crye) to approve the staff recommendation.

County Counsel Joseph Larmour asked the Board to clarify how they wanted staff to move forward with the recommendations.

Supervisor Plummer requested Supervisor Harmon amend his motion to add direction to staff to bring a Memorandum of Understanding back for approval which includes two updates per year, improved goal worksheets to ensure measurable outcomes, and a clause for Board evaluation at the 18-month mark to evaluate whether to continue for an additional two years.

After Board discussion, Supervisor Harmon amended his motion to specifically direct staff as suggested by Supervisor Plummer and Supervisor Crye amended his second.

By motion made, seconded (Harmon/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors received a presentation from CORE: Community Opioid Response & Education regarding a proposal for youth prevention programs using Opioid Litigation Settlement funds and directed staff to bring to a future Board meeting a two-year Memorandum of Understanding with an option for a two-year renewal after evaluation by the Board at 18 months and with the requirement to report to the Board on specific program outcomes every six months starting in August 2025.

#### DISCUSSION REGARDING MEETING START TIME AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crye discussed the importance of having public comment – open time available to more of the public and near the beginning of the meeting, after the legislative report and occasional special items, and his desire to change to the regular meeting start time to 8:30 a.m.

Steve Kohn, David Hallagan, Rick, Dawn Duckett, Dolores Lucero, Jim Burnett, Nick Gardner, Jenny, Laura Hobbs, Michele, Lori Bridgeford, Kim Moore, and Benjamin Nowain spoke during public comment.

A motion was made and seconded (Crye/Kelstrom) to direct staff to update Administrative Policy No. 1-101, *Operation and Conduct of Business Before the Board of Supervisors*, to change the start time for regular meetings to 8:30 a.m.

The Board discussed potential issues from changing the meeting start time. Ms. Blankenship requested that the Board wait to make the change until the new audiovisual system was in place in Board Chambers to allow staff time to learn the new system.

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Long to bring the item back to a later Board meeting to allow further input from staff. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Supervisor Crye amended his motion to include having the meeting start time change begin in July. Supervisor Kelstrom amended his second.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors: Discussed the start time of regular meetings; discussed public comment period – open time; and directed staff to bring to a future meeting a policy resolution updating Administrative Policy No. 1-101, *Operation and Conduct of Business Before the Board of Supervisors*, to change the start time for regular meetings to 8:30 a.m., effective July 2025.

#### 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 *Robinson v. County of Shasta et al., Shasta County Court* (Case No. CVC20-0195757), pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1); and

Confer with legal counsel to discuss two cases of anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (4).

12:38 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

1:35 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 and anticipated litigation.

In two cases of potential initiation of litigation, the Board of Supervisors, by a 5-0 vote, gave direction to legal counsel to initiate legal action. There was no other reportable action.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### **CITY OF REDDING REQUEST TO MODIFY COUNTY'S TERMS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO MINIMUM REVENUE GUARANTEE WITH UNITED AIRLINES**

Supervisor Crye discussed the background of the City of Redding's (City) request for the County to modify the terms for the County's contribution to the minimum revenue guarantee (MRG) with United Airlines to secure round trip flights to Denver. Supervisor Kelstrom described the City's response to the terms, which led to the letter requesting the terms modification.

The Board discussed the request to modify the terms, the difficulties described by the City, and the importance of the airport to the region.

A motion was made and seconded (Crye/Kelstrom) to maintain the terms of the second \$100,000 pledged toward the MRG and to, in addition, propose a joint public meeting between the County Board of Supervisors and the City Council to discuss the development of a Joint Powers Agreement to form an airport authority.

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Plummer to require a joint public meeting between the County Board and the City Council to discuss the development of a Joint Powers Agreement to form an airport authority, but to remove the requirement that the County's second \$100,000 be used last. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Supervisor Crye amended his motion to maintain the last-used condition for the County's second \$100,000 and to require a joint public meeting between the County Board and the City Council to discuss the development of a Joint Powers Agreement to form an airport authority.

Dolores Lucero spoke during public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Kelstrom), and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Supervisor Plummer voting no, the Board of Supervisors amended the terms attached to the second \$100,000 pledged by the County to the minimum revenue guarantee with United Airlines to secure round trip flights to Denver to maintain the requirement that the funds would be the last funding utilized from the minimum revenue guarantee and that the City of Redding would hold a joint public meeting with the County to discuss the development of a Joint Powers Agreement to form an airport authority.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **USE OF GENERAL FUND CASH TO TEMPORARILY COVER NEGATIVE CASH WITHIN SOCIAL SERVICES FUND**

Erinn Watts, Branch Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)-Administration, presented the staff report, and recommended approval. Ms. Watts explained that the Social Services Fund (Fund) was awaiting incoming revenue and would need up to \$10.5 million to support ongoing mandated expenses. She clarified that the requested amount was for temporary support and had been selected to cover both expected and unexpected expenses while awaiting incoming revenue from submitted claims for costs. Ms. Watts discussed recent significant cost increases due to increased caseloads on mandated services, as well as the monitoring and reporting on those services. She also discussed the history of the Fund's expenses and revenue over the last several years and explained that costs have continued to increase although revenue has not increased commensurately, and that General Fund contributions to HHSA have remained steady for several years.

In response to questions by Supervisor Long, Ms. Watts discussed the State's repayments and the Fund's increasing costs, as well as cost-saving measures being undertaken by HHSA staff.

In response to questions by Supervisor Plummer, Ms. Watts confirmed that billable costs had not materially changed in recent years, but actual expenses had increased. She spoke about the potential need to draw more from the General Fund in the future if revenues did not increase, and described the three main budget units in the Fund.

In response to questions by Supervisor Long, Ms. Watts clarified that if the County did not pay its invoices to the State, the State would recoup that money through taking back revenues that would otherwise be paid to the County. She confirmed that failure to pay its invoices would negatively impact the County's credit rating.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Nolda Short, Auditor-Controller, stated that failure to pay bills for services rendered would negatively impact the County's credit rating, increase the interest rate on bond debts, and have additional negative effects. She stated that the issue at hand was a cash flow issue, where HHSA needed to make payments for services rendered while awaiting revenues from the State. She emphasized the importance of departments having cash reserves to cover these situations and that HHSA was working on improving their overall cash flow to address these issues.

Benjamin Nowain, Jenny, and Dolores Lucero spoke during public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of General Fund cash to temporarily cover negative cash within the Social Services Fund (00140) through June 30, 2025, in accordance with Government Code section 25252, in an amount not to exceed \$10,500,000, to be repaid with interest at the treasurer's pool rate.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **OLD SHASTA COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION ABOUT OPTIONS**

Troy Bartolomei, Director of Public Works, presented the staff report and described various options for the Old Shasta County Courthouse (Building) property, as well as the estimated costs of each. Mr. Bartolomei stated that staff had revised the recommended options, as there had been no interest in repurposing the entire Building during the discussion on February 25, 2025, so that option was no longer included. Option A would see complete demolition, the retention of

memorial and green spaces, and additional parking spaces with a potential solar site at an estimated cost of \$7 million; Option B would be partial demolition of the Building, with some additional parking spaces and a building remodel for use by the County, at an estimated cost of \$17.5 million; and Option C would demolish the entire site with its future use to be determined at a later date.

Mr. Bartolomei stated that one potential plan for Option C would include a small park with a parking lot and discussed the potential for obtaining park grants or similar funding. He described other potential uses that could involve a town square, memorial grounds, pavilion, or similar concept, and stated that the general cost for any would be approximately \$5.3 million for demolition, plus any additional costs dependent upon the chosen option. Mr. Bartolomei described the existing memorials already present on the grounds and the planned memorial for fallen armed services members from Shasta County.

Mr. Bartolomei also discussed Option D, keeping the Building as-is with a vacant building, which would continue to accrue \$15,000 - \$20,000 maintenance costs each month. He explained that there would be ongoing inflation for future construction costs and the potential for trespassers or vandalism, liability for accidents, and the possibility of dealing with vector and rodent exclusion or abatement. He detailed an estimated \$45,000 cost for deferred maintenance to repair the Building's boilers and chillers, the need to service eight of the ten HVAC units, and leaks in the roof that could create the need to mitigate mold.

Erin Bertain, Deputy County Executive Officer, discussed the funding sources for the proposed options. Options A and B could use approximately \$4 million from the Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund which would be available as of June 30, 2025. If those funds were used, the General Fund would need to be used to cover other Capital Outlay projects such as roofing, HVAC, etc. Additionally, \$34.2 million have been committed by the Board into Committed Funds, with \$9 million set aside in a General Fund Infrastructure fund and \$22.5 million set aside in a Public Safety Infrastructure fund. Ms. Bertain stated that, although those funds had been set aside with the intent to be used for a new or expanded jail facility, she would advocate for those funds to be drawn on for the project should the Board decide to proceed. She explained that Option C had the same funding options, with additional possibilities for grants or donations, depending on the specific plan chosen. She stated that Option D was currently and would continue to draw directly from the General Fund and had no other options for the costs of upkeep.

A motion was made and seconded (Crye/Harmon) to select Option C to demolish the Building, direct staff to come back to the Board at a later date to decide on further use for the site, and approve the budget amendments and delegated authority to the Auditor.

The Board discussed various options for the Building, funding, future development of the site, and the potential to auction reusable parts of the Building. Ms. Bertain spoke about the history of the committed General Fund Infrastructure and Public Safety Infrastructure funds. Mr. Bartolomei discussed the CEQA process, demolition timeline, and necessary maintenance costs if the Building was kept vacant. He also described the various abatement issues and costs.

In response to questions by Supervisor Plummer, CEO Rickert stated that staff could look for grants to cover the costs of demolition. Supervisor Crye specified that any grants sought after should not include restrictions on the future use of the property.

Steve Kohn, David Hallagan, Jenny, Jaclyn, and Marjorie Bongaarts spoke during public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Harmon), and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Kelstrom voting no, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the Old Shasta County Courthouse (Building): Received a presentation from the County Administrative Office and the Department of Public Works; selected Option C to demolish the Building and direct staff to return at a later date with potential development opportunities; approved budget amendments which increase appropriations and revenue by \$250,000 in the Land Building and Improvements Budget (BU 166) and the Miscellaneous General Budget (BU 173); approved a budget amendment which increases appropriations by \$250,000 in the Accumulated Capital Outlay Budget (BU 161) offset by use of the Public Safety Infrastructure Committed Fund Balance; and authorized the Auditor-Controller to make any technical adjustments needed to properly account for the project selected by the Board.

**SCHEDULED HEARINGS**

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

**ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

**COMPLETION & CLOSEOUT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ROUND 2 & 3 GRANTS**

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing to consider adopting a resolution which acknowledges the completion of the administrative activities for the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Business Assistance grants (CDBG CRBA Grants). The Notice of Public Hearing and the Notice of Publication are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dwayne Green, Branch Director of Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility, presented the staff report and recommended approval.

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board Stefany Blankenship confirmed that any correspondence received related to the hearing had been entered into the record.

The public hearing was opened.

Marjorie Bongaarts spoke in opposition to the closeout of the CDBG CRBA Grants.

No one else spoke for or against the matter, and the public hearing was closed.

In response to questions by Supervisor Plummer, Mr. Green explained that the remaining funds were never received, as the program was based on reimbursement of monies spent by the County and the County had not spent the full amount allocated for the program.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Long), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing and adopted Resolution No. 2025-021, which: acknowledges the completion of the administrative activities for the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Business Assistance grants in the allocation amount of \$476,143.21; designated authority to the Health and Human Services Agency Director, or their designee, to sign amendments and all other documents related to the closeout; and approved the dis-encumbrance of \$400,227.79 of unallocated award funds to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(See Resolution Book No. 75)

3:28 p.m.: The Shasta County Board of Supervisors recessed and convened as the Shasta County Housing Authority.

3:29 p.m.: The Shasta County Housing Authority adjourned and reconvened as the Shasta County Board of Supervisors.

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

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Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



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