

SHASTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

9:00 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
Acting County Counsel - Matthew McOmber
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board - Stefany Blankenship

Stefany Blankenship, the Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, announced that one of the attachments for item R2, the proposed letter to the Attorney General, was missing some pages, as it had been incorrectly scanned for the agenda packet. She stated that complete copies of the letter and all attachments were available at the back of Chambers as well as upon request in the Administrative Office.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Paul Schmidt, Liberty Hill Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - OPEN TIME

Robert, Steve Woodrum, Margaret Hansen, Alex Bielecki, Mike Paulbitski, Public Comment, Dick Wilkinson, Nathan Blaze, Chris Martinez, Dawn Duckett, Joshua Brown,

Bev, Moe, Steve Kohn, Benjamin Nowain, Dolores Lucero, Christian Gardinier, Jed Metheny, Susan Weiss, Teresa, Jim Burnett, Dominic Santangelo, Susanne Baremore, Madalyn Clark, Shelby Tucker, Tim Hill, Terry, and Jeff Carr spoke during public comment – open time.

A motion was made and seconded (Garman/Rickert) to agendaize a change to Public Comment – Open Time to limit speakers to strictly three minutes and not allow questions or interruptions from Supervisors during that time. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Rickert and Garman

NOES: Supervisors Jones, Kelstrom, and Crye

10:30 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

11:07 a.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

Steven, Brian Collier, Nick Gardner, Lori, Max Walter, and Lisa spoke during public comment – open time.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD MATTERS

PROCLAMATION: SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

Supervisor Rickert read the proclamation declaring September 2023 as “Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in Shasta County.

Public comment was opened.

Lee Macey, Benjamin Nowain, Susanne Baremore, Moe, Joshua Brown, Steven, and Christian Gardinier spoke in support of the proclamation and of suicide prevention education.

Public comment was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Garman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation which designates September 2023 as “Suicide Prevention Awareness Month” in Shasta County. Robin Schurig, Branch Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)-Public Health, and Marcia Ramstrom, Shasta Suicide Prevention Collaborative, were present to accept the proclamation.

LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING ZOGG FIRE PROSECUTION, STIPULATED FINAL CIVIL JUDGEMENT, AND DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL CASE

Supervisor Jones discussed the proposed letter to be sent to the Attorney General to request an investigation of the Zogg Fire cases against Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and the Stipulated Judgment under Business & Professions Code section 17200 (Settlement) negotiated by the District Attorney (DA) on behalf of the People of the State of California, which was reviewed and approved by the Superior Court.

Public comment was opened.

Brian Collier, Public Comment, Mac Girtler, Kathryn Girtler, Joshua Brown, Shelby Tucker, Terry, Jack Herringer, Moe, Leslie Sabanovich, Tyler Lalagane, and an anonymous woman expressed concern about the Settlement and spoke in support of the proposed letter.

Dawn Duckett, Benjamin Nowain, Christian Gardinier, and Dolores Lucero opposed sending the proposed letter.

Susanne Baremore and Steve Kohn discussed the Board's lack of jurisdiction over the Settlement process for the case prosecuted by the DA's Office.

In response to questions by Supervisors Crye and Jones, Mr. McOmber stated that the County of Shasta was not a party to the civil prosecution action filed by the District Attorney's Office on behalf of the People of the State of California against PG&E, nor the Settlement (Stipulated Judgment) in that case. He clarified that the County was a party to a different prior civil action agreement with PG&E and that as a result of that prior civil action, the Board approved a settlement in that case. But the Stipulated Judgment in question had been brought by the DA on behalf of the People of the State of California, which is legally a different, separate entity apart from the County of Shasta, and the resulting Stipulated Judgment had been approved by the Superior Court. Mr. McOmber explained that, to the best of his knowledge, since the County was not party to the civil prosecution brought by the District Attorney, the Board had not been involved in any way with the Settlement discussions.

Public comment was closed.

12:42 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

1:20 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Supervisor Jones stated that he was not at liberty to discuss the attorney(s) involved with the proposed letter, but that he had approved the content. Supervisor Crye stated that he had contributed information to the letter, but any further information was considered attorney-client privileged information.

In response to questions by Supervisor Rickert, Mr. McOmber stated that his office had not written the proposed letter. He clarified that he provided the Board with confidential, attorney-client privileged advice and the Board held the privilege regarding information about the

proposed letter and it was up to the Board to decide whether or how to disclose or utilize the information he provided.

Supervisors Rickert and Garman expressed concerns with both the content and the lack of transparency regarding the authors of the proposed letter.

The Board discussed the County's prior Zogg Fire settlement, which had been due to damage to County infrastructure, and how that settlement had been used. The Board further discussed the Settlement and their concerns with it.

By motion made, seconded (Crye/Jones), and carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Supervisors Garman and Rickert voting no, the Board of Supervisors approved the version of the letter as provided with the Board item, without changes recommended by counsel, to the State of California Attorney General regarding the Zogg Fire cases prosecuted by the Shasta County District Attorney against PG&E, the Stipulated Final Civil Judgment in Shasta County Superior Court Case No. 202363, and dismissal of Shasta County criminal case no. 21-006622.

AMEND 2023 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING CALENDAR

Supervisor Jones discussed moving a scheduled Board meeting from September 5, 2023, to October 24, 2023, due to a lack of agenda items for the meeting. Ms. Blankenship stated that the rescheduled meeting would also be an evening meeting and that it did not conflict with the normally-scheduled city council meetings for the Cities of Redding, Anderson, or Shasta Lake.

Public comment was opened.

Benjamin Nowain supported the proposed meeting change.

Public comment was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved an updated calendar of Board of Supervisors' meetings for the year 2023.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comment was opened.

Rick spoke about the importance of cleaning up voter rolls.

Kim Moore expressed concern about voting machines being connected to the internet.

Leslie Sabanovich questioned the number of retroactive items on the Consent Calendar. She also expressed concerns about the Shasta Lake Apartments Project and surrounding properties being in a floodplain.

Public comment was closed.

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

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-095 which: Authorizes the execution and delivery of an amendment to the Facility Sublease for the Juvenile Rehabilitations Facility (JRF) which terminates when the state bonds are fully retired; ratifies prior actions taken regarding the Project Documents for the JRF project; and designates authority to execute all remaining necessary actions and documents, including the Facility Sublease, on behalf of the Board in order to facilitate the state Lease Revenue Bond Sale. (Administrative Office)

(See Resolution Book No. 71)

Received the annual report of shortages relieved in the amount totaling \$4,238.40 for Fiscal Year 2022-23 prepared by the Auditor-Controller in accordance with Resolution No. 2004-56. (Auditor-Controller)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-096 which authorizes consolidation of the districts that have submitted requests for consolidation and will appear on the ballot, as provided by Elections Code section 10400 et seq., and have offices and measures be placed before the voters on November 7, 2023. (County Clerk-Elections)

(See Resolution Book No. 71)

Reappointed Dean Germano and Dave Jones to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission to serve a four-year term ending August 31, 2027. (Health and Human Services Agency-Administration)

Took the following actions: Approved an amendment, effective as of the last date it has been signed by both Parties, with California Mental Health Services Authority, to reimburse the County in the amount of \$21,023.33 for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024; and approved and authorized the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Director, or designated Branch Director, to sign prospective and retroactive amendments and other documents related to the agreement, so long as they do not result in a substantial or functional change to the original intent of the agreement, and otherwise comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Approved a retroactive amendment, effective June 1, 2023, with Kathaleen Waltz dba LeBrun Adult Residential Care Facility which increases maximum compensation by \$110,000 for a new maximum compensation of \$1,210,000, retaining the term July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. (Health and Human Services Agency-Behavioral Health and Social Services)

Approved a retroactive evergreen Indemnification Agreement, effective May 11, 2022, with Burney Commons LP, to reimburse the County for any challenges to the Environmental Review or National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") for the Burney Commons Project located in the Unincorporated town of Burney. (Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility)

Approved a retroactive evergreen Indemnification Agreement, effective November 15, 2022, with Rural Communities Housing Development Corporation (“RCHDC”) to reimburse the County for any challenges to the Environmental Review or National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) for the Sunrise Cottages Senior Housing Project located in the City of Anderson. (Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility)

Approved a retroactive evergreen Indemnification Agreement, effective October 7, 2022, with Shasta Lake Downtown Housing, LP to reimburse the County for any challenges to the Environmental Review or National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) for the Shasta Lake Apartments Project located in the City of Shasta Lake. (Health and Human Services Agency-Economic Mobility)

Approved a renewal agreement with Marcia Ramstrom M.S. dba Lotus Educational Services for Mental Health First Aid training, safeTALK trainings and Skills for Managing Stress workshops in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 over the entire term, for the period date of signing through April 30, 2024. (Probation)

Approved a retroactive renewal agreement with the City of Redding through its Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for providing prevention programs and services in the amount of \$100,000 per year, funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the period June 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. (Probation)

Approved a retroactive agreement with Valsoft Corporation Inc. dba Cascade Software in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Cost Accounting Management System technical support for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with one automatic one-year renewal. (Public Works)

Took the following actions: Rejected the “Cottonwood Active Transportation Trunk Line Express Project,” Contract No. 704047 (“Project”), on the basis of public opposition; found rejection of the Project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(4) and 15270(a); directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Shasta County Clerk; and authorized the Public Works Director, or their designee, to sign all documents necessary to terminate the project. (Public Works)

Approved the purchase of one 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 truck with options for a total price of \$131,953 to Crown Motors of Redding, California under Sourcewell Contract #080818-HPI. (Public Works)

Approved the following budget amendments: Increased appropriations and revenue by \$320,000 in the Land Buildings and Improvements (LB&I) Budget (BU 166); adjusted appropriations by \$50,000 in the Detention Annex/Work Facility Budget (BU 246) from Account 033791 to Account 095166; adjusted appropriations by \$60,000 in the Burney Substation Budget (BU 261) from Account 033791 to Account 095166; adjusted appropriations by \$110,000 in the CSA No. 1 Fire Protection Administration Budget (BU 391) from Account 033791 to Account 095166; adjusted appropriations by \$60,000 in the Public Defender Administration

Budget (BU 207) from Account 033791 to Account 095166; and adjusted appropriations by \$40,000 in the Public Health Budget (BU 411) from Account 033791 to Account 095166. (Public Works)

Approved and authorized the Public Works Director to sign a Notice of Completion for the “County Service Area No. 6 Jones Valley Water Meter Replacement, Backwash Pump Installation, and SCADA Improvement Project, Schedule A-Water Meter Replacements Project,” Contract No. 610858, and record it within 15 days of actual completion. (Public Works)

Took the following actions regarding Request for Quote (RFQ) 23-23 for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) for County facilities: Approved and authorized the Support Services Department-Purchasing Unit to award RFQ 23-23 to Western Indoor Environmental Services; and approved a contract in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, with no single project to exceed \$60,000, for a two-year term with Western Indoor Environmental Services. (Public Works)

Approved and authorized: The Support Services Department-Purchasing Unit (County Purchasing) to establish a vehicle price list for the remainder of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 based on the lowest responsive bids; County Purchasing to award Request for Bid (RFB) No. 24-02 for the purchase of County Fleet vehicles to: Crown Motors for 2024 Nissan Sentra, 2024 Ram 1500, 2024 Ford Maverick 2wd, 2024 Ford Maverick 4wd, 2024 F150 First Responder/Patrol, 2024 Ford F150 First Responder/Non-Patrol, 2024 Ford Utility/Patrol, 2024 Ford Utility/Non-Patrol, 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit, 2024 Ford Bronco Sport, 2024 Ford F150; Lithia Chevrolet Redding for 2024 Chevy Malibu, 2024 Chevy Colorado, 2024 Chevy Traverse, 2024 Chevy Silverado PPV; and Winner Chevrolet for 2024 Chevy Equinox, and Fleet Management to purchase these vehicles for County Departments for the remainder of FY 2023-24. (Public Works)

Took the following actions for planning and implementing mandated California Advancing and Innovating Medic-Cal Initiative (CalAIM) PATH Justice-Involved program: Accepted a grant from the California Department of Health Care Services in the amount of \$3,500,000; approved and authorized the County Executive Officer to execute agreements and related documents, including retroactive, beginning August 29, 2023, through December 31, 2026, so long as they comply with Administrative Policy 6-101, *Shasta County Contracts Manual*; and approved a budget amendment increasing appropriations and revenue by \$350,000 in the Sheriff-Jail Budget for FY 2023-24 related to initial implementation and planning. (Sheriff)

REGULAR CALENDAR, CONTINUED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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 Assembly Bill (AB) 969, which would affect manual election tallies; Senate Bill 799, which would extend unemployment benefits to striking workers; AB 505, which would affect local oversight of juvenile justice; and the issue of fire insurance reform within the State.

Mr. Rickert stated that staff would be giving a presentation regarding fire insurance at a future meeting. He also discussed the ongoing issue of the closed third floor of the jail and an upcoming request to increase the salary for the Public Service Safety Officer classification. Mr. Rickert further discussed upcoming changes to streamline the hiring process, as well as increased active recruitment.

LETTER OF OPPOSITION: SENATE BILL 553

Supervisor Jones discussed the proposed letter of opposition for Senate Bill 553.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Jones/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter in opposition to Senate Bill 553, which would amend the Labor Code and establish a workplace violence regulation.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: SENATE BILL 403

Supervisor Jones discussed the proposed letter of support for Senate Bill 403.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Crye), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter in support of Senate Bill 403, which would amend sections of Civil and Government Code to expand definitions of several anti-discrimination statutes and protected characteristics.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Rickert recently attended meetings of the Shasta County Fire Safe Council and Superior California Economic Development District, and reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Rickert made a motion to agendize a discussion of County policies regarding public records requests.

Public comment was opened.

Dawn Duckett supported a Board review of the Public Records Act (PRA) request process, requested that the Administrative Policy Manual be placed on the County's website, and requested the names of the attorneys involved with the Zogg Fire letter.

Susanne Baremore supported the fair and equal application of rules regarding meeting decorum and discussed issues with the PRA request process, as well as the records retention policy.

Steven supported releasing the names of the attorneys involved with the Zogg Fire letter.

Leslie Sabanovich spoke in support of protecting the identities of the attorneys.

Public comment was closed.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Garman), and carried 4-1 by roll call vote with Supervisor Jones voting no, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to agendize a discussion of County policies regarding public records requests.

Supervisor Garman reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom reported on issues of countywide interest.

Supervisor Kelstrom made a motion to have staff from the Sheriff's Office give an update regarding jail staffing at every Board meeting going forward. Supervisor Crye seconded the motion.

After discussion, the Board directed CEO Rickert to instruct the Sheriff of the Board's desire for regular updates at each upcoming meeting. Supervisor Kelstrom withdrew his motion.

Public comment was reopened.

Promila Dhanuka spoke about the impacts of caste discrimination and thanked the Board for their approval of the letter supporting SB 403.

Public comment was closed.

Supervisor Crye recently attended meetings of the Community Action Board and Youth Options Shasta, and reported on issues of countywide interest.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, CEO Rickert stated that he would have staff schedule a future presentation to the Board concerning the County's potential future pandemic response.

Supervisor Jones recently attended a Redding Area Bus Authority meeting and reported on issues of countywide interest.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

RESPONSES TO GRAND JURY FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 REPORT ENTITLED "SHASTA COUNTY CARES"

Jared Biddle, Administrative Analyst, presented the staff report and recommended approval.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Garman), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed responses to the Shasta County Grand Jury Fiscal Year 2022-23 Report entitled "SHASTA COUNTY CARES."

FALL RIVER FALL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPERTY ANNEXATION PROPERTY TAX EXCHANGE TERMS RESOLUTION NO. 2023-097

Bryce Ritchie, Administrative Analyst, presented the staff report and recommended approval.

In response to questions by Supervisor Garman, Mr. Ritchie stated that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) had final authority over special district annexations. He explained that, as two Supervisors sat on the LAFCO board, the County would have some input on such actions.

There was no public comment.

By motion made, seconded (Rickert/Kelstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2023-097 which: Establishes property tax exchange terms related to the annexation of unincorporated territory into the Fall River Valley Fire Protection District; and approves and authorizes the County Executive Officer to sign any documents related to the implementation of the resolution.

(See Resolution Book No. 71)

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR PALO CEDRO AREA PLANNING EFFORTS

Adam Fieseler, Assistant Director of Resource Management, presented the staff report and recommended approval. Mr. Fieseler discussed the history of the proposition of a Palo Cedro Design Review District and feedback from Palo Cedro residents and explained the recommendations to create the steering committee and its makeup.

In response to questions by Supervisor Jones, Mr. Fieseler discussed the difficulty in estimating potential costs or funding sources, as the steering committee's decisions regarding planning efforts in the Palo Cedro area would determine any funding needs.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. Fieseler stated that he had been working on planning issues in the Palo Cedro area since 2019. He discussed the potential of finding potential steering committee members who had not been involved in prior meetings.

The Board discussed concerns over the cost of possible surveys and associated mailers, as well as concerns with finding people not already involved in the concerned groups in Palo Cedro.

Public comment was opened.

Andy Main, Lani Bangay, Melody Fowler, and two anonymous men opposed the formation of a steering committee.

Elaina Tupper, Debbie Bazan, Steven, and Nicholas Riser supported the formation of a steering committee.

Ron Holmstrom opposed forming a steering committee and requested zoning ordinances to limit large businesses and high-density housing in the Palo Cedro area.

Public comment was closed.

Supervisor Garman made a motion to accept staff recommendations and form the steering committee. Supervisor Rickert seconded the motion.

Supervisor Kelstrom made a substitute motion to table the proposed steering committee, get public input via a survey done either online or via mailers, and write ordinances to address the concerns of Palo Cedro residents. Supervisor Crye seconded the motion.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Paul Hellman, Director of Resource Management, explained that Palo Cedro was not an incorporated area and did not have city limits, which made the exact population difficult to determine. Mr. Hellman estimated that the population of the Palo Cedro was between 2,000 and 4,000.

Supervisor Crye made a substitute motion to adopt the staff recommendations with an amendment to reduce the size of the steering committee. The motion died for lack of a second.

In response to questions by Supervisor Garman, Mr. Hellman stated that the cost for a survey was unclear, as producing a survey by mail would require staff time and metered postage. He discussed staff time already spent in planning efforts concerning the Palo Cedro area, use permits, and the lack of design standards for the area. He stated that high-density housing was already disallowed by the area's zoning, and supported forming a steering committee to assist staff

in crafting ordinances for the Board to review and adopt to allow the area to develop as the community wished.

By motion made, seconded (Kelstrom/Crye), and carried 3-2 by roll call vote with Supervisors Rickert and Garman voting no, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to organize an in-person survey in the Palo Cedro area, the time and location to be determined, at which Supervisors Kelstrom and Rickert would be present.

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

AB 1265 AND SB 1353: WILLIAMSON ACT CONVERSION OF WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACTS

This was the time set to conduct a public hearing to consider implementing the provisions authorized in Assembly Bill 1265 and Senate Bill 1353, which would reduce a landowner's Williamson Act property tax benefits. The Notice of Public Hearing and the Notice of Publication are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

3:55 p.m.: Supervisor Rickert recused herself due to owning property affected by the Williamson Act and left the room.

3:56 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed.

3:58 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors reconvened.

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

Bryce Ritchie, Administrative Analyst, presented the staff report and recommended approval. He described the history of the Williamson Act and the State subvention funds.

In response to questions by Supervisor Kelstrom, Mr. Ritchie described the history of State subvention payments and the operation of Williamson Act contracts. Nolda Short, Auditor-Controller, discussed the lack of State subvention payments and the impact to both the County and enrolled landowners.

The public hearing was opened.

Shannon Wooten discussed Tehama County's method of addressing Williamson Act properties and suggested Shasta County look into doing something similar.

Ms. Short stated that she would have to look into Tehama County's approach and report back to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Kelstrom made a motion to bring the item back to a future meeting after receiving information concerning Tehama County's approach to Williamson Act contracts for discussion and possible action to amend Shasta County's approach if possible. Supervisor Garman seconded the motion.

Mr. McOmber stated that the Board was limited in the timing and scope of possible actions regarding the item under discussion, as it was a publicly noticed hearing.

Mr. Ritchie observed that there was a deadline to make a decision regarding the Williamson Act which required the Board to take action at the current meeting, and suggested that a discussion of possible changes could be brought back to a future meeting.

In response to questions by Supervisor Crye, Mr. McOmber stated that, while County Counsel could not provide individual advice to members of the Board, recusal from an item generally included complete abstention, and if an expert opinion regarding the Williamson Act was necessary, the Board could find other experts besides Supervisor Rickert.

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

In response to questions by Supervisor Kelstrom, Mr. Ritchie stated that rejecting the proposed resolution would prevent the County from recouping lost revenues. Ms. Short stated that rejecting the proposed resolution could affect landowners' tax bills. Leslie Morgan, Assessor-Recorder, discussed the Williamson Act, later amendments that allowed for the partial recapture of lost subvention funds, and that all were based on 1978's Proposition 13, which affected real property taxes.

By motion made, seconded (Garman/Kelstrom), and carried 4-0 with Supervisor Rickert recused, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: Conducted a public hearing to consider implementing, pursuant to subdivision (e) of Government Code section 16142, the provisions authorized in Assembly Bill (AB) 1265 and Senate Bill (SB) 1353 and outlined in subdivision (b) of Government Code section 51244 and section 51244.3 (AB 1265/SB 1353 provisions), which will have the following impacts, effective January 1, 2024: reduce a landowner's Williamson Act property tax benefits, which in most instances will result in an increase in property taxes to the landowner; reduce the term of a Williamson Act contract from ten years to nine years; and allow increased revenues to be transferred directly into the County's General Fund; rejected a resolution which: finds that, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, the subvention payment the County received from the State of California pursuant to the Open Space Subvention Act was less than one-half of the County's actual foregone General Fund property tax revenue that resulted from Williamson Act contracts and states the Board's decision to implement Government Code section 51244(b) and Government Code section 51244.3, effective January 1, 2024; directed staff to notify all Williamson Act contracted landowners of the following: the final decision of the Board of Supervisors after the conclusion of the August 29, 2023, public hearing on whether to implement the AB 1265/SB 1353 provisions; and the landowner's right to prevent the reduction

in the term of his or her contract due to the implementation of the AB 1265/SB 1353 provisions by serving notice of non-renewal as specified by Government Code sections 51244, 51245 and Shasta County Resolution No. 2011-103; and directed the County Administrative Office, Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller, Tax Collector and Director of Resource Management to take all necessary steps to implement AB 1265/SB 1353 including but not limited to recording a notice that states the affected parcel numbers and current owner's names, making the appropriate additions to all affected properties assessed values, and modifying the FY 2022-23 tax bills to reflect the assessment changes associated with the reduced tax benefit.

4:25 p.m.: Supervisor Rickert returned to the room.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Consider a public employee appointment (County Counsel), pursuant to Government Code section 54957; and

Confer with its Agency Designated Representatives, County Executive Officer David J. Rickert and Personnel Director Monica Fugitt, to discuss the following Unrepresented Position: County Counsel, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6; and

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

Confer with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation entitled *Samuel Forsht v. County of Shasta, et al.* and *Robert A. Gibbs v. J. Webb, et al.*, pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d), paragraph (1); and

Consider a public employee appointment (Health Officer), pursuant to Government Code section 54957; and

Confer with its Agency Designated Representatives, Acting County Counsel Matthew McOmber and Personnel Director Monica Fugitt, to discuss the following Unrepresented Position: Health Officer, pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6.

Public comment was opened.

Susanne Baremore criticized the County's perceived lack of transparency.

Public comment was closed.

4:29 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors recessed to Closed Session.

5:45 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 Acting County Counsel Matthew McOmber present.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Acting County Counsel Matthew McOmber reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Closed Session to discuss public employee appointments, labor negotiations, and existing litigation; however, no reportable action was taken.

5:45 p.m.: The Board of Supervisors adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST:

DAVID J. RICKERT
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy