



Lassen County

Meeting Minutes

Board of Supervisors

LASSEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS:

DISTRICT 1 - CHRIS GALLAGHER - CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 2 - GARY BRIDGES; DISTRICT 3 - JEFF HEMPHILL - VICE CHAIRMAN; DISTRICT 4 - AARON ALBAUGH; DISTRICT 5 - TOM HAMMOND

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

9:00 AM

Board Chambers
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130

9:03 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Supervisors Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh, and Hammond. Also present: County Administrative Officer (CAO) Richard Egan, County Counsel Amanda Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Michele Yderraga.

Supervisor Gallagher was absent by prearrangement.

Present: 4 - Gary Bridges, Jeff Hemphill, Aaron Albaugh and Tom Hammond

Absent: 1 - Chris Gallagher

Excuse: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

CAO Egan announced the following closed session items:

- 1) Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9.
- 2) Employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was held from 9:04 a.m. - 9:52 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh, and Hammond. Also present: CAO Egan, County Counsel Uhrhammer, and Deputy Clerk of the Board Yderraga.

Auditor Julie Morgan was present from 9:04 a.m. - 9:38 a.m.

Information Services Department (ISD) Supervisor Jason Housel was present from 9:04 a.m. - 9:38 a.m.

Deputy Clerk of the Board recused herself and was absent from 9:40 a.m. - 9:52 a.m.

RECESS: 9:52 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

9:55 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

After the flag salute invocation was offered by Supervisor Hemphill.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

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No reportable action.

2) Employee performance evaluation: County Administrative Officer.

No reportable action.

AGENDA APPROVAL, ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Hammond, that this Agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director of Health and Social Services Barbara Longo: Discussed current updates at Health and Social Services.

Sheriff/Coroner Dean Growdon: Discussed press release pertaining to the burglary on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

MATTERS SET FOR TIME CERTAIN

RECOGNITION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

SUBJECT: Recognition Committee Award Presentation for May.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Board of Supervisors Present Recognition Award to: 10 Years: Deanna Nichols (Child & Family Services); 15 Years: Sherry Mathers (Behavioral Health; 20 Years: Gary Gillis (Solid Waste).

Supervisor Hemphill recognized the following employees: 10 Years: Deanna Nichols (Child Family Services); 15 Years: Sherry Mathers (Behavioral Health); 20 Years Gary Gillis (Solid Waste. Not present.) Director of Public Works Pete Heimbigner accepted on his behalf.

SPEAKERS: Director of Community Social Services Jenna Ducasse, Director of Behavioral Health Tiffany Armstrong, and Director of Public Works Pete Heimbigner.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

SUBJECT: Introduction of proposed ordinance amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Lassen County Code to add section 18.108.043 to allow up to five use permit applications to allow indoor commercial cannabis cultivation in industrial zoning districts, and continuing the proposed ordinance for a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., on May 24, 2022, at Jensen Hall, Lassen County Fairgrounds, 195 Russell Ave., Susanville, CA 96130.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Receive report from staff regarding the Planning Commission public hearing conducted May 3, 2022; and 2) introduce proposed ordinance amending Title 18 (Zoning) of the Lassen County Code to add section 18.108.043 to allow up to five use permit applications to allow indoor commercial cannabis cultivation in industrial zoning districts; and 3) continue the proposed ordinance for a public hearing at 6:00 p.m., on May 24, 2022, at Jensen Hall, Lassen County Fairgrounds, 195 Russell Ave., Susanville, CA 96130.

Attachments: [BOS 5-17-22 PBS Commercial Cannabis Board Packet Revised](#)

The Public Hearing was open from 10:12 a.m. - 10:37 a.m.

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson gave a brief overview of the item. Supervisor Hemphill asked if the direction could be changed to place this item on the ballot for the November 8, 2022 General Gubernatorial Election. County Counsel Uhrhammer stated that item would have to be agendaized to a board meeting. Supervisor Albaugh requested to have wording changed in the ordinance. Discussion was held regarding the ordinance verbiage.

SPEAKERS: Tim Micone, Jerry Rose, Jacqui Henry, Carol Ancona, Tom Neely, and Tom Wasson.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Albaugh, to direct staff to make changes to the ordinance as recommended and re-agendaize to a future board date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PIT RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Vacancies on the Pit Resources Conservation District created by one vacancy and two new seats.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider approving appointments Kyle Kramer (Term expires 12/02/2022), Seth Hammack (Term expires 12/04/2026). and Thad DeForest (Term expires 12/04/2026).

Attachments: [Pit RCD Board application packet for supervisors](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Hammond, to appoint Kyle Kramer, term expiring December 2, 2022; a Motion was made by Supervisor Hammond seconded by Supervisor Bridges, to appoint Seth Hammack, term expiring December 4, 2026; a Motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor Hammond, to appoint Thad DeForest, term expiring December 4, 2026. The motions carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Bridges, Hemphill and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

Abstain: 1 - Albaugh

INFORMATION/CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Bridges requested to pull Item# G3 - Agreement; Supervisor Albaugh requested to pull Item# G4 - Memorandum of Understanding.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Hammond, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**MEETING MINUTES**

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve.

Attachments: [DRAFT MINS 2022-04-19](#)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

AGREEMENT

SUBJECT: Agreement between Lassen County and University of Cincinnati for an Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) end-user training and a Training of Trainers training for Probation and Sheriff staff.

FISCAL IMPACT: Expense of \$19,000 from Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Fund/Budget Unit No. 138-0551 with partial reimbursement from the Standards & Training (STC) for corrections program.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve agreement; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute.

Attachments: [Prob UCI Attach](#)

Supervisor Bridges questioned the number of training days and cost. Chief Probation Officer Jennifer Branning stated training was on line and it was more cost effective, rather than sending staff to in person training.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hammond, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lassen County and Sonoma County for detained juveniles in Juvenile Hall. The agreements with each county have a daily rate of \$300 for detained minors.

FISCAL IMPACT: This agreement has a daily rate of \$300 for detained minors to be used as needed and budgeted for in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 and FY 2022/2023 budgets.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) Approve MOU; and 2) authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute.

Attachments: [Prob MOU](#)

Supervisor Albaugh asked about pricing of Sonoma County compared to when the Lassen County Juvenile Hall was open. Chief Probation Officer Jennifer Branning informed the board part of this was for the higher risk population. The Sonoma County facility offers Secure Track that the youth detained will benefit from the services provided. Chief Branning stated there were two (2) youths in custody from Lassen County and it was a benefit to the county by closing the juvenile hall. Youths are being detained less and the juvenile hall would've been empty a few times if it were open.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

UNAGENDIZED REPORTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Supervisor Albaugh: 1) Los Angeles Times wrote a nice article featuring Brian Dahle. Good job to both of them. Will continue to support potential governor Brian Dahle; 2) attended the Mini Track Event; 3) attended the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Executive meeting; 4) attended the Golden State Natural Resources (GSNR) meeting in Bieber; 5) requested CAO Egan to invite District Attorney Susan Rios to a board meeting for a discussion.

Supervisor Hammond: 1) Will be attending a Sierra Alliance meeting on May 18, 2022. 2) will be attending a US Highway 395 meeting in Washoe County; 3) will be having a town clean up next weekend in Leavitt Lake; 4) requested the remainder of his discretionary funds to be divided equally for future town clean up projects in Herlong, Doyle, and Milford; 5) requested to adjourn in memory of Dennis Child.

Supervisor Bridges: 1) Requested to close the meeting in memory of Kelli Rae Cobb and Joann Uptegrove; 2) attended the GSNR town hall meeting in Bieber; 3) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting; 4) attended a Behavioral Health Advisory Board training; 5) went to Sacramento to watch grandchildren in a play; 6) attended a First Amendment training; 7) attended a Planning and Service Area - Area Agency on Aging (PSA 2 AAA) meeting; 8) requested to donate from his discretionary funds, \$200 to the Historical Society, \$200 to Lassen County Family Services for the CASA program, \$500 to the Blue Star Moms, \$500 to the American Legion, \$500 to the VFW Post 238, \$400 to the fishing derby, and \$400 to the Clay Breakers.

Supervisor Hemphill: 1) Attended a PSA 2 AAA meeting; 2) requested to donate from his discretionary funds, \$500 to the NorCal EMS Annabelle P Entsminger Pre-Hospital Education Scholarship, \$250 to the Jolly Elders in Janesville, \$250 to the Lake Forest 4H, \$250 to the Thompson Peak 4H, and \$250 to the Johnstonville 4H.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - CONTINUED

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

GOVERNOR'S DROUGHT EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUBJECT: Delegate authority to the Director of the Planning and Building Services Department to make findings required by Drought Executive Order N-7-22. File # 1266.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) The Board of Supervisors convenes as the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency; 2) receive report; and 3) adopt resolution authorizing the Director of Planning and Building Services Department to make findings required by the Drought Executive Order

N-77-22; and/or 4) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [BOS 5-17-22 Packet PBS Drought Exec Order](#)
[BOS 5-17-22 PBS Drought Exec Order Packet](#)

The board adjourned as the Board of Supervisors and convenes as the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency at 11:11 a.m.

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson gave a brief overview of the item. Director Anderson did not agree with the findings and recommendations from Sacramento pertaining to the Big Valley Water Basin. Director Anderson stated he had been working with Modoc County as they were having a similar situation as Lassen. County Counsel Uhrhammer stated it was advantageous to the Planning and Building Services Director to be able to make those determinations. Brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albaugh, seconded by Supervisor Bridges, that this Resolution No. 20-027 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

SUBJECT: Delegate authority to the Director of the Planning and Building Services to apply for grant funding to implement the Big Valley Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ACTION REQUESTED: 1) The Board of Supervisors convenes as the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and 2) receive report; and 3) adopt resolution authorizing the Director of the Planning and Building Services Department to submit grant application(s) to implement the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and/or 4) provide direction to staff.

Attachments: [PBS Drought Exec Order attach](#)

The board remained convened as the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

Director of Planning and Building Services Maury Anderson gave a brief description of the item and stated the Big Valley GSA has developed and submitted a plan to the state. The state has two (2) years to review. During that time, different grants may become available and is requesting permission from the board to apply for grants as needed. Brief discussion was held.

The board adjourned as the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors at 11:28 a.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bridges, seconded by Supervisor

Hammond, that this Resolution No. 22-028 be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Bridges, Hemphill, Albaugh and Hammond

Absent: 1 - Gallagher

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CAO Egan reported: Will be in Mammoth on Thursday May 19, and Friday May 20th for training with Trindel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:29 a.m. in memory of Kelli Rae Cobb, Joann Uptegrove, and Dennis Child.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Michele Yderraga, Deputy Clerk of the Board