

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Board of Supervisors Minutes, August 13, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 13th day of August 2024; there being present Supervisors Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela, Michael N. Kobseff, Nancy Ogren and Ray A. Haupt, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Natalie E. Reed and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kobseff. Pursuant to AB23, the Clerk announced that the Board members were meeting as the Board of Supervisors only. Supervisor Haupt led in the salute to the flag of the United States of America.

Invocation - Siskiyou County Sheriff Chaplain Keith Bradley provided an invocation.

Presentations from the Public

Audience member Dawnmarie Autry appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for the County to continue to support homeless housing options and speaking in support of the trucks to provide shower and laundry services to local homeless population.

Audience members Luther Findley and Darlene Bryner appeared before the Board, speaking in support of services provided to the local homeless population by the 7th Day Adventist Church and in support of the shower/laundry trucks returning to provide services.

Audience member Melissa Browning appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the services being provided to the local homeless population by the shower/laundry trucks.

Audience member Ann Steinbring appeared before the Board, suggesting use of local abandoned buildings and development of a soup kitchen to provide needed services to the homeless population.

Participation in presentations from the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Callers Tari Mazingo and Tim Stearns spoke in support of the County continuing to provide the shower and laundry services.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

At Supervisor Haupt's request item 5A, County Administration's addendum to general retainer agreement with Olson Remcho, LLP and item 5C, Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division's Master Product and Services Agreement with Pallet PBC were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

At Supervisor Kobseff's request, item 5F, the Sheriff's addendum to contract with Cole Pro Media, Corp., was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

General Services - Sanitation

Approve the second addendum to M Peters, Inc contract and authorize the Chair to Sign. Staff also requests allowing Auditor to process the budget transfer that is needed.

Health and Human Services - Public Health Division

Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Fifth Addendum to the Contract for Services between Harold's Cleaning and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division, to extend the term of the Contract to 6/30/2026, increase the compensation by \$52,200,00 and replace Exhibit "A", to add additional services for the rental property located at 700 S. Main Street, Suite 2, Yreka, CA, for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, with a total amount of the Contract not to exceed \$288,200.00.

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Consent Agenda – (continued)

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division

Approve and the Chair sign the Contract for Services between Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency and the California Department of Social Services for Resource Family Approval (RFA) services with a term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Sheriff

Approve this second addendum between Sun Ridge Systems, Inc and the Sheriff's Office. Allow the Auditor to establish appropriations as needed.

Transfer of Funds - Weed Airport - \$50,000. Resolution 24-135 adopted.

County Administration - Approve addendum to general retainer agreement with Olson Remcho, LLP for Fairchild Medical Center litigation proceedings, increasing compensation by \$150,000 to a total not to exceed \$540,000.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request and the Chair requested consideration of this item after closed session was completed.

Later in the meeting, it was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the Sixth Addendum to the Professional Services Retention Agreement with Olson Remcho, LLP, that increases compensation \$150,000 to a total NTE \$540,000.00 and authorize the Chair to execute.

Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division - Approve Master Product and Services Agreement with Pallet PBC for purchase of micro shelter structures for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing project, in an amount not to exceed \$464,916.27. Approved.

This item was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Haupt's request. Supervisor Haupt requested additional information regarding the services and population that the agreement would provide.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard and Project Coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing project and the anticipated purchase of micro shelters to assist those Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court participants.

Discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Bryan and Ms. Collard regarding the grant funding and timeframes associated with implementing a pilot micro shelter interim/emergency housing project, the anticipated number of 'beds' structures to be purchased, the Yreka City property to be leased for use, the various responsibilities of the contract (i.e. structure maintenance, etc.) and the anticipated cost benefits associated with pallet shelter housing, the County's policy that when grant funding is not longer available, associated positions are terminated, the project services provided by the City of Yreka, CARE Court requirements with regard to client engagement by Behavioral Health staff and the need for information regarding reports sent to the Bridge Housing granting agency.

Supervisor Haupt shared concerns regarding the costs associated with the project and the need for services to be provided to the targeted population.

Further discussion followed regarding the ongoing efforts to move clients into the Crossroads facility and develop a homeless shelter facility, Behavioral Health's staffing levels to meet current needs and the anticipated processes to inform clients of their responsibilities related to the housing in Crossroads and the pallet shelters.

Audience member Ann Steinbring appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need for cameras at the facilities to minimize potential issues.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve, and authorize the Chair to execute, the agreement, authorize the County Administrator to execute any addendums to the agreement or future contracts and documents required to implement the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing project.

Sheriff - Approve addendum to contract with Cole Pro Media, Corp., providing certain transparency and engagement advisory services, amending signature page to reflect new corporate name, increasing compensation by \$30,000 to a total not to exceed \$60,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2025. Approved.

This was pulled from the consent agenda at Supervisor Kobseff's request.

In response to Supervisor Kobseff, Sheriff Jeremiah LaRue provided a brief overview of the contract to provide certain training and services related to transparency and engagement.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Sheriff LaRue regarding the specialized services and associated benefits being provided by the vendor.

Supervisor Kobseff suggested the need to research possibly providing similar services in house versus utilizing a vendor.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisor Kobseff voting NO to approve the first addendum for transparency and engagement services between the Sheriff's Office and Cole Pro Media, LLC through June 30th, 2025 not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the 24/25 fiscal year, and not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the term of the contract and allow the Auditor to make appropriations as necessary.

Public Requests - Mid Klamath Watershed Council and Western Klamath Restoration Partnership - Discussion, direction and possible action re request for approval of the Happy Camp and Orleans-Somes Bar Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Both Wildfire Protection Plans approved.

Mid Klamath Watershed Council and Western Klamath Restoration Partnership representative Luna Latimer appeared before the Board, providing an overview of the Happy Camp and Orleans-Somes Bar Community Wildfire Protection Plans, including public outreach efforts and the processes utilized for developing the Plans.

Following brief discussion regarding methods for managing wildfires and the definition of managed fire, it was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to approve the Happy Camp and Orleans-Somes Bar Wildfire Protection Plans, and authorize the Chair to sign the plans.

Community Development - Discussion, direction and possible action re contract with SW Maintenance Corporation for the Head Fire Structural Debris Removal Project, in an amount not to exceed \$586,550 for a term ending December 1, 2025. Approved.

Community Development Director Rick Dean appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the request to contract with SW Maintenance Corporation for certain debris removal services for the Head Fire.

It was moved by Supervisor Haupt, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to authorize and direct the County Administrator to sign and execute the contract with SW Maintenance Corporation and further sign and execute all project documents required to facilitate fire debris cleanup for the Head Fire, located near Scott Bar, CA.

County Administration - Discussion, direction and possible action re Resolution establishing an Encampment Removal Policy consistent with California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-1-24. Resolution 24-136 adopted.

County Administrator Angela Davis provided an overview of the request, including the Governor's Executive Order. Ms. Davis advised that the Policy would be used on County-owned property and rights-of-way.

Following discussion between members of the Board and Ms. Davis regarding the anticipated use of the Policy, various County Departments' roles and the Priority Levels 1 and 2 for determining the status and assessing encampments, it was moved by Supervisor Valenzuela, seconded by Supervisor Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES to adopt the Resolution 24-136 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re request of Supervisor Ogren that a motion to reconsider the addendum to the Emergency Command Support contract, which was previously not approved on July 2, 2024, be made by a Board member who previously voted "no" and is eligible to make the motion for the addendum to contract with Emergency Command Support, Inc. to provide certain shower and laundry services, increasing the contract by \$114,800 to a total not to exceed \$224,000 and extending the term through January 31, 2025. Reconsideration request approved.

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed provided an overview and history of the request to reconsider a contract addendum that did not pass during the July 2, 2024 regular Board meeting as one Supervisor (Ogren) was absent and the vote at the time was 2/2 (a tie vote). Ms. Reed advised that under Robert's Rules of Order an item can be reconsidered should one of the Supervisors who voted NO previously request so, and that the request for reconsideration come from the previously absent Supervisor (Ogren).

Audience members Louise Gliatto and Sheila Meamber appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the request that the contract with Emergency Command come back before the Board and spoke in opposition to the County continuing the contract and related services.

Audience member Melinda King appeared before the Board and spoke in support of the County continuing to provide shower and laundry service trucks for the homeless population.

Participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Callers Michael Clarno and Elizabeth Gregorio spoke in support of continued shower and laundry services to the local homeless population.

Caller Collier Azare, Nation's Finest Redding representative spoke in support of the shower and laundry services and the benefits they provide.

It was moved by Supervisor Kobseff, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Haupt, Valenzuela, Criss, Ogren and Kobseff voting YES, to approve the request to reconsider the addendum to the contract with Emergency Command Support.

Health and Human Services - Social Services Division - Discussion, direction and possible action re reconsideration of addendum to contract with Emergency Command Support, Inc. to provide certain shower and laundry services, increasing the contract by \$114,800 to a total not to exceed \$224,000 and extending the term through January 31, 2025 that was previously not approved on July 2, 2024.

Reconsideration of this contract addendum was approved during the previous agenda item.

Audience member Louise Gliatto appeared before the Board, sharing concerns regarding the need to change the manner in which homelessness is address in the County and voiced opposition to continuation of the shower and laundry services.

Audience member Paul Johnson appeared before the Board, sharing support for continuation of the shower and laundry services to the local homeless population.

Audience members Patricia Billingsley and Edie Everage appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the County continuing the shower and laundry services.

Audience members Tara Killcollins, JB Westfall and Reba Melfa appeared before the Board, speaking in support of the benefits associated with the County providing shower and laundry services.

Audience member Sheila Meamber appeared before the Board, voicing concerns regarding the sizeable costs associated with the shower and laundry services and the increasing costs of homeless services to local taxpayers.

Participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Caller Michael Clarno spoke in support of approving and continuing the shower and laundry services agreement.

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Health and Human Services - Social Services Division – (continued)

Caller Cole Azare spoke in support of the benefits associated with the County continuing to provide the shower and laundry services for the local homeless population.

Health and Human Services Agency Director Sarah Collard and Housing Coordinator Maddelyn Bryan appeared before the Board.

Ms. Bryan provided an overview of the addendum to the contract with Emergency Command Support, Inc. to continue to provide temporary shower and laundry services to January, 2025 and allow the Department to work on other projects to address homelessness. Mr. Bryan advised that the shower/laundry program would be reevaluated and could be cancelled prior to January if need be. Ms. Bryan summarized benefits associated with the shower/laundry events, including improved engagement with the local population and provided an overview of outcomes and statistics detailed in the staff report.

Lengthy discussion followed between members of the Board, Ms. Bryan and Ms. Collard regarding the ability to cancel the contract should the County deem necessary, the potential timing should the contract be approved and the events be brought back, the possibility that similar events could be arranged for a South County location, statistics related to prior shower/laundry events, additional hygiene kits that are available and distributed at the events, the Department's efforts to schedule the events for the best cost benefit, the grant funding aimed at connecting unhoused individuals to services, the anticipated outreach efforts during the planned events and the deadlines associated with the grant funding and the contract.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham summarized six emails that the Clerk and Board had received prior to August 6, 2024 when this item was first brought forward for reconsideration.

Supervisors Kobseff and Haupt voiced concerns regarding the costs associated with the events and the services only being provided in Yreka and not in other areas of the County.

It was moved by Supervisor Ogren, seconded by Supervisor Valenzuela and carried, following a roll call vote with Supervisors Valenzuela, Criss and Ogren voting YES and Supervisors Haupt and Kobseff voting NO, to approve and authorize the Chair to execute, the 1st addendum to the contract with Emergency Command Support.

Appointments - County Clerk - Appointment of one member to the unscheduled vacancy on the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District, for a term ending November 30, 2024. Continued to a later date.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham provided an overview of the request, advising that no letters of interest had been received and requesting continuation of the item.

The Chair advised that this item was continued to a later date.

Closed Session - Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), two cases, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, commenced at 12:01 p.m., concluded at 12:58 p.m., with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 12:58 p.m.

With regard to item 12A, Conference with legal counsel, existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1), name of case: Siskiyou Hospital, Inc., dba Fairchild Medical Center v. County of Siskiyou, et al., Siskiyou County Superior Court Case No. SCCVPT 19-01501; Court of Appeal Case No. C097671 and C098311 (consolidated), Ms. Reed advised that Supervisor Haupt recused himself, leaving the Board room from 12:01 p.m. and returning at 12:06 p.m. In addition, Ms. Reed advised that there was no reportable action taken.

Board and Staff Reports

Supervisor Criss reported on his attendance at a Lower Klamath Lake working group meeting and advised of attending a Butte Valley Fire District Board meeting and a Tulelake Extension Office tour. Supervisor Criss additionally advised of working at the Farm Bureau beer booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

Supervisor Ogren advised of her attendance at a Continuum of Care (COC) meeting, an OreCal RC&D meeting, a Criminal Justice meeting and of attending the Siskiyou Golden Fair.

Supervisor Haupt advised of working at the Farm Bureau beer booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair and of his attendance at a Criminal Justice meeting. In addition, Supervisor Haupt advised that the Boise Fire currently burning was threatening Orleans CA and County communication sites.

Supervisor Valenzuela advised of his attendance at a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Board meeting in Sacramento.

Supervisor Kobseff advised of attending various events at the Siskiyou Golden Fair and working at the Farm Bureau booth. In addition, Supervisor Kobseff displayed a photo of Mt. Shasta that took second place in the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) photo contest taken by a local resident.

Personnel Hearing - Board of Supervisors - Personnel hearing for an appeal by a Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health Division employee.

The Board conducted a closed Personnel hearing from 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Closed Session - Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider the discipline, dismissal or release of a public employee, commenced at 3:26 p.m., concluded at 3:48 p.m. with no action taken.

Report On Closed Session

County Counsel Natalie E. Reed announced that closed session concluded at 3:48 p.m. with no reportable action taken.

Adjournment - There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

By: _____
Deputy