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Manager

MINUTES

Special Commission Meeting May 19, 2022
Shasta County Board of Supervisors Chambers
1450 Court Street, Redding, California

(These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

a. Chairman Fust called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in-person at the Shasta County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Present: Chairman Fust, Vice-Chairman Neutze, Commissioners Chimenti, Haynes, Morgan, and Russell. Alternative Commissioners Campbell and Ryness were in the audience.

Staff Present: Executive Officer George Williamson, General Counsel Jim Underwood, Office Manager Kathy Bull.

Absent: Commissioners Dacquisto, Jones and Alternate Commissioner Rickert.

b. Commissioner Russell led the pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Whitmer said issues with Fire Station 56 and Shasta County Fire Department has to do with lack of volunteers which need to be addressed.

David Monroe, with PATROL, shared concerns regarding the Tierra Robles formation of a district which planning has now switched to forming an HOA. Issues with water service is a concern.

3. AGENDA ADOPTION

a. Agenda Additions/Changes

General Counsel Underwood added a Closed Session item as an urgent matter under Item 6. Correspondence as 6.a. Closed Session– Potential Litigation. Documentation had been received just prior to the meeting with threatened litigation regarding a scheduled public hearing.

Motion to approve adding agenda 6.a. Closed Session was presented by Commissioner Neutze, seconded by Commissioner Haynes, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Chimenti, Fust, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dacquisto, Jones

b. Business/Campaign Conflict Disclosures

No conflicts were provided.

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were provided.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

No items for consent were provided.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Closed Session – Potential Litigation

The Commission entered Closed Session at 9:13 a.m. and returned into Open Session at 9:42 a.m. General Counsel Underwood stated there were no reportable actions.

7. SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update - Shasta CSD.

Mr. Williamson explained the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence update is used as a baseline for the district prior to significant changes.

Chair Fust opened the public hearing. Fred Ryness, Alternate Commissioner said he would like to see more volunteers for the district as they are more personally knowledgeable of the area than CalFire.

Tom Carroll recommended the Commission not approve the resolution because it would split up the tax base with the fire service funds. Mr. Williamson explained the Shasta County Board of Supervisors passed a property tax revenue sharing resolution and the Shasta CSD Board did the same, should the fire divestiture move forward the property tax sharing agreements would go into effect, but this is a separate agenda item as 7.b. With no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve the MSR/SOI update as presented was presented by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Neutze.

Amended Motion to approve the MSR/SOI update with changes made today via Resolution 2022-07 was presented by Commissioner Russell, seconded by Commissioner Neutze, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Chimenti, Fust, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dacquisto, Jones

b. Proposed Shasta Community Services District (CSD) – Fire Services Divestiture and Designation of County Service Area #1 – Fire as Successor Agency

Mr. Williamson provided information on the application filed by resolution from the Shasta CSD Board. Once the application was determined complete, a notice of filing was done. Once staff received resolutions for tax exchange agreements, a certificate of filing was completed, notice of public hearing and a special meeting was scheduled. This is the only application for the Commission's consideration. There have been phone calls with information given on how to file an application, however, there have been no other applications received regarding Shasta CSD.

Chair Fust opened the public hearing. The Commission heard from the following individuals in support of the fire services divestiture and are listed below by name:

David Cross, Shasta CSD Boardmember

Jane Heinan, Shasta CSD Boardmember

The Commission heard from the following individuals either in opposition of the fire services divestiture; and/or had concerns to services provided; and/or in favor of a new fire district (not part of the public hearing) and are listed below by name:

Chris Adams	Michelle McClosky	Jannelle Schaeffer
Ted Blankenheim	Cynthia MacDonald	Rusty Swayne
Robert Brass	Milt MacDonald	Matthew Young
Tom Carroll	Ella Pratt	Chris Varnum
Tim Chancey	Ann Reed	
Jennifer Klausky	Darryl Saluda	

Sean O'Hara, Cal Fire Shasta-Trinity Interim Unit Chief explained the differences with CalFire and Shasta County Fire Department. He also explained the costs to run fire station #56 and said the current station would have volunteers with no paid staff. Chief O'Hara also provided information on the complicated process CalFire would have to examine to ensure safety and compliance with California mandates. Corado Reginatto, CalFire Fire Captain/Training Chief provided the Commission with information on training volunteers.

Gary Kreep, Attorney, stated he had provided paperwork that is part of a lawsuit, with Shasta LAFCO named as a defendant, but has not been filed, and was a draft. He was putting the commission on notice, not in a legal sense but a practical sense. Fred Ryness, Alternate Commissioner suggested having a water district and a fire district instead of a community services district

The Commission was provided with written comments received from individuals in support of the fire services divestiture and/or addressing distributed information, and listed below by name:
Shasta County Community Watchdogs, Ann Miller Vayo
Jo Ann and Paul Vayo

The Commission was provided with written comments, including labeled EXHIBITS 1 – 6, received from individuals either in opposition of the fire services divestiture; and/or had concerns to services provided; and/or in favor of a new fire district (not part of the public hearing) and are listed below by name:

Bodie Boeggeman	Bob & Jayne Kaufman	Stanley Swayne
Jeff Diehl	Milt MacDonald	Chris Varnum
Annette Buchholz	Eric Ohde	Tim & Diana Weaver
Richard Jones	Linda Swayne	

Chair Fust closed the public hearing after no further comments.

Commissioner Morgan wanted clarification if the divestiture was approved, would a submittal for a fire district still be possible. Mr. Williamson explained, if approved, there is a 30-day reconsideration period and a protest proceeding. LAFCO has procedures and steps in place to assure everyone is heard.

Motion to continue this matter to the August Commission Meeting was presented by Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Chimenti.

Amended Motion to continue this matter to the August 4th Commission Meeting was presented by Commissioner Haynes, seconded by Commissioner Chimenti, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Chimenti, Fust, Haynes, Morgan, Neutze, Russell

Noes: None

Abstain:None

Absent: Dacquisto, Jones

8. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was provided.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was provided.

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

No report was provided.

11. CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was scheduled at this time.

12. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were provided.

13. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. located at the City of Redding, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Fust adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

 Kathy Bull
 Acting Clerk to the Commission

 Irwin Fust
 Chairman

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