

**PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, October 6, 2014  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 a.m.**

Present: John Larrieu, Terry Swofford, Kevin Goss, Phil Oels  
Also Present: Sherrie Thrall, Pat Morton, John Benoit  
Absent: (Public Member Alternate seat currently vacant), John Hafen

**2. Approval of Agenda**

John Benoit asked to remove item number 8 as Scott Browne was unable to attend today's meeting. Agenda approved with change.

**3. Correspondence**

Benoit had no correspondence to address at this time.

**4. CONSENT ITEM(S)**

a. Vice-Chair Goss moved and Commissioner Swofford seconded to approve the August 11, 2014 minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

**5. Public Comment**

Chair Larrieu opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment; public comment period was closed.

**6. Authorize payment of Claims for September, 2014 and ratify claims for August, 2014**

a. Commissioner Oels moved for the approval for the payment of September, 2014 claims and the ratification of August, 2014 claims. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

**7. Consider appointment of a Public Member Alternate to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending May, 2018.**

Sherrie Thrall spoke on behalf of the Committee to Appoint to Public Member Alternate. Thrall states that the Committee met and interviewed all three candidates, and recommended Jeff Greening as the new Public Member Alternate. Commissioner Swofford motioned to approve the recommendation and

Commissioner Oels seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

**8. *Item deleted due to Scott Browne's absence.***

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**9. Presentation from Jennifer Stephenson regarding upcoming municipal service reviews.**

Benoit noted that the goal is to have a Public Hearing at the December meeting.

Jennifer Stephenson pointed out some items of note:

- 1) Cemetery Districts: There are nine cemetery districts in Plumas County, each with their own governing body, meetings, etc. The districts currently do not cover the entire county. Several districts reported that they were unable to fill vacancies and unable to hold meetings due to lack of quorum. There is also a lack of funding and a lack of understanding of the legal requirements. If there were fewer governing bodies, it would be easier to train the governing body(ies). Many of the cemetery districts are open to combining districts.
- 2) Hospital/Healthcare Districts: There is a potential to consolidate and they seem receptive to reorganization or consolidation. Indian Valley Hospital District still has to finish their bankruptcy process before they can combine or consolidate with any other district.
- 3) Lighting: There are currently two lighting districts in Plumas County. Ideally there would only be one. Forming a combined lighting district would be fairly simple – the problem is the lighting districts are generally underfunded as it is. Jennifer Stephenson said she would need to look at how underfunded they currently are.
- 4) Special District Training: There is a general lack of information and training. There also needs to be better fiscal and internal controls. The Special Districts Association is handling the training.

**10. Continued Ongoing Discussion regarding Service Review Content, the LAFCo Act and Plumas LAFCo policies. (Continued discussion from previous LAFCo meetings).**

Benoit pointed out that the goal is to find out what really needs to be on the MSR's. Due to the absence of Scott Browne and Commissioner John Hafen, the discussion will be ongoing.

**11. Discussion regarding fees for Fire Agency Annexations**

Benoit states that LAFCo lowered the fees for fire agency annexations. Other agencies are also starting to charge annexation fees as well. The Sheriff's Department is now charging fees to update the MSAG, and the Beckwourth Fire District is also charging annexation fees.

**12. Executive Officer's Report**

- a) Benoit gave an update on the annexation of a small parcel to the LaPorte Fire Protection District. They are going through the property tax exchange process now.
- b) Benoit is working on the Sphere of Influence Updates for Chester PUD, Hamilton Branch and Walker Ranch CSDs.
- c) The boards for Indian Valley CSD and Crescent Mills FPD voted to meet and form a consolidation committee to work out any issues prior to consolidation.
- d) Benoit is working on a new website for Plumas LAFCo.

**13. Commissioner Reports - Discussion.**

Chair Larrieu asked for clarification of the next meeting date as it should be set for December 8<sup>th</sup>, not December 15<sup>th</sup> as stated on the agenda.

**21. Adjourn to the next LAFCO meeting – December 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

The next meeting will take place on December 8, 2014. Chair Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.