



## **Board of Supervisors**

Dwight Ceresola, Vice Chair 1st District  
Kevin Goss, Chair 2nd District  
Sharon Thrall, 3rd District  
Greg Hagwood, 4th District  
Jeff Engel, 5th District

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA HELD IN QUINCY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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## **STANDING ORDERS**

Due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency, dated March 16, 2020, the County of Plumas is making several changes related to Board of Supervisors meetings to protect the public's health and prevent the disease from spreading locally.

The Plumas County Health Officer Recommendation Regarding Teleconferencing, issued on September 30, 2021, recommends local legislative bodies, such as commissions, committees, boards, and councils, hold public meetings with teleconferencing as authorized by Government Code section 54953 (e).

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953 (e) and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, the County of Plumas members of the Board of Supervisors may attend the meeting via teleconference or phone conference and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present. Due to Government Code section 54953(e), the Boardroom will be open to the public but subject to state or federal social distancing or masking requirements, if applicable. It is strongly recommended that individuals attending meetings wear masks. The public may participate as follows:

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### **Public Comment Opportunity/Written Comment**

Members of the public may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether the matter is on the agenda for Board consideration or action. Comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting.

Members of the public are strongly encouraged to submit their comments on agenda and non-agenda items using e-mail address [Public@countyofplumas.com](mailto:Public@countyofplumas.com)

## **CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Roll Call.

Present: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roni Towery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Supervisor Engel removed Item 4.E.1. from the agenda.

Supervisor Goss, suggested that it could be brought back for discussion at a later date.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board, and not on the posted agenda, may be addressed by the general public at the beginning of the regular agenda and any off-agenda matters before the Board for consideration. However, California law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter which is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an urgency item by the Board of Supervisors. Any member of the public wishing to address the Board during the "Public Comment" period will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes.

Catherine Schwarts , a Clinical Supervisor at the Behavioral Health Department commented regarding the loss of staff due to wages and requested an increase in wages due to the increase in health insurance premiums.

Ava Hagwood , a child welfare social worker with Plumas County Social Services commented regarding the unique challenges the County has been faced with over the last 3 years (the Dixie Fire, Covid 19, inflation, and extreme staff shortages). She requested that the County invest in the employees that provide essential services.

Christy read a letter on behalf of Behavioral Health employees.

Thomas McGowan spoke regarding the upcoming Save Lake Almanor Group presentation listed on the agenda. He also commented regarding county staff and public comment over the last three weeks.

Mike Dianda, of the Operating Engineers business representative for the General and mid-management units , commented regarding the status of current negotiations.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Brief announcements by, or brief reports on their activities by County Department Heads

Willow Vierra, Agricultural Commissioner and Sealer of Weights and Measures, presented the 2021 Agricultural Production report for Plumas County.

Sheriff Todd Johns updated the board regarding another deputy's resignation, and went on to discuss staffing shortages.

Sharon Sousa, Interim Director of Behavioral Health spoke regarding staff shortages and a reduction in services.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **1. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

#### **A. DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE**

Report, update, and discussion on Dixie Fire Collaborative efforts

No members of the Dixie Fire Collaborative were present - no update given.

### **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

These items are expected to be routine and non-controversial. The Board of Supervisors will act upon them at one time without discussion. Any Board members, staff member or interested party may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion. Additional budget appropriations and/or allocations from reserves will require a four/fifths roll call vote.

**Motion:** Approve the following consent matters, as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

#### **A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign and ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between the Plumas County Sheriff's Office and the Butte County Sheriff's Office, for provision of Forensic Services; effective November 1, 2022; not to exceed \$20,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **B. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY**

- 1) Approve and Authorize the Chair to sign and ratify a Memorandum of Understanding between the Plumas County Public Health Agency and the Plumas County Office of Education to provide school-based Health Education and Prevention Services; effective October 1, 2022; not to exceed \$10,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Public Health Agency and Meghan Hynes, Consultant; for services and guidance to build capacity of the Department of Public Health's Harm Reduction services; effective September 15, 2022; not to exceed \$20,000.00; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **C. FACILITY SERVICES**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Director of Facility Services & Airports to waive the rental fee for the

Quincy Parent Cooperative Organization's youth fundraiser, to be held on November 18, 2022 from 4pm to 9pm at the Quincy Memorial Hall.

#### **D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- 1) Authorize the Interim Director of Behavioral Health to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Site Coordinator position.

#### **E. SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 1) Authorize the Director of Social Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated; 1.0 FTE Social Worker I/II/III Position in the Child Protective Services Program; discussion and possible action.

### **3. PRESENTATION**

Save Lake Almanor - Mike Wilhoite and Wendy Durkin

The Save Lake Almanor Group spoke on the background regarding the License and the control measures report and requested that the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter supporting the PG&E draft for additional reasonable water control measures report. Discussion ensued.

### **4. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

#### **A. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY - Dana Loomis**

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** to Amend the FY 2022-2023 County Personnel Allocation to add a 0.5 FTE to the Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner position in Budget Unit 70560 and authorize Human Resources to recruit and fill the position; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

**Motion:** Approve Adopt **RESOLUTION No. 22-8740** to Amend the FY 2022-2023 County Personnel Allocation to add a 0.5 FTE to the Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner position in Budget Unit 70560 and authorize Human Resources to recruit and fill the position.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- 2) Authorize the Director of Public Health to recruit and fill (1) one Extra-Help Driver position for the

Senior Services program in the Chester division; discussion and possible action.

**Motion:** Approve Authorize the Director of Public Health to recruit and fill (1) one Extra-Help Driver position for the Senior Services program in the Chester division.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

**B. PLANNING DEPARTMENT** - Tracey Ferguson

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign letter of support to the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) for the grant application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SMG) Grant Program's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Round 2; discussion and possible action

**Motion:** Approve Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support to the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD) for the grant application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SMG) Grant Program's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation Round 2.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a comment letter to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company concerning the Rock Creek-Cresta Project, FERC No. 1962, License Condition No. 4.D Additional Reasonable Water Temperature Control Measures Report; discussion and possible action

**Motion:** Approve as amended per Board direction and authorize the Chair to sign an amended comment letter to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company concerning the Rock Creek-Cresta Project, FERC No. 1962, License Condition No. 4.D Additional Reasonable Water Temperature Control Measures Report.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- 3) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign consent form acknowledging and accepting the terms of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Program; discussion and possible action

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Chair to sign a consent form acknowledging and accepting the terms of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Local Agency Technical Assistance (LATA) Program; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

**C. AUDITOR-CONTROLLER** - Martee Nieman (Graham)

- 1) Approve and authorize the Auditor / Controller to complete budget transfers for fiscal year 2021/2022; transferring to/ from 51XXX accounts to clear up negative wages and benefits in various departments; discussion and possible action. **Four/ fifths roll call vote**

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Auditor / Controller to complete budget transfers for fiscal year 2021/2022; transferring to/ from 51XXX accounts to clear up negative wages and benefits in various departments, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

#### **D. SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT -**

- 1) Approve and authorize the Sheriff, at his discretion , to authorize cell phone allowances for the staff under his command, and approve supplemental budget transfer of \$15,000.00 from Custodial Services Acct. # 520404, \$6,000.00 from Fuel Expenses Acct. # 52102, \$3,000.00 from Special Dept. Expense Acct. 524400, and \$2,880.00 from Medical Service Acct. # 521980 into Cell Phone Allowance Acct. #51120 to fund proposed cell phone allowances; discussion and possible action. **Four/ fifths roll call vote**

**Motion:** Approve and authorize the Sheriff, at his discretion , to authorize cell phone allowances for the staff under his command, and approve supplemental budget transfer of \$15,000.00 from Custodial Services Acct. # 520404, \$6,000.00 from Fuel Expenses Acct. # 52102, \$3,000.00 from Special Dept. Expense Acct. 524400, and \$2,880.00 from Medical Service Acct. # 521980 into Cell Phone Allowance Acct. #51120 to fund proposed cell phone allowances; **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

#### **E. COUNTY COUNSEL - Gretchen Stuhr**

- 1) Approve and authorize County Counsel to move forward with minor remodel and carpet cleaning of 1446 E. Main Street Building; discussion and possible action.

**This matter was removed from the agenda as requested by Supervisor Engel. Supervisor Goss stated that this matter would be discussed and brought back before the Board at a later date.**

### **5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. Review, pursuant to Health and Safety code section 101080, RESOLUTION No. 21-8609 ratifying the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the Beckwourth Complex, Dixie, and Fly Fires; discussion and possible action and recommendation to continue the emergency and bring it back within 30 days, on December 6, 2022

**Motion:** Approve to continue pursuant to Health and Safety code section 101080, RESOLUTION No. 21-8609 ratifying the Declaration of Local Health Emergency due to the Beckwourth Complex, Dixie, and Fly Fires; discussion and possible action and recommendation to continue the emergency and bring it back within 30 days, on December 6, 2022,

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood.

**Vote:** Motion Passed by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 Thrall, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

## **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Hagwood received correspondence regarding cemetery district business, traffic safety on Quincy Junction Roads and correspondence regarding the Chinese Cemetery on Cemetery Hill.

Supervisor Thrall received the usual correspondence, and reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence regarding Lake Almanor; 5102; business webinars, and workshops; correspondence regarding Dixie Fire Home Rebuilds.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding fire control; work on the consolidation of the fire department districts;

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding the Crescent Mill Cemetery; rebuilding and fire sprinkler, and solar panel building code requirements; and the usual correspondence around the community.

## **C. INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly report by Board members of meetings attended, key topics, project updates, standing committees and appointed Boards and Associations

Reported by Supervisor Hagwood regarding matters related to County Government, and include local business interests regarding Dame Shirley Plaza; attended the Community Development, and reported on his Radio program.

Reported by Supervisor Thrall regarding matters related to County Government, there were no meetings scheduled. ("quiet")

Reported by Supervisor Engel regarding matters related to County Government, and include the RSF Working Group Meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Ceresola regarding matters related to County Government, nothing to report ("quiet")

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and include the RSF meeting with the infrastructure folks, attended a check-in with long term recovery group; and the Plumas County Partners Zoom Meeting.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

### **ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

A. Personnel: Public employee performance evaluation – Museum Director (Board Only)

B. Conference with real property negotiator, regarding facilities: Dame Shirley Plaza, APN 115-053-001

C. Conference with Labor Negotiator regarding employee negotiations: Sheriff's Administrative Unit; Sheriff's Department Employees Association; Operating Engineers Local #3; Confidential Employees

Unit; Probation; Unrepresented Employees and Appointed Department Heads

- D. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d) (1) of Government Code §54956.9 (Workers Compensation Case No. TIBV-600185)
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiating litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (2 cases)
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (3 cases)
- G. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation County of Plumas, et al v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., et al., United State District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:18-at-669, consolidated into In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, United State District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Case No. 1:17-MD-2804, pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- H. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(1) of Government Code §54956.9 – Plumas County v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, et al, Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco, Original Case No. CGC-21-596070

**REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Supervisor Goss reported that no reportable action was taken in the Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn meeting to Tuesday, November 29, 2022, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, November 29, 2022, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California