



Board of Supervisors

Dwight Ceresola, Vice Chair, 1st District
Kevin Goss, 2nd District
Thomas McGowan, 3rd District
Greg Hagwood, Chair, 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 FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Goss led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

There are no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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.

Pastor George - offered prayer

J. McLaughlin - handout regarding the 14th Amendment

<https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18119>

Zoom - Josh Hart AT&T landline disappearing, reach out to Sierra County for copy of letter?

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

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

Sharon McKay (Interim County Librarian) "Read Across America", game night, more computer classes, free tax assistance.

Marcy DeMartile (County Clerk Recorder/ Registrar of Voters). The last day to register to vote was February 20, 2024. Don't procrastinate.

Sheriff Johns Reopen Hwy 70 in two days? Maybe. Acknowledges HR for doing well.

Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) handout -

<https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18122> approved fire hazard adjustment, new map online at Planning lobby.

CAO Lucero introduced the recent HR Department staff, Shawn Taylor, and Hannah Hayes.

ACTION AGENDA

A. TIME CERTAIN: 11:00a.m.

APPEAL HEARING: Request for Appeal Hearing of Administrative Citation. A request for appeal was received on December 29, 2023, filed by Diane Sivak at 6971 Portola McLeers Road, Portola California 96122 (APN-126-270-035-000).

Evidence was presented by the Hearing Officer, AH WAH, represented by DCC Sara James. Evidence was presented by Dianna Sivak, appearing for herself, and was head by the full Board of Supervisors.

Based on the evidence presented, the Board of Supervisors finds that there were violations of PCC 5-8.01 and PCC 6-10.103(a) located at the property in question and that Dianna Sivak is the responsible party as the owner of the property.

The Board voted to uphold the administrative citation 3-2. The Board direct County Counsel to prepare a letter with these findings.

B. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION - John Mannle

1) Presentation of the Chester Main Street Community Connectivity Plan.

And Adoption of **RESOLUTION** approving the Plan No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action; **Roll Call Vote.**

The Board received a presentation from GHD.

Motion: Presentation of the Chester Main Street Community Connectivity Plan.

Adopt **RESOLUTION No. 24-8896** approving the Plan No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action; **Roll Call Vote.**, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss.

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

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

Jackie McLaughlin made comment regarding the Connectivity Plan

1. UPDATES AND REPORTS

A. DISASTER RECOVERY OPERATIONS

Report and update Dixie Fire Recovery efforts; receive report and discussion

No Report Provided.

B. PLUMAS COUNTY BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Report and update on Dixie Fire Business and Economic Recovery efforts.

C. Koble (Handout) - <https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18121> PG&E rates are going to hurt small business disproportionately, micro grids.

C. DIXIE FIRE COLLABORATIVE

Report, update, and discussion on Dixie Fire Collaborative efforts

Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) for DFC - presented a handout to the Board - <https://plumascounty.us/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/18120> update new staff, recovery support group, recover housing program, money for building new homes, home hardening.

D. US FOREST SERVICE

Report and update.

No Report Provided.

E. MUNIS HR/PAYROLL MODULE UPDATE

Report and update on Pentamotion, Tyler/Munis software migration and efforts.

CAO Lucero - meeting in two days for training.

F. COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

Report and update from County Treasurer regarding the assessing, collecting, safekeeping, management, or disbursement of public funds, including investment reporting and an investment policy.

No Report Provided.

G. FINANCIAL/AUDIT REPORT

Report from County Departments regarding the County's Financial and audit status.

No Report Provided.

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 2 Goss, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

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

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

A. AGRICULTURE WEIGHTS & MEASURES

- 1) Approve and authorize Agriculture Weights & Measures to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1 Noxious Weed and 1 Pest Detection FTE Agricultural Technician & Pest Detection Trapper; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY23/24 budget.

B. CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

- 1) Approve and authorize Child Support Services to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE Child Support Assistant or Child Support Specialist I/II. No General Fund Impact; funded by State and Federal sources.

C. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY

- 1) Approve and authorize the Public Health Agency to recruit and fill, funded, and allocated, vacant 1.0 FTE Public Health Program Division Chief; effective 02/05/2024; (No General Fund Impact) funded by all Health Education grants.

D. AUDITOR/CONTROLLER

- 1) Approve and authorize Auditor-Controller to recruit and fill, funded and allocated, vacant one (1.0) FTE Accountant Auditor I/II; (No General Fund Impact) approved in FY23/24; due to resignation.

3. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS

A. LIBRARY - Sharon McKay

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** Authorizing the County Librarian to Execute an agreement funded by the Library Grant Agreement Number LATL 23-50B to implement the Plumas County Library Program; (No General Fund Impact) State Library grant funding; approved as to form by County Counsel.

Roll call vote

Motion: Adopt [RESOLUTION No. 8895](#) Authorizing the County Librarian to Execute an agreement funded by the Library Grant Agreement Number LATL 23-50B to implement the Plumas County Library Program; (No General Fund Impact) State Library grant funding; approved as to form by County Counsel. **Roll call vote, Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss.

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

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

B. FACILITY SERVICES - Robert McAdams

- 1) Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Budget Transfer request for FY22/23 (\$23,595.00) to supplement Facility Services' Biomass budget. Approved by County Auditor. General Fund impact. **Four/Fifths Roll Call Vote.**

Motion: Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Budget Transfer request for FY22/23 (\$23,595.00) to supplement Facility Services' Biomass budget. Approved by County Auditor. General Fund impact. **Four/Fifths Roll Call Vote., Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss, **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 McGowan, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- 2) Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Budget Transfer request for FY23/24 (44,240.63) to supplement Facility Services' Biomass budget. Approved by County Auditor. General Fund impact. **Four/Fifths Roll Call Vote.**

Motion: Approve and authorize Board Chair to sign Budget Transfer request for FY23/24 (44,240.63) to supplement Facility Services' Biomass budget. Approved by County Auditor. General Fund impact. **Four/Fifths Roll Call Vote.**, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss, **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 McGowan, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- 3) Make a determination to continue keeping the Biomass facility located at the Courthouse Annex in operation due to increased costs and logistical issues due to chip procurement. Discussion and possible action.

Motion: Keep the Biomass facility in operation until December 2024, giving the Facilities Department time to find another wood chip vendor;, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 5 Engel, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss.

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

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

Sheriff Johns commented on the Biomass facility.

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - DEBRA LUCERO

A. County Administrative Officer's Report

No Report Provided.

- B. Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Administration and OpenGov; effective March 5, 2024; not to exceed \$277,787 for a three-year period; (General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel.

Martee Graham (Auditor-Controller) commented on having another computer module to learn.

Julie Whilte (Treasurer/Tax Collector) also commented on having another computer module to learn.

Motion: Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Administration and OpenGov; effective March 5, 2024; not to exceed \$277,787 for a three-year period; (General Fund Impact); approved as to form by County Counsel., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss.

Vote: Motion Passed by split vote (**summary:** Yes = 4 No = 1).

Yes: Supervisor - District 1 Ceresola, Supervisor - District 2 Goss, Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood

No: Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

- C. County Administrative Officer's request for attorney fees to represent herself during the investigation of the District Attorney; discussion and possible action.

Motion: Table this item for now. This item will be based on need. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss, **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 McGowan, Supervisor - District 4 Hagwood, Supervisor - District 5 Engel.

District Attorney David Hollister made comment regarding the request for fees.

5. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A. County Administrative Officer complaint against the District Attorney for creating a hostile work environment.

Request for investigation; discussion and possible action.

Motion: County Administrative Officer complaint against the District Attorney for creating a hostile work environment.

Request for investigation; Staff direction to hire an outside investigator. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Supervisor - District 3 McGowan, **Seconded by** Supervisor - District 2 Goss.

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

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

- A. Conference with real property negotiator, regarding facilities: Lawry House, APN 115-062-013, 60 Bradley Street, Quincy

This item was pulled at the request of County Counsel.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding the Copper Mine.

Supervisor Hagwood received correspondence regarding the ongoing AT&T concerns.

Supervisor Engel received no correspondence.

Supervisor McGowan received correspondence regarding the recent Greenville meeting on 2/13/2024, and applauded Tracey Ferguson (Planning Director) on her efforts with BBK Contractors.

Supervisor Ceresola received no correspondence.

C. 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 including ongoing AT&T land line concerns.

Reported by Supervisor McGowan regarding matters related to County Government and including attending a meeting in Greenville on 2/13/2024.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and including the Copper Mine.

6. **CLOSED SESSION**

ANNOUNCE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

- A. Librarian Department Head Interview

- B. Agricultural Commissioner - Department Head Annual Evaluation

- C. Fair - Department Head Annual Evaluation
- D. 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
- E. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation – Tiffany Wagner, Plaintiff, v. County of Plumas, et al., Defendants, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:18-cv-03105-KMJ-DMC
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Existing litigation – Pederson, et al., v. County of Plumas, et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California Case No. CIV S-89-1659 JFM P, pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code §54956.9
- 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: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) and (e)(1) (1 case) of Government Code Section 54956.9

REPORT OF ACTION IN CLOSED SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Chair Hagwood reported there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, March 5, 2024, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California