



## **Board of Supervisors**

Dwight Ceresola, 1st District  
Kevin Goss, Chair, 2nd District  
Thomas McGowan, 3rd District  
Mimi Hall, Vice-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 JANUARY 14, 2025**

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## **STANDING ORDERS**

### **Live Stream of Meeting**

Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting, are encouraged to view it [LIVE ONLINE](#)

### **ZOOM Participation**

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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.**

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

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor McGowan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chair Goss observed a moment of silence for Los Angeles County residents that are being affected by the fires.**

## **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.

Clint Koble reads from a handout to the Board.

Janet Crain comments regarding Property Taxes and ask that it gets back on the agenda sometime soon. Chair Goss request this be on the agenda on January 21, 2025, OES communications, and still not being able to hear in the Boardroom.

Comment regarding the Zoom video from January 7, 2024

Dan Kearns comments regarding working together, being respectful with each other.

Zoom caller comments regarding COVID-19.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

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

Zach Gately updates the Board on a conference that he attended last week, and presents a book that he bought to each Board members.

Sheriff Johns comments regarding fire settlement tax funds being exempt, encourages the Board to contact Congresswoman Dahle.

Supervisor McGowan comments

Chair Goss comments

Treasurer-Tax Collector Julie White comments on the tax assessment concerns be a standard weekly agenda item.

Janet Crain comments to Treasurer-Tax Collector Julie White

## **ACTION AGENDA**

### **1. 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 3 McGowan.

**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 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

### **A. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Behavioral Health and California Hearing Officers; effective February 1, 2025; not to exceed \$50,000.00; (No General Fund Impact) Combination of state and federal funds; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **B. PUBLIC WORKS/ROAD**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign an agreement between Plumas County Public Works and Brown's Gas Company, a subsidiary of Ferrellgas LP; effective January 1, 2025; not to exceed \$15,000; No General Fund Impact; Road Budget; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 2) Approve and authorize Chair to sign Amendment No. 5 to agreement between Plumas County Department of Public Works and MGE Engineering, Inc. to update the Caltrans plans and specifications to the new 2024 standards for the Snake Lake Road Bridge Replacement Project; No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel.
- 3) Approve and authorize Chair to sign Task Order No. 3 to the agreement between Plumas County Department of Public Works and Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to perform environmental services including a site visit, providing supplemental archaeological information, technical assistance and further coordination with Caltrans for the Graeagle-Johnsville Road Rehabilitation Project; No General Fund Impact; approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **C. PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY**

- 1) Approve and authorize Chair to sign amendment no.1 to agreement between Plumas County Public Health Agency and David Asmuth, M.D. because of an increase in the compensation amount from \$5,000 to \$7,000; (No General Fund Impact) (Part C); approved as to form by County Counsel.

#### **D. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- 1) Authorize Chair to sign a Letter of Support for the Argentine Rock Fire Lookout repair effort.
- 2) Review, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, **RESOLUTION No. 24-8935** ratifying the Proclamation of County-Wide Local Emergency due to Gold Complex Fire significantly impacting communities in Plumas County; recommendation to continue the emergency and bring it back within 30 days, on February 11, 2025; discussion and possible action.

- 3) 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 February 11, 2025; discussion and possible action.
- 4) Review, pursuant to Government Code section 8630, **RESOLUTION No. 23-8767** ratifying the Proclamation of County-Wide Local Emergency due to the Plumas County Blizzard & Storm Events; recommendation to continue the emergency and bring back within 60 days, on March 11, 2025; discussion and possible action.

## **2. DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS**

### **A. TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR - Julie White**

- 1) Authorize the Eastern Plumas Fire Protection District to withdraw funds of approximately \$130,230 from the County Treasury due to the annexation to the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District and determine a mutually acceptable date of withdraw per Government Code Section 61053 (d); discussion and possible action.

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**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 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

**Treasurer-Tax Collector Julie White presents**

**Public comment on Zoom**

### **B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Todd Johns**

- 1) Adopt **RESOLUTION** Approving and Ratifying the side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Plumas and the Plumas County Sheriff's Employees Association Sheriff's Department Unit; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY 24/25 recommended budget (7033052/51000); approved as to form by County Counsel; discussion and possible action. **Roll call vote**

**Motion:** Adopt **RESOLUTION No. 25-8979** Approving and Ratifying the side letter to the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Plumas and the Plumas County Sheriff's Employees Association Sheriff's Department Unit; (General Fund Impact) as approved in FY 24/25 recommended budget (7033052/51000); 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 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 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

**Sheriff John presents**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

**Chair Goss comments**  
**Janet Crain comments**

### **3. COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - DEBRA LUCERO**

#### **A. County Administrative Officer's Report**

CAO Lucero reports providing several month reports on December 10, 2024

**Jane Braxton-Little comments**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

**Rick Foster comments**

**Supervisor Hall comments**

**Mike Gardner comments**

**Chair Goss comments**

**Dan Kearns comments**

#### **B. Approve and authorize supplemental budget transfer of \$68,836.70 from CPUC Local Agency - LATA Grant (revenue) 2003044-44036 to CPUC Local Agency - LATA Grant (expenditure) 2003052-521335 to cover the unbudgeted costs associated with the contract; approved by Auditor/Controller; Discussion and possible action. **Four/Fifths roll call vote****

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**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 5 Engel, Supervisor - District 4 Hall.

**Zach Gately presents**

**Chair Goss comments**

**Supervisor McGowan comments**

### **4. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

#### **A. CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Goss received correspondence regarding tax increases, and also fires down south, and was at RCRC, and some fallen trees that are on Roundhouse Rd in Quincy.

Supervisor Hall received correspondence regarding the January 7th 2025 meeting video not being posted directly after the meetings, correspondence regarding her conflict, and points out what the law states regarding inherent conflict.

Supervisor Engel received correspondence regarding property tax assessments/appeals.

Supervisor Ceresola received correspondence regarding California Dept of Fish and Wildlife attempting to catch wolves

**Rick Foster comments**

**Chair Goss comments**

**B. WEEKLY REPORT BY BOARD MEMBERS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED, KEY TOPICS, PROJECT UPDATES, STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED BOARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Reported by Supervisor Hall regarding matters related to County Government and include being a guest speaker at PDH luncheon, FRTA meeting, Emergency Medical Coordinating Council meeting.

Reported by Supervisor McGowan regarding matters related to County Government and include meeting with Tax Collector regarding TOT, RCRC Board meeting.

Reported by Supervisor Goss regarding matters related to County Government and include meeting at RCRC.

Zoom public comment

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Chair Goss states that there was a public comment during closed session which when asked the caller to speak they were no longer on the Zoom**

- A. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Building Director
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representative: HR Acting Director or designee  
Unrepresented employee: Building Director
- C. Personnel: Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Agricultural Commissioner
- D. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency designated representative: HR Acting Director or designee  
Unrepresented employee: Agricultural Commissioner
- E. 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
- F. Conference with Legal Counsel: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Subdivision (d)(2) and (e)(1) of Government Code Section 54956.9

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

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

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned meeting to Tuesday, February 4, 2025, Board of Supervisors Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California